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ATS LEGACY QUICK FACTS

July - September 2020

Training and Development :
1, 069

Number of Local-local Suppliers:
316

Group Local-local Community Spend:
USD \$ 2,646,128

Total Domestic Spend:
USD \$6,380,386

Number of Local-locals employed:
2,181

Environmental Protection
ATS has planted over 20,000 fruit trees and other plant species in communities, schools, and households.

*Local-local:

Legacy activities that are limited solely to client community catchment zone. Anything outside the client catchment zone but within the country is termed Local.

*Mega Project:

In ATS Legacy parlance a Mega Project refers to a sizeable project of significant scale with investment from ATS and the client and other stakeholders to deliver large benefit to the community in which we operate.

Note: This data is applicable only in sites or countries where ATS Legacy Program operates.



Farmers crave for inclusion in ATS Yaoure Mega Vegetables Project

Kontuhatey O.K Peter: Group Community Relations Manager

The community catchment zone of Yaouré Gold Mine Project is dominated by smallholder farmers, engaged in subsistence farming.

The current performance of agro-business activities in Yaouré Gold Mine communities such as Angovia, Dialai Bonou, Kossou etc represents a fraction of the underlying potential of the communities.

These communities have significant amounts of arable land, most of which remains uncultivated, and still available for cultivation, though the dominant form of land ownership is customary tenure under communal ownership.

ATS based on using its experience in community development programs identified nine (9) potential smallholder farmers, mostly women, who were engaged in the production of tomatoes and eggplants. It was observed these farmers used traditional methods and limited use of farming inputs for production.

Their yearly production was less than a ton, and this was considered insignificant. Now ATS has introduced Yaouré Mega Vegetable Project, where these smallholder farmers have been mobilized into a bigger force for production. The purpose of this move was to support farmers and adopt modern production methods to increase productivity for better advanced living.

Already a three (3) acre land has been acquired for the project. ATS provided the farmers with improved seeds such as tomatoes, green peppers, lettuce, cucumber etc. It has also supported them with inputs such as insecticides and fertilizer. ATS engage these farmers on good agronomic practices to enhance their production skills. ATS has engaged a consultant to provide the right technical skills for the farmers.

The first harvest for the season was done in September 2020 and the output was over 13 tons of tomatoes and green peppers. Steadily, ATS Yaouré Mega Vegetables Project membership increased, and now we have twenty (20) farmers engaged in the project. There was an initial resistance from some farmers against the initiative, but these farmers are now earnestly yearning to join their colleagues because of the expected benefits from the project. ATS intends to engage more farmers from the communities to increase production. Apart from ATS being the main target market for the farm produce, it is also developing partnerships with other individuals and institutions to buy from the farmers. Furthermore, ATS has arranged to support the farmers, before the end of the year with a water pump machine for irrigation during the dry season.





ATS ESG Focus Part 1: Acting as Stewards of the Environment

Kontunatey O.K Peter: Group Community Relations Manager

ATS is committed to acting as a responsible steward of the environment and ensuring full-bodied schemes are in place for managing environmental risks. For the past few years, it has rolled out all-inclusive framework for environmental sustainability programs. It has woven a portfolio of environmental preservation and conservation programs for the current and future generations. A holistic approach can help ATS ensure all aspects of the environmental sustainability program are complied with. What does ATS do as stewards of the Environment?

Compliance with Globally Environmental Acceptable Practices: As part of our environmental sustainability programs we adopt globally acceptable practices to reduce waste; reuse where possible, and or recycle. For example, we find innovative ways of optimizing wastage generated from ATS kitchens and this helps improve environmental performance. Currently we have a number of organized community groups especially women recycling waste (waste oil) generated in our kitchen for usable products such as detergents.

Promoting Tree Planting: We encourage tree planting to support wildfire recovery, moderate climate change, maintaining ecological balance and many more. The practice has also helped put back nature to its originality. Between 2015 and 2020 ATS has introduced tree planting programs within our operations in Africa, and as at now have planted over 20,000 fruit plants such as mango, orange, lemon, and other plant species have been planted within households, schools, and designated places by the communities. We also promote tree planting in communities by educating community people on the need to plant trees in the communities, and also avoid indiscriminate felling of trees.

