



# The Best of ATS Legacy 2022



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## QUICK FACTS for 2022 (January - December)

### DESCRIPTION

**Training and Development:** In all 1,687 local-local vendors, entrepreneurs, and school pupils benefited from various training programs in 2022. Training programs centered on Entrepreneurship, Quality Production, ATS Operational Standards, Good Agronomic Practices, Safety, and Hygiene.

**Number of Local-local Suppliers:** As of 31st December 2022, there were 205 certified community suppliers

**Group Local-local Community Spend:** Total Local-local Community Spend for 2022 was USD\$10,322,305 This represents 31% of ATS total procurement. The community spend constitutes local-local spend, training and development spend, and social support & integration spend.

**Domestic Spend:** Total Domestic Spend (Community Spend + Local Spend) was USD \$31,921,326 constituting 100% of ATS total spend for the period under review. There was no direct import

**Number of Local-locals employed:** Total local-local youth directly employed under projects where legacy operates was 2,048 This represents 82% of ATS total employment.

*Note: These data are applicable only in sites or countries where Legacy Program operates*





## Women entrepreneurship development: local soap production gaining grounds in local-local communities in Burkina Faso

Kontunathey O.K Peter: Group Community Relations Manager

The role of women entrepreneurs in economic development is vital. ATS' vision has been to help model women entrepreneurs properly with required entrepreneurial peculiarities and proficiencies to achieve their goals and meet the changes in trends, combat challenges and to be competent to excel in the entrepreneurial environment. A feasibility study carried out by ATS within the project affected communities of clients in Burkina Faso revealed that most unemployed women had the passion to go into local soap production businesses. But the desire and passion of the women could not be inflamed to see their vision through because of no start up capital, and poor market for the produce. ATS Legacy persevered under these challenges and

mobilized potential women entrepreneurs from communities such as Bagrelgo, Houndé, Sambrado, Imiougou, Taparko, Yalgo, Bagassi, Perkoa into co-operatives and set them up for the local soap production business. Ken Zentu Ime women group for example experienced a total collapse of their local soap production business and had to bounce back after ATS stepped in to support them. Bouncing back out of a failed investment and trying all over again is really hard hitting. It takes a lot of bravery, self-assurance, self-confidence, and a daring strategy to get back on track. As of now we have been able to mobilize ten (10) different women groups (co-operatives) and engage them in local soap production.

See table below for details of these organized women co-operatives.

PROJECT	WOMEN GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	ATS MARKET SUPPORT PER MONTH	LOCAL SOAP TYPE	LOCATION (COMMUNITY)
Riverstone Karma	ADFN	45	1 200 lt	Liquid soap	Bagrelgo
Houndé Gold Operation	WAMISSE, and FAMIRAN	61	400 lt	Liquid and tablet soap	Hounde
SOMISA SA	TEGAWENDE	55	1 400 lt	Liquid soap	Sambrado
Bissa Gold Sa	NEERWAYA	46	1 200 lt	Liquid soap	Imiougou
Somita Sa	RELWENDE, NABASNOOGO and WEND-YAM	69	1 000 lt	Liquid soap	Taparko, Yalgo
Roxgold Sanou	DOFINSAN	43	800 lt	Liquid soap	Bagassi
Nantou Mining	BOULOUGNE	21	400 lt	Liquid soap	Perkoa
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>6,400lt</b>		

ATS financed the construction of a production hall for the Wamisse Women Group at Houndé in order to improve safety at work and also increase production. Various training and development programs were organized for the women mainly to upgrade their production skills. ATS also supported them with production materials such as oil, transport and storage materials and uniform. All the co-operatives have a total membership of over three hundred (300). ATS procures 6400 liters, representing 80% of

total production, of liquid soap per month from these women. Currently they produce liquid and tablet soaps. Plans are underway for the women to introduce powdered and bar soap mainly to expand their production. This intervention by ATS has provided these women entrepreneurs the opportunity to balance their livelihood; that is finding time to cope with their household affairs or chores while at other suitable time attending to their business matters.



## Watch out for resilient and stimulating community development services from ATS legacy consultancy services (LCS)

Project: ATS Community Liaison Department

ATS ESG Legacy Program envisions creating and sustaining self-sufficiency, self-confidence, and vibrant communities where each person has access to decent economic opportunities. We see community support programs as a passion, and commitment to foster the welfare of communities by providing development-oriented projects to augment the livelihoods of people. The Program has moved a step further and now provides consultancy services, dubbed **Legacy Consultancy Services (LCS)**, to clients. It does this by embarking on transformative schemes and applying state of the art strategies in evaluating available and emerging prospects, within the client's operational authority, based on SWOT analysis of a defined project or community and there after sketching out productive deliverables towards the achievement of desired goals or target results. The LCS always focuses on promoting socio-economic integrity by creating opportunities for every person in target communities so that they could have dignified, productive, and creative lives that impact the community as group.

**What we can offer your institution:** We have broad experience in community development programs, and therefore will advise clients on strategic development plans by helping them realize their full potential through advanced, and better-informed decisions across the whole project investment life cycle.

**Our Experience:** ATS has made conscious efforts introducing socio-economic community livelihood enhancement activities through its Legacy Program, and LCS. It has had the opportunity to collaborate with