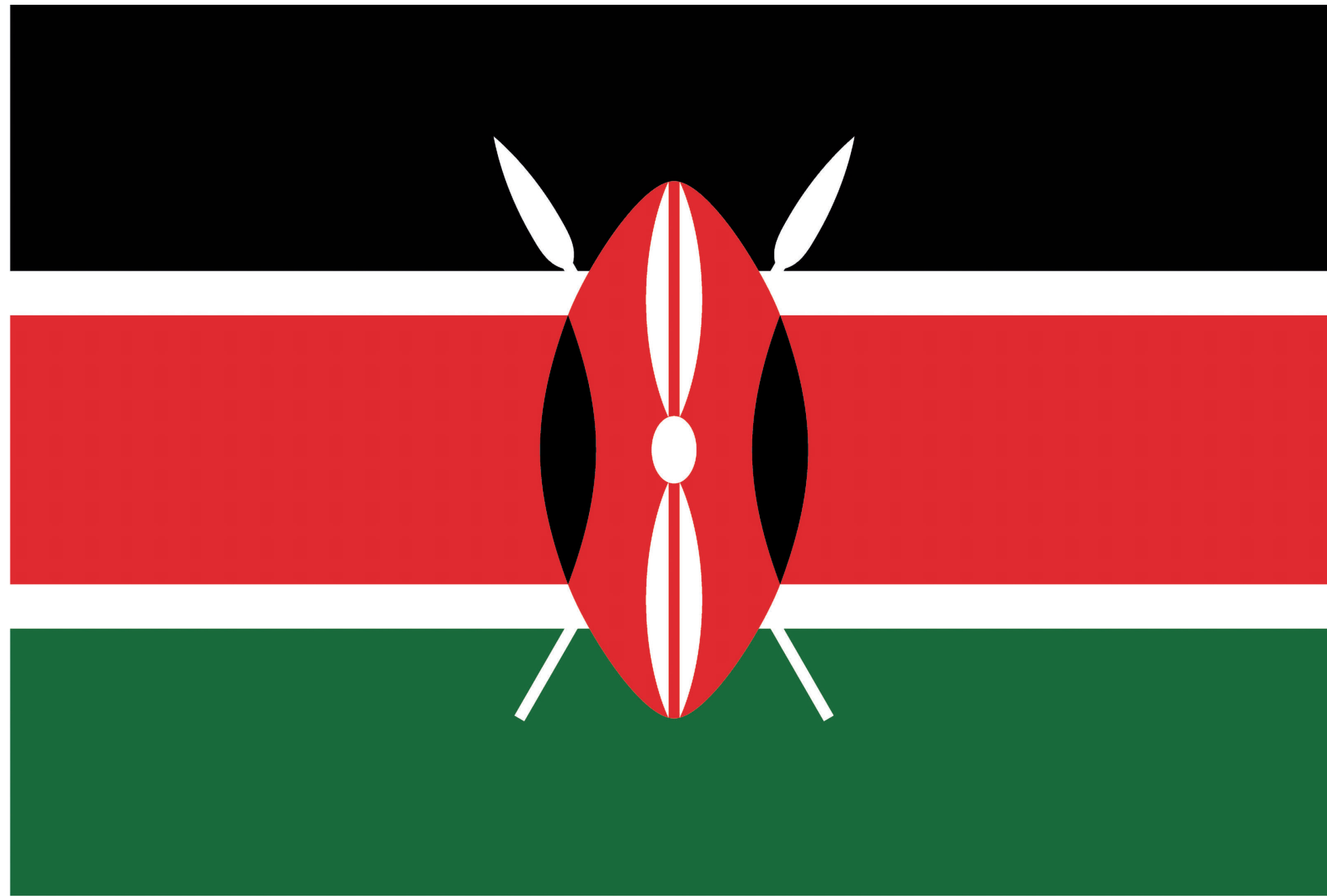


# KENYA



## A TRAINING MANUAL FOR ARTISANAL MINING COMMITTEES IN KENYA: CHECKLIST FOR THE ARTISANAL MINING PERMIT

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## THE CHANGE PROJECT

**Artisanal small-scale mining (ASSM)** in Kenya is mostly an unorganized mining activity whereas the extraction of metals/minerals does not make use of sophisticated machinery. The ASSM-sector in Kenya has low revenue turnover but is despite of that a key contributor to both rural incomes and livelihoods. However, a number of key constraints limit its economic potential, including informality, difficulties in attracting finance, limited business skills of ASMs, poor health and safety standards, a shortage of access to geo-data, and inefficient and environmentally damaging exploration, extraction, and processing techniques.