Environmental Performance Audit: We safeguard the environment by carrying out Environmental Performance Audit as part of our operation. This we do to ensure or verify compliance with local and national laws, indicate current or potential future problems that need to be addressed, assess training program and provide data to assist in training, and give credit where appropriate. Before a community vendor is certified to become a supplier for ATS an environmental performance audit is carried out to ensure compliance with required standard. Over 300 certified vendors' working premises are audited twice annually. Our hygiene improvement campaign and annual grading standard are reviewed to ensure that the scope of its environmental evaluation is consistently broadened.

Employee education on environmental conservation and preservation: We run employee environmental awareness programs and we have a mandatory supply chain environmental policy revision to ensure alignment with global environmental standard framework. Every year over 3000 ATS employees are educated on the need to preserve and conserve the environment.

Furthermore, we develop integrational approach with institutions which focus on environmental protection. ATS has partnered with environmental protection institutions including our clients to protect, analyze or monitor the environment against misuse or degradation from human forces.



Kitchen internship for community youth in Alphamin Bisie Project

Leandre Bahizire: CRO for Alphamin Bisie

Working in the kitchen requires orthodox knowledge, passion, and experience. ATS technical training and development programs are practices designed to encompass internship opportunities for everyone including educational institutions from the local-local communities. This is aimed to help communities with practical exposure, gaining valuable experience alongside their school vocational and technical studies.

The ATS Kitchen internship is mentor-driven and allows beneficiaries to gain hands-on experience with tasks including the preparation of meals, both hot and cold. Between January and July 2020 ATS offered opportunities to 25 community youth to undergo a six-month Kitchen Internship Training. Participants gained experience in a different environment, to improve their skills in food preparation and customer relations.

Not only does this program offer opportunities to participants to gain or add more practical values to their studies but ATS also places them in a talent pool for future vacancies that will be available in our kitchens. Certificates were given to each participant after the training program. A participant, Evariste Cadet, of Biruwe community, was proud to say that he had acquired skills that would help him carefully manage his own business with a clear strategy in mind, without compromising compliance standards.





Menstrual hygiene Management training for Kisasa Secondary School students

Mwape Kabwela: CRO KLM

Menstrual hygiene management in rural schools requires availability of and access to clean and absorbent menstrual materials and disposal facilities for use. To overcome this, ATS, and KML partnered with Bridge for Children's Hope (BCH), Try-link and Happy Messiah Foundation, in the development and launch of the Menstrual Hygiene Education Booklet. The development of the booklet was to respond to community information gaps on the re-useable menstrual materials and thereby overcoming the challenging of needing a disposal facility.

During the launch of menstrual hygiene education booklet, environmental protection awareness activities were conducted in the form of poems and focus group discussions. The launch was hosted by Kisasa Secondary School. Boys were grouped outside and discussed environmental protection related activities as community stewards while the girls interacted with fellow women (from media houses) on issues of menstrual hygiene and the environmental importance of using clean re-usable menstrual materials. Apart from launching the booklet, over 400 re-usable menstrual materials were donated by the BCH to the school for easy access. ATS did not only contribute to the donated reusable menstrual materials but also had an input in the development of the menstrual hygiene booklet as well as providing meal packs for the pupils and the guest speakers together with the partners that were present.





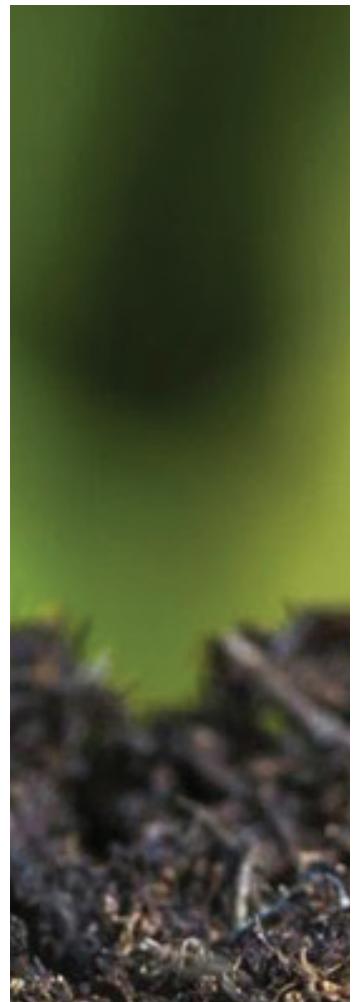
ATS Partners with Faith Based Organizations (FBOs) on Environmental Cleaning and Waste Management



