

## Development Coordination

- *adopts and ensures adherence to appropriate and relevant policies and agreements;*
- *manages project Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements;*
- *provides information and training on Mining Act and Mining Safety Act and any other acts or regulations that are relevant to large projects and small scale miners*
- *provides competency training on prevailing policies and Acts*



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## DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION DIVISION

The Development Coordination Division works with landowners and industry partners in activities to benefit landowners whose life, livelihood and environment are impacted by mining and exploration work.



**Gender Coordinator Stella Brere and women from the closed Misima Mines area meet to discuss after mine life projects and activities**

DCD aims to promote sustainable management of mining benefits and spin-offs, expand and improve the development of sustainable projects in rural communities.

These goals and objectives are addressed through the four branches; Exploration Coordination, Project Coordination, Sustainability Planning and Small Scale mining.

**Exploration Coordination** – ensure exploration and mining activities are in compliance with relevant policies and legislations.

**Project Coordination** – facilitate the development forum consultation process for the mining projects. This is where the division organizes forums at which landowners, operating companies and the government meet, to discuss issues of concern and reach agreements in the form of Memoranda of Agreements. In doing so, the government through MRA and particularly through the DCD, ensures that all important issues are addressed and all parties are satisfied, or consensus is reached on benefits distribution and community development plans.

**Sustainability Planning** – Provides advice and guidance for sustainable planning initiatives for impacted mining communities including gender development. The branch gives advice to landowner groups on how best to use or invest their royalty payments for the long term benefit.

**Small Scale Mining** - The branch was established to address the need for multi-disciplinary approach to meet the needs of small scale miners and to expand the sector.



**Himata pot and tailings dam, Hidden Valley**

The division ensures that there is effective communication and dialogue between landowners and companies.

Another function of the division is to ensure that landowners and affected communities receive equitable benefit from mining developments.

The primary function of the division is to:

- facilitate development forums and consultation process for the mining projects.
- provide advice and guidance for sustainable planning initiatives for impacted mining communities including gender development.
- advice landowner groups on how best to use or invest their royalty payments for the long term benefit.
- assist small scale miners through training and advice to develop alluvial mineral resources.
- identify and evaluate mineral resources.



**Simberi Gold conveyor under construction**

- help manage issues relating to small scale mining development in the country.

By executing these functions, the DCD aims to bring tangible benefits for all stakeholders involved in exploration; and mining projects.

DCD consolidates stakeholders in various project agreements promote and assist in developing and implementing plans and activities for sustainable development for impacted communities.

It provides training for small scale miners. It also wants to ensure increased gold production from the small scale mining sector. Through Small Scale Mining Branch;

- training is provided to small scale miners
- small scale alluvial gold production will be increased by better education and management strategies.

This role specifically targets the small scale mining industry.

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