Development of a tool that **facilitates market access focused on risk mitigation** in artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM):

José is an artisanal gold miner. Like many of his fellow miners, he feels that selling minerals is becoming increasingly complicated. They say that this is because refiners and traders are required to know the origin of the gold they purchase and prove that it comes from legal sources.

José and other miners in the region are also being asked to **comply with more requirements** and participate in **due diligence processes**.

Doing so, however, is not always easy. So when José heard about the creation of **CRAFT**, it caught his interest because they told him that it will be a tool that...

- Will help him improve his mining practices
- Will facilitate his access to the legal market
- Will fulfill the expectations of his buyers
- Will sell his gold for a fairer sum of money

With CRAFT José will be able to...

- Fulfill the expectations of his buyers
- Sell his gold for a fairer sum of money

*What is Due Diligence (DD)?*

Due Diligence describes an ongoing process to **identify, evaluate, report, mitigate, and monitor** the risks present at a mining site or within the sector (such as legal risks or the lack of human rights). The miners must demonstrate that they have made reasonable efforts, in good faith and toward continuous improvement, addressing the risks with the support of local, national, and international players.

While the buyer also bears responsibility for the due diligence process, all parties in the supply chain must engage, and CRAFT gives clear steps to **facilitate due diligence for miners, buyers, traders, refiners, and downstream companies**.

![Image of black gold nugget](image)

Global industry, many international governments and institutions have pointed to the...

**Due Diligence Guide** for Responsible Supply Chain of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas, from the **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**, as the essential baseline for market relationships.

The guidance directs the companies trading these minerals to:

- Respect **human rights** and avoid contributing to conflicts;
- Generate a **positive change** in social and environmental practices and in the living conditions of miners and their families; and
- Contribute to the **peace** and development of mining communities.
How do you think CRAFT could be useful for you? How could it impact your practices, systems or relationships? **Participate here!**


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