Enock Kawadza: CRO for Munali Nickel Mine

The environment plays a relatively minor role in transmitting infection, but dust, dirt and liquid residues will increase the risk. They should be kept to a minimum by regular cleaning and disposing them off to specified designated areas. As part of the ESC Legacy program, ATS partnered with Faith Based Organizations (FBOs), an NGO, in carrying out environmental cleaning activities at Shamayuwa market which is within the Munali Nickel Mine catchment area. It was identified that the marketeers had not been cleaning the environment even though they conducted their daily business in the area.

As a way of practically sensitizing the community in keeping the environment clean and free from contaminations, a deep cleaning community service program was initiated so as to give a beautiful image of the market free from waste. The initiative was well appreciated by the people in the community and hoped to see more of such community support programs in the near future. ATS has committed itself to continue working with various stakeholders in championing activities which promote a good and safe environment.





ATS strict compliance with standards is the reason for the success of Karate Cooperative”, farmer declares

Ngoi Mukonki: CRO for Lumwana Mining Company

Karate Cooperative is an ATS Legacy community project located in Maheba, within the community catchment Zone of LMC. It produces and sells vegetables such as Cabbage, Rape, Chinese Cabbage, Impwa, Tomatoes, Onions, Red Pepper, Yellow pepper, Green Pepper, and Butternut to ATS. On 19th August 2020, an impact assessment exercise was carried out by the ATS Community Relations Department to appraise the impact the Legacy program has made. The main objectives of the survey was to find out the contributions (social and economic) of the Legacy program on the lives of the members of Kaurato cooperative, between 2018 and 2020, and also investigate further opportunities opened to beneficiary communities as a result of the activities of the program. See below the outcome of an interview conducted on the impact Legacy has had on the personal life of Kutemba Kauchingu, the leader of the co-operative.

ATS: Could you briefly share with me when you started your operations in the community, and the year the Legacy program came in to support your operations?

Vendor: “My Dad started farming in 2011 and I only gained my passion in 2016. The farm was identified by ATS and started supporting it through its Legacy program in 2018”

ATS: What was your annual income before and after the Legacy program came in to support your operations?

Vendor: “Before Legacy came in, marketing of my farm produce was a challenge and we earned not more than \$ 1000 a year. However, with Legacies involvement, we earned not less than \$ 5, 000 in two cropping cycles in a year”

ATS: Overall, what impact has your partnership with the ATS Legacy program had on your life? What business knowledge did you gain, and did it open the supply route to the market and any other opportunities?

Vendor: “We have attained high motivation to do farming on a larger scale, and also do agriculture as a career. In terms of business knowledge, we have learnt to keep records, invoicing, proper farm management, and are far more knowledgeable about basic food safety from the trainings received”.

ATS: What does your typical day look like?

Vendor: “My typical day is not like a regular 22-year-old girl, I start my day as early as 5am. I have my breakfast and head to the farm, where I spend all day, watering and supervising the workers if I am not supplying to ATS on that particular day. Motivated enough because I have seen our lives change just by supplying our farm produce to ATS. My hopes are so high because with ATS the future looks bright”

ATS: What other existing opportunities are open to the people in the community because of the Legacy program?

Vendor: “The Legacy program provides ready market for farmers produce, capacity building & employment, like in our case I would say, we are not where we were a year ago, we are now able to employ people at the garden, we also managed to buy land and plan to diversify in other business ventures too, like owning a lodge and shops too, which are already in construction as we speak”

ATS: In your opinion what is the general perception the community has about the Legacy Program?

Vendor: “They see the program as a Good business partner, as I have seen so many people’s lives around my community change, people have built houses and taken their kids to school too, people have even bought cars, something they never thought possible”.

ATS: How satisfied are you with your partnership with the Legacy program and why?

