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WHO WE ARE

ZIVA Communities Initiative is a non-profit organisation focused on strengthening value chains within the agricultural and mining sector. We are an organisation working to improve the livelihood of small-scale grower's communities through stakeholder interventions and strategic partnerships.

Artisanal Miners are at the base of the extractive production pyramid, they are the less influential, less educated and environmentally challenged source of wealth for the raw materials industry. Their level of awareness is directly proportional to how they manage their communities. Some of these communities are prone to health hazards, gender inequality, child labour, malnutrition and crime.

Our intervention is to become the bridge and the voice of concern that will ensure these miners get the best of their labour while improving the overall economy of the country.

MAUREEN MATO

Experienced Sociologist and a passion for individual and Community Development and over 5 years first-hand work experience. Trained in the processes of Project Cycle Management, Public Health Education, Knowledge Management, Quality Improvement, Gender and Social inclusion, child safe guarding and protection, and capacity building; Acknowledged for creating new/alternative and innovative ideas to the point of sustainability, while constantly delivering results.



Mr. Olutoyin Williams Blessing

(ZIVA Project Manager)

He is a graduate of Chemistry, with Executive Masters Certificate in project management from Project Management College UK, with Certificates in Data demand and Use, Monitoring & Evaluation fundamentals and Geographic Approaches to Global Health from the Learning Centre (USAID).

He has over 15 years' experience of program management in development, monitoring and Evaluation. He previously worked with Mashiah Foundation as Program and Admin Director and Life Fountain Development Consult as Director.

He has undertaken several consultancies on Data collation, validation, reporting etc. of ENCOMPASS project for baseline, Midline and end-line survey in Reproductive Health Accountability grant portfolio in Nigeria Evaluative Activities with MacArthur Foundation. Has also consulted on Developing /writing of proposals and monitoring content, Training and supervising M&E Officers, Data collation, documentation, validation and reporting with Toilet Pride Initiative among others.

Has good proven abilities in capacity building, leadership development, and training delivery. With harmonious inter-personal relationship and skills in coalition building, transparency, honesty and good morals.



VISION

We envisage a sustainable community, who have been empowered through; Inclusion, education, innovation and partnerships, to strengthen the value chain and diversity within the mining ecosystem.

MISSION

To improve the impact of artisanal miners on community development; by promoting socio-environmental responsibility, ethical practices through advocacy, Inclusion, education, innovation and partnerships.



OUR FOCUS

Our work is focused on three thematic areas

A. Policy

We consistently engage government agencies, mining associations and leaders of cooperatives to ensure they understand impact of each regulatory proposition. We also provide a guidance for change management in the system, and encourage continuous dialogue among all stakeholders

B. Community Economy

We provide professional advice on the fastest legal road to market, helping miners achieve a faster turn over period. We also provide knowledge on latest technologies that will help them maximize mining sites and improve yield. Furthermore, we provide financial literacy for miners to ensure sustained growth

C. Human Mining

We work with authorities and experts to support safer mining practices, which protect the environment and the mining community. Specifically; encourage and protect women, discourage child labour, and advocate for worker's right and accommodation of disabled people in the community.

Emily Anwuli Offodile

She has actively worked in the mining sector for over 12 years. She worked in the data collecting of the National Action plan on the elimination of the use of mercury in Nigeria, she also worked as a team lead in the sensitization and training of ASGM in Niger, plateau, and Osun State on promoting resilience to the impact of Covid-19 in Artisanal Mining Communities. She developed a framework on community development for a Lead-Zinc and Gold mining project. Emily has worked with a committee on the development of the strategic framework and baseline studies for women in mining communities in Nigeria. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Ahmadu Bello University Zaria. Due to her proficiency in the (3) major language in Nigeria Emily has provided services as an interpreter for mining companies and helps with interface with local ASM workers and Nigerian government regulatory agencies. she is currently the National Secretary of Women in Mining in Nigeria



Our Team



CORE VALUES

- Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency and Trustworthy
- Commitment
- Collaboration
- Health & Safety
- Community Wealth Creation



OUR APPROACH

ZIVA programs are executed through one or a combinations of these defines;

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Consistently develop local data on the mining community to support needed changes and interventions, while providing required training for stakeholders in the industry

ADVOCACY

360 degrees engagement of all stakeholders, calling out issues that challenge growth through a non-partisan approach, and making minority voices heard.

PARTNERSHIPS

Promote peace and prosperity within the mining community, by helping build and sustain strategic partnerships that support any of our thematic focus areas

TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

Based on results from our many studies, we consistently seek better ways of supporting activities in each of focus areas, by applying new technologies and adopting best practices.



OUR ADVANTAGE

- We are registered with Corporate Affairs Commission – IT/No136553
- Experienced Management team
- Strong relationship with ASMs in key mining states across Nigeria
- ZIVA is recognized by the Ministry of Mines and Steel Development as a strategic implementing partner
- Our Founder is a Member of Women in Mining in Nigeria, and currently the
- National Secretary of the Association, and also a member of Women in
- Environment, Extractives and Climate Change in West Africa