**The Kenyan Artisanal Mining Strategy** developed in 2017 has primarily been used as an internal government reference document for the planning and management of the ASSM-sector. The strategy, which has been used by the Kenyan mining administration to guide their ambitions to formalize the Artisanal Mining sector. To achieve this, there shall be established in every county an Artisanal Mining Committee. The committee shall grant the Artisanal Mining Permit to the Artisanal miner's associations or cooperatives. The committee shall grant renewal of the mineral rights. They will also be able to evoke the mining rights granted under the Artisanal Mining Permit where the conditions have not been adhered to or not met. The committee shall be responsible for resolving conflicts which might arise on the issuance, renewal, and revocation of the Artisanal Permit.

**The aim of this project** is to develop a training manual for the Artisanal Mining Committee. The goal of developing the training manual is to create a standardized reference document that is going to help Artisanal Mining Committees to be successful in their operations. However, for this part, the project will focus on the review checklist for the permit issuance and renewal requirement.



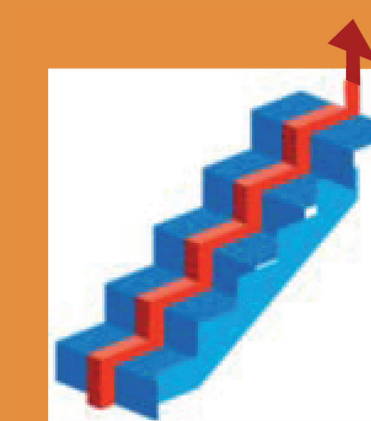
Migori Artisanal Gold Mine.



## SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**The project is set** to benefit Artisanal Miners on the operations and requirements, Artisanal Mining Committee, National Environment Management Authority, Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, County Government, Dealers and it is to inform Mineral Dealers. Developing a manual for Artisanal Mining Committees in Kenya will also i.e., contribute to

- Formalization of artisanal mining from the current operations and management: Efficient and economic management of the operations of artisanal mining
- Encourage and provide linkages to fair trade, standards, and certifications initiatives.
- Increased mine health and safety regulations: Develop sensitization safety manual and training for artisanal miners on safe practices and the safety guidelines and regulations.
- Promotion of safe extraction and disposal of tailing dumps and the rehabilitation of mine sites.
- Development of expertise and experiences for the Artisanal Mining Committees
- Recognized legal structures which are easy to regulate and provide compliance assistance and support.



## RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**This work has been** accomplished through individual literature reviews of different documents. This was done after occasional online meetings to deliberate on the progress and pertinent issue concerning the project. Once in a while material were shared for purposes of extracting relevant ideas and to compare notes. It also involved seeking information and views from work colleagues and relevant stakeholders.

**The product is presented** as a checklist for the Artisanal Mining Permit application and renewal where parameters or requirements to check before the permit is granted or renewed are provided; these inform the Artisanal Mining Committee and the Artisanal Mining groups or cooperatives on their operations and regulatory requirements.



## THE WAY FORWARD

**This project will be used** as an input to the ongoing efforts to formalize the Artisanal Mining Sector by the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining. The current status of this process is at the formation and gazettelement of the County Artisanal Mining Committees. So far nine Artisanal Mining Committees have been gazetted (Migori, Narok, Kisii, Siaya, Vihiga, Kakamega, Turkana, Taita Taveta and Kitui). Three Artisanal Mining Committees have been inducted on the basic organizational structure. These includes Migori, Kakamega and Vihiga. The ministry is working on the Artisanal Mining formalization guideline and thus this project will add to build up the process. In addition, as required by the Kenyan constitution, the avenue of public participation will also be used to suggest inputs from this project. There is still a need to prepare training manuals for both the Artisanal Mining Committees and the Artisanal Mining Groups themselves on the mining best practices.

**This document is the initial** work since the licensing process for the Artisanal Miners has not yet begun in the country. It may not be comprehensive and exhaustive and therefore further input will be highly welcomed in seeking to improve it.



Abandoned Silica Sand Mine in Msambweni.