Vendor: “Legacy focuses on providing market support for our output, and also organized trainings for capacity building. In addition, the CRO’s constant visit to the project to monitor operations encourages and motivates us to do more investment”

Conclusion: It is beyond doubt that a true reflection of our efforts indicates that individuals or groups have undergone progressive changes as a result of the support they have gained from the Program. With evidence the vendor has revealed that, the program’s activities have helped them to improve their living standards and develop a good relationship within and beyond the communities.



Recycling waste oil into detergent; “Azumah Blow”

Samuel K. Malmwene: Community Relations Manager for Ghana

ATS kitchen in Adamus Resources Ltd produces substantial volumes of waste oil. Inappropriate disposal of waste oil could have serious repercussions on the environment; thus, an innovation plan was designed in the disposal of waste oil from the kitchen. In one of its meetings with the people in the communities ATS identified Ishmael Kwadwo Benson of Kikam community, and Cudjoe of Esiama community, who were both ready to put the waste oil into making a detergent (soap) typically called in Ghana as “Azumah Blow”. It is gratifying to note the two community entrepreneurs have been engaged in collection of waste oil from our kitchen for the production of the detergent, “Azumah Blow”.

In an interaction with these local manufacturers, they disclosed a weekly income of \$350 is being realized from the business. ATS has assured them of its plans to assist them diversify operations by looking at other innovative ways of introducing more products or services. Plans are already in place to ensure full compliance with required standards. Currently there is a high demand for the products and ATS is working assiduously with the business to get more external market support for the products.





Final Year JHS students receive learning materials from ATS

Gabriel Baah: CRO for Newmont Gold Corp Ahafo

Education is a primary need because it's the most empowering force creating knowledge, building confidence, and breaking down barriers to opportunities. For children, it is their key to open the door for better and advanced living.

As usual, ATS Newmont Gold Corp took the initiative to contribute its quota in supporting the education of children in Kodiwohia D/A Basic school at Kenyasi No.2 Resettlement Camp. On the 11th September 2020 ATS donated learning materials to the final year students at the school who were preparing to write their Basic Educational Certificate Examination (BECE).

ATS Project Manager, Samuel Amoah, did the donation on behalf of ATS and advised the students on the need to work hard and come out with the best results. The donated items included Mathematical sets, rulers, pencils, hand sanitizers, face shields, and facial masks.

The students expressed their appreciation to ATS and promised to achieve overwhelming victory, in their BECE final exams. The headmistress of the school, Madam Dorcas Yakubu, after receiving the items expressed her gratitude and also prayed for ATS to come to their aid more often.

She added though the school had been receiving various support from other institutions, this came as a huge surprise and a great relief. A total of thirty-two (32) pupils benefitted from the gesture.






ATS Newmont Gold Corp joins Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA) to support community farmers



Gabriel Baah: CRO for Newmont Gold Corp Ahafo



Planting for food and jobs is a flagship agricultural program introduced by the government of Ghana mainly to promote food security and immediate availability of selected food crops on the market and also provide jobs. The focal areas of the program are to produce food crops, planting for export and rural development, and also mechanize agriculture. One major tenets of the program is to motivate farmers to adopt certified seeds and fertilizers provided by the government and to stimulate enterprises operating along the supply chains of inputs and marketing of outputs to create jobs and develop technical and human capacities in mostly rural areas. ATS' vision has always been to partner with key stakeholders in supporting farmers and assist them in taking advantage of existing and emerging opportunities to optimize their agrobusiness activities.

Hence there was the need to strengthen the prospect and engage interested individuals in the production of vegetables as well as the provision of ready market. In collaboration with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA) in the Asutifi North District Assembly; fifteen (15) individuals were identified, trained and supported with farm inputs to venture into the production of vegetables such as cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, watermelon, garden eggs, green pepper etc. Currently ATS provides 60% ready market for the produce from the farmers through the Akudae Ltd, ATS' major supplier. Communities such as Wamahinso, Gyedu, and Attah ne Attah are currently benefiting from the initiative. It intends to extend this initiative to other communities. The leader of the farmers, Jacob Bruchintca, thanked ATS for its efforts in supporting the youth and promised to work harder to expand the farms.

