USEDATA
Uganda

Using Extractive Industry Data (USEDATA) — a DFID-funded programme, is making freely available data and information already in the public domain ('open data') related to the extractive industry (oil, gas and mining) more accessible and understandable for a range of data users, including local communities, international and local civil society, media and journalists, parliamentarians, policymakers, local and national government officials, investors and extractive industry companies. The programme shall be executed in four countries in Africa and Asia-Pacific, namely: Myanmar, Nigeria, Tanzania and Uganda. USEDATA commenced in August 2015 and is being implemented by Montrose. (www.montroseint.com).

What is USEDATA doing?

USEDATA Uganda is set to launch a user-friendly and easily accessible extractive industry web portal that will provide general information about the sector for the Ugandan public. This web portal will also contain six sub-dashboards that will thematically display information on cross-cutting issues in the Ugandan extractive industry landscape. The initial USEDATA Uganda sub-dashboard topics will include:

Land and Resettlement	• Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) • Resettlement frameworks that govern resettlement projects in extractive industry affected communities • Land registration requirements • How compensation rates and entitlement packages are determined • Community development plans • Authorities responsible for land administration (locally/nationally) • Grievance redress mechanisms available to project affected persons
Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining	• Concession areas granted to large-scale mining companies • Laws and regulations that govern the mining sector • Mineral commodity prices (both local and international) • Potential markets available for mineral commodities.
Legislation and Policy Frameworks	Laws, policies and regulations that govern the extractive industry e.g.: • The Oil and Gas Revenue Management Policy, 2012 • The National Oil and Gas Policy for Uganda, 2008 • Petroleum (Exploration, Development and Production) Act, 2013 • Public Finance Management Act, 2015 • The Mining Act 2003 • The Mineral Policy 2001
Social Performance of the Extractives Industry	• Amount of monetary investment into social performance programmes • Impact of social investment programmes on the affected communities • Role of the government in the establishment and maintenance of social performance programmes
Local Content	• Qualifications required for individual job positions • Number and type of jobs that will be available • Standards that businesses need to meet to eligible for contracts • Institutions that provide training or support that individuals or businesses need in order to be better positioned to get a contract with extractive industry companies.
Environmental and Social Impact Management	• Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) data • Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) • Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) • How environmental and social impacts are monitored and evaluated • Role of government institutions and companies in environmental and social impact management • Extractive industry companies' Health, Safety, Security, Safeguards and Environment (HSSSE) policies.

Based on the thematic sub-dashboards, an array of offline data solutions will also be designed to reach extractive industry affected communities with little or no access to the internet, including marginalised groups, women and girls. These solutions will utilise methods such as infographics, animations and documentaries, radio, newsletters and workshops to bring relevant and easily digestible snapshots of information within reach.

In addition to the online and offline data solutions, USEDATA Uganda will deliver capacity building initiatives and activities aimed at improving data users' understanding and utilisation of the extractive industry data and information. To achieve this, USEDATA is working collaboratively and cooperatively with other existing initiatives, organisations and institutions to amplify the impact of the programme and ultimately contribute to improved decision making and shared prosperity.

How does USEDATA work?

The topics covered by the USEDATA platform are informed by continuous stakeholder engagement and the USEDATA Consultative Group (UCG) which was formed to ensure that the USEDATA data solutions reflect the needs and concerns of the programme's four target stakeholder groups.

From the consultations that USEDATA has carried out, Karamoja and Hoima have been identified as initial pilot locations for the programme's offline data solutions as they are at the heart of Uganda's extractive industry activities.

What will USEDATA achieve?

Through the dissemination of its data solutions, USEDATA's aims to achieve the following:

• Provide affected communities with the data and information that they need in order to plan around the extractive industry activities

• Support government in the implementation of extractive industry policy

• Provide a clear picture of the role of extractive industry companies in Uganda and what can be expected of them

• Develop the capacity of civil society organisations that provide a platform for dialogue on the sector

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