

FTS Report on Progress Assessment of Small Scale Mining

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SSF as an organization worked together as a team to create awareness and sensitized the communities to eliminate all forms of modern slavery such as Child Trafficking, forced labour, Child labour, debt bondage, commercial sex, servitude and among others. During the assessment period, an observation was made by Social Support Foundation that facilitation has had a great influence on the 20 selected communities within the 5 Municipal and District Assemblies and a Small Scale Mining Association to become aware of the modern slavery where by initially not.

The project has enhanced the sensitization of the stakeholders, communities, individuals and other organized groups. SSF worked to ensure that the above mention groups should changed their mind set as if nothing of such subject (slavery) is not in existence;

Some of the observations and the outcomes, were the interest of support by the populace , increasing in understanding, acceptance of the project, Capacity building, identifying of clients by various communities, clients were rescue for the appropriate shelters. Stakeholders, Civil Society Organizations and CBOs exhibited a great commitment to effect change. SSF supported the SSM to hold continues dialogue meetings with AGA to reach in consensus.

SSF in collaboration with Adansi Communication Network had radio discussion to deepen the public awareness creation, sensitization and understanding of the Modern Slavery.

1. Interest of support

Through the facilitation of SSF on Community Resistance to Slavery and Forced Labour, all the primary, secondary and tertiary stakeholders showed an interest of supporting the project. The selected 20 communities within the 5 Municipal and District Assemblies and even those did not covered by the project showed an interest of supporting the project. Their commitment through out the commencement till the end of the project overwhelmed.

There was a great consensus and series of dialogue meetings between Small Scale or Galamsey Operators executives and AGA at which peace is now in place.

The executive or the opinion leaders of the Small Scale Operators as individual or as a group or as an Association changed their attitude towards child labour and discouraged Child Slavery in all their areas of operation.

Stakeholders, communities, individuals and other organized groups showed an interest of supporting the project through participation.

Modern Slavery is now well exposed and understood by the communities to help as “watchdogs” to eradicate all forms of Childs Labour.

2. Increasing in understanding

Following the SSF engagement with the communities and frequent follow-ups has deepened the understanding of the selected communities including Small Scale Mining Association. Individual ignorance of the Modern Slavery as well as the public empowered and sensitized to patronize for the elimination of the Modern Slavery.

Ahasonyewodea community for instance, due to their participation and support of the project has enabled them to understand the concept and as result members have taken it upon themselves by identifying and tracked down victims of slavery and trafficking acts for appropriate quarters.

During the reporting periods of the project implementation, SSF worked to enable Koffekrom community to change their mind set from ignorance of the Modern Slavery to observe and acted on the issues of slavery on Child Labour, Child Trafficking, that are confronting the community. Due to their understanding, 3 persons (2 in sex trade and 1 in dept-bondage) identified in small scale gold mining around Koffekrom area and counseling is ongoing.

The executives of small scale gold mining availed themselves for with SSF and accepted not to encourage any form of Child Slavery in their activities of operation and even any Child that will force his or her way out will be dealt with. Children's were bound to transport ore from and to visit their operational fields or pits, and processing sites. Furthermore, even when schools were vacated children could not participate in such activities. Group of people has been task to inspect their various sites of operations that children are not involved in mining activities during and out of school hours. This is a great indication of ensuring that the use of children in mining activities is completely eliminated in the near future.

3. Acceptance of the project

Most of the youth has been victimized one way or other due to Child Slavery in diverse situations, and that has affected the youth in the area of education, health and development

Initially the acceptance of the project by indigenou of the communities was little frozen, but following the facilitation by SSF and engagement with the selected communities released the significant of owning the project. One of the reasons of the outcome or the changes is so essential that, the agencies which activities involved all forms of Slavery came to realization that, it against Humanity and especially Childs Rights.

Therefore, individual, groups and organization such as Small Scale or galamsey Operators has accepted the relevance to eradicate Child Labour or any form of Chlld Slavery out of their field of operation and that is of great significance. This has promoted and enhances the holistic well-being of the vulnerable youth and Children.

Capacity building

Through the facilitation SSF, Small Scale Miners now knew the procedure through which concession or sites are acquired.

4. Identifying of clients by various communities

SSF empowered the community through awareness creation and sensitization to become a watchdog and for that was able to track some victims of Modern Slavery.

Community Participation, all the primary, secondary and tertiary stakeholders participated and contributed for the progress of the project. And again, the community understood to own the project as result of understanding and acceptance.

Through the project implementation rescues has been made. Three (3) persons were found 2 of the 3 engaged in sex trade and 1 in debt- bondage) identified in small scale mining area of Koffekrom.

5. SSF contribution:

Social Support Foundation contributions to these changes are:

- *Engagement with mining agencies and dialogue between SSM and AGA*
- *Created awareness and sensitization to combat the modern slavery*
- *Contributed through Facilitation*
- *Follow-ups contributed to identify Victims or clients for rescuing.*
- *Four (4) clients were identified*
- *In their various fields of operation i.e. ore pits, transport ore to and processing sites.*
- *Community Action Plan was one of the evidence of SSF contribution for positive change.*
- *facilitation and sensitization*
- *regular follow-up*
- *Deepen community awareness to ensure that people at risk of being trafficked or trapped into all forms of Modern Slavery are well protected.*

SSF dialogue with the opinion leaders and the executives of the Small Scale mining Operators and engaged with them to brainstorm and deliberate on the issues that pose threats to youth and children's well-being at their field of work. The team of SSF continued to engage and dialogue with the community leaders to ensure sustainability in all efforts putting in place to combat activities involving Modern Slavery.

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Social Support Foundation has competent team that work to effect change within neighborhood and promote social and economic al development for vulnerable groups. Koffekrom is one of the selected communities within the Obuasi Municipal Assembly (OMA) on the FTS project.

SSF facilitated and dialogue with the stakeholders and their commitment foster the activities during the reporting period and some of the changes observed was that, the community has taken it upon themselves to identified some victims, increased their understanding, acceptance, capacity building and ability to eradicate all forms of modern slavery and improvement of basic education.

1. Outcome:

- *During the report the project implementation by SSF has enabled Koffekrom community to change their mind set from ignorance of the Modern Slavery to observe and acted on the issues of slavery on Child Labour, Child Trafficking, that are confronting them.*

2. Description:

- *Stakeholders, communities, individuals and other organized groups showed an interest of supporting the project through participation.*
- *Modern Slavery is now well exposed and understood by the community to help as “watchdogs” to eradicate all forms of Childs Labour.*
- *Dialogue meetings with AGA and OMA by the opinion leaders and committee members to achieve quality education in the community are ongoing as a result of **capacity building**.*

3. Significance:

- *SSF empowered the community through awareness creation and sensitization to become a watchdog and for that was able to track some victims of Modern Slavery.*
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