Vocational training for women to create better economic opportunities

Kibsa Sawadogo: Community Relations Manager for Burkina Faso

Most women in communities have the zeal to develop the impetus of creating and managing their own income generating activities and setting themselves up as self-employed. They would always wish they could combine creative flair with entrepreneurial ability to build sustainable income generating activities. The community's local members have adopted an attitude of becoming job seekers instead of job creators and this has become a culture in most mining areas in the extractive industry. Instead women prefer to be engaged by mining companies or the contractors instead of organizing and managing their own economic activities. ATS ESG Legacy's objective is to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of the communities and participate in the search for better alternative of mobilizing women and engage them in running their own enterprises.

Thus, it considers vocational training as the best channel or opportunity that would support the agenda of helping community women have access to new income-generating activities. At Somisa SA, ATS ESG Legacy developed vocational training program for an organized women group (Tegawende Women Group) on soap making. They were trained on how to make toilet and laundry soap. Ten women from Sanbrado community benefited from the training program. They have started producing these products and ATS will soon conduct a standard compliance audit. Being the first to receive such vocational training in their community, ATS will make sure that these women share their knowledge with other women who will benefit from their experience.



Hundred (100) households receive from ATS Riverstone Karima fruit seedlings for planting in Ouahigouya Municipality

Kibsa Sawadogo: Community Relations Manager for Burkina Faso



Without trees, there is no food, no clean air, no life. ATS ESG Legacy has adopted this concept and is intensifying awareness and tree-planting initiatives to help communities engage in environmental protection activities to improve their living environment.

Every year, during the rainy season, tree planting activities are carried out in collaboration with the host communities. This year, ATS donated fruit trees such as mango, and lemon to 60 households in the Ouahigouya Municipality. These trees will provide fruit, shade, and making the environment eco-friendly for families and the communities at large. ATS also had the privilege of planting trees in the royal court of the King of Yatenga.

Production inputs for Maneg-Taaba Women

Abdoulaye Compaore': CRO for Bissa Gold SA

Maneg-Taaba, is an organized women group from the Bissa community located in the North-East District in the Bam Province of Burkina Faso. They process peanut paste to sell to ATS and the public. An assessment carried out at the beginning of this year revealed that the women lacked basic facilities for production. Thus, on June 30, 2020, ATS donated a set of production materials to the women to facilitate their production.

The donated items included buckets and a peanut roasting machine. Present at the ceremony was Kelsi Sawadogo, the Municipal Councilor for Bissa. The president of the women group Sawadogo Alimata, could not hide her joy after receiving the items. ATS from time to time organizes training programs for members of the Maneg-Taaba Women to enable them to diversify their delivery products and also provide quality products.





Food for malnourished children at Taparko health center

Abdoulaye Compaore': CRO for Bissa Gold SA

The health center of Taparko community, regularly receives mothers and children who are malnourished. Children who are undernourished could suffer from protein-energy malnutrition and to remedy the situation, the health center management team has initiated culinary demonstrations using local foods to support children suffering from malnutrition.

ATS ESG Legacy program decided to support the initiative of the health center by offering millet, beans, peanuts, dry fish, iodized salt, sugar, and oil. This foodstuff would be used to prepare enriched porridge, and therapeutic food for the children. The health center also provides training, for lactating mothers, on how to prepare enriched porridge. The administrator of the health center, Traore Adama, who received the items on behalf of the center thanked ATS for its concern for humanity.





ATS shares its hygiene experience with the people of Hounde'

Kibsa Sawadogo: Community Relations Manager for Burkina Faso

ATS shares with host communities its experience in the practice of hygiene to make them aware of the importance of creating a habitable living environment around them. On the 12th July 2020, there was a clean-up exercise at the Hounde' Market, organized by ATS. For the past few years, it has supported the people of Hounde' to do community clean-ups in collaboration with the Houndé Municipality and community vendors.

The market clean-up exercise was to sensitize the people on waste management within their environs and make it more habitable. The Wamisse, and Famiran Women group, including ATS community vendors participated in the cleaning exercise. There were congratulatory messages from members who participated in the exercise, including the Mayor of Houndé to ATS for its continuous support to create public awareness on good hygiene practices in the communities.



