

GALAMSEY ACTION GROUP

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Hon. Samuel A. Jinapor
Minister
Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources
P. O. Box M 212
Ministries, Accra, Ghana

Dear Sir

Proposed Solutions to the illegal and irresponsible mining problem in Ghana

The Galamsey Action Group, a nonprofit organization registered in Canada, is pleased to present to you proposed solutions to the horrendous problems created by illegal artisanal and irresponsible small-scale mining (aka galamsey).

We are also submitting the proposed solutions to the Ghana Government through the Office of the President, Parliament, and relevant Sector Ministries and agencies.

The goal of the proposal is to help the Ghana Government and people of Ghana to focus attention on specific immediate, short, intermediate and long- term actions that must be undertaken to resolve the devastating consequences of galamsey and irresponsible mining in Ghana.

The proposal is the result of information gathering of the galamsey problem by members of the Galamsey Action Group; and research of the galamsey issue by our



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Solutions group comprising several Ghanaian professionals located in Ghana and abroad.

The proposal emphasizes the need for more balanced regional development within the context of a National Development Plan; greater allocation of royalty revenues to resource rich communities; the need for jobs training; and development of alternative livelihoods including agriculture, agro-processing, and tourism.

The proposal is the result of a Petition that the Galamsey Action Group started on Change.org to request that the Ghana Government take action to “Stop galamsey devastation in Rural Ghana” to save Ghana’s rivers and land. The Petition generated over 9,500 signatures as of June 19, 2021!

The Galamsey Action Group (GAG) is a group of Ghanaians located in Ghana and abroad, including professionals with varied knowledge, skills and experience who are genuinely concerned about the level of devastation caused by galamsey and irresponsible mining in Ghana. The GAG members wish to support the efforts of the Ghana Government and its agencies, Parliament, Traditional authorities, and affected communities to find lasting and more sustainable solutions to the galamsey and irresponsible mining problem.

We look forward to ongoing engagement with the Ghana Government, Parliament, the Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, and all relevant Sector Ministries and agencies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Vaah, Spokesperson for Galamsey Action Group, via WhatsApp: +1 (647) 782 6202 or email: info@galamseyag.com.

You can view the Petition at: <http://chnng.it/7BJZ2gCr2G>
(Keywords: change.org, galamsey).

Sincerely,



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