Monseigneur Anthyme Bayala Orphanage of Réo gets another support

Adama Naboho: CRO for Roxgold Sanu SA

Vulnerable people such as the orphans face survival challenges, especially food and shelter. "Sponsoring an orphaned child bestows the gift of a new life and brighter future for children who may be left helpless and alone". Organizations that host these children rely on the solidarity of individuals, institutions, and the communities at large to survive. The Monseigneur Anthyme Bayala orphanage is considered as a place of hope for the orphans and underprivileged children from the communities.

ATS has been supporting this orphanage with food and drinks for years. On 29th July 2020 ATS donated food items such as rice, maize, sugar, oil, milk, food paste, couscous, cans of sardines, tomato paste and cleaning products to the orphanage. The Director in charge of Monseigneur Anthyme Bayala Orphanage, Ouahabou Ouedraogo, was filled with excitement when ATS started displaying the donated items. Roxgold Sanu SA representative, Batieno Appolinaire, also thanked ATS for its commitment to the underprivileged. The Provincial Directorate of Social Action of Réo, Toe Luc, was also in attendance at the ceremony.





HACCP training for members of Tombanafama cooperative

Boubacar Cissé: ATS Community Relations Manager for Mali

Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) ensures the right steps are put in place when manufacturing, storing, and distributing a product to the final consumer to avoid any possible infection. The process also ensures food products are scientifically analyzed for microbiological, physical, and chemical hazards. The Tombanafama cooperative is an organized women group, from Domba community, engaged in the production of “local juices” such as Zira bonbon, Ginger, fonio, Tamarin, and Zaban. On 14th July 2020 ATS organized HACCP training program for Tombanafama cooperative members at the working premises of the co-operative in Domba. The purpose of the training was to help the members know what could go wrong at every step in the food process and also equip them with food safety compliance standards. They were taken through the main principles of HACCP including how to conduct a hazard analysis, determine critical control points, establish critical limits and monitoring procedures, determine corrective actions, have record keeping and documentation as well as verification procedures. ATS’ Health, Safety, and Environment Manager for Morila Gold Mine, Fawaly Coulibaly, was the facilitator for the training.

Present at the training session were Mohamed Soumaré (Manager in charge of Morila Agro-business), Sayon Kamissoko (Coordinator for Morila Gold Mine Community Relations), and Cheick Abou Diara (Mayor for Domba). Also present were Boubacar Cissé, (ATS’ Community Relations Manager for Mali), and Dourazakou Boubacar (ATS’ Project Manager). In his congratulatory message to the ATS Group, the Mayor for Domba Community, Cheick Abou Diara said women played an important role in their respective families and communities and therefore would need such trainings to further brighten their technical know-how. He thanked ATS for its concern for women’s wellbeing and entreated other organizations or institutions to emulate its examples. In total sixty-two (62) women participated in the training program.





ATS, and BCM Gold Mine jointly plant Trees in Tabakoto

Boubacar Cissé: ATS Community Relations Manager for Mali

ATS' Tree Planting program is an environmental program designed as a means of protecting and safeguarding our environment with particular emphasis on households, schools, and the communities in general. This program earmarked issues that address health, safety, and environmental awareness, and with particular emphasis to multipurpose trees and species especially fruit trees for nutrition. ATS Mali, and BCM Tabakoto teamed up and planted 150 fruit trees such as cailcedrat, flamboyant, guava, and mango. The initiative is part of the ATS Tabakoto community action plan for 2020.

This exercise was carried out on 7th September 2020 in Tabakoto. We managed to plant these trees in the courtyards of Tabakoto Town Hall, Police-station, Community Youth Center, public schools, along the roads and the main market. Apart from the tree planting exercise an environmental awareness was created among the community populace.

Though this was ATS' own initiative the program was fully funded by BCM Gold Mine Tabakoto. The General Manager for BCM Gold Mine, Joba Malomba, thanked ATS for its spirit of collaboration with stakeholders in supporting such community initiatives. Also present at the program were, Aliou Sekou Touré (BCM Environment manager), and Aziz Keita (BCM Community Co-ordinator), Djoukou Bittar, and Filimady Sissoko, (both from the Tabakoto Municipal Authority).

ATS' representatives who were at the ceremony were Hadjeb MacKlouf, (ATS BCM Tabakoto Project Manager), Diawara Souleymane, and Fawaly, (ATS Human Resources, and HSE Officers respectively). ATS' Project Manager assured the communities of similar initiatives for other communities.

Angovia and Allahou Bazi communities receive facelift

Kouakou Joe: CRO Yaoure Gold Mine

On 30th July 2020 ATS organized a cleaning exercise at the Angovia and Allahou Bazi local markets which was engulfed with huge waste for years.

ATS in conjunction with the community youth jointly initiated the clean-up exercise. Considering the nature of their business the women were advised to always keep the environment clean devoid of filth and waste materials.

Over 80 community youth including market women participated in the exercise. To sustain this ATS intends organizing such clean-up exercises every quarter at the market to keep the environment clean.





Female Orphan school (EPP LA JOIE) receives support from ATS Sissingué Gold Mine

Berete Ibrahim: CRO for Perseus Mining Gold Mine

Offering children, especially girl children, the right education will bolster learning in our societies and eventually foster development. According to the United Nations Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking, women are most vulnerable to trafficking and underserved jobs in rural communities when they are undereducated and poor. Providing the right education, as well as training and all-around empowerment will provide women with equal rights and equal access to education to participate in socio-economic activities to ease this gap.

EPP LA JOIE is a primary school in Tengrela, hosting 30 school kids, mainly female. In one of his visits to the school campus, Berete Ibrahim, ATS' CRO, observed the school lacked basic learning facilities such as books. It was also realized most of the kids were not in their prescribed school uniform. At a meeting with the headmaster, and the founder of the school, Konin Krou Yves Daniel, and Bamba Kafanga Traore' respectively, they outlined the challenges confronting the school and therefore pleaded for help from ATS. On 25th September, 2020, ATS donated a number of items to the school including crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, pens (red-blue-green), exercise books, water bottles, chalk, erasers, school bags, umbrellas, pack of masks, school uniforms etc. Present at the ceremony were Konaté Habib, and Bini Noel of Sissingué Gold Mine Support Services, ATS'

HSE, and EPP LA JOIE admin staff. On behalf of the school management, Konin Krou Yves Daniel, thanked ATS for its concern in supporting girl child education and hoped this would continue to help moderate the challenges faced by institutions such as theirs. ATS has assured them of continuous support for girl child education to maintain gender equality at all levels for current and future generations.





ATS mobilizing farmers for Bonikro market garden

Coulibaly Mouhamed Abdoul: CRO Bonikro Gold

The Bonikro Market Garden is one of ATS' community flagship community support projects within the Bonikro Gold Mine community catchment zone. ATS has begun mobilizing potential community farmers to engage them in vegetables production. It has developed a road map and set objectives to serve as a guide for the farmers. For now, ATS has mobilized seven (7) farmers, 3 men and 4 women, for the project.

We intend engaging over 20 farmers in two (2) years. A one-acre farmland has been acquired for the project. Arrangements have been made for more lands to be acquired for the project. For the time being the farmers would be engaged in the production of vegetables such as tomato, green pepper, and eggplants.

As part of its support for the project ATS, on the 14th September 2020 donated inputs such as improved seeds (tomato, eggplant, green pepper), fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides to the group. The leader of the group, Konan Joseph, after receipt of the items thanked ATS for its continuous investment in the project. They assured ATS of using the inputs received appropriately.

Educating farmers on good agronomic practices

Kouakou Michel: SMI Project CRO

Good agronomic practice is an efficient and eco-friendly tool for sustainable management of plant diseases under changing climate. ATS partnered with Zouan-Hounien Agricultural Technician, Gonla Dié, organized Zouan Hounien Community Smallholder Farmers on 31st August 2020 for practical training on good agronomics.

Participants were taken through a number of agronomic practices such as seeding rates and fertilizer use, hybrid maturities, application of herbicides, and fungicides. The training initiative aims to ensure food safety also guarantees the protection of the environment. In total (10) smallholder farmers benefited from the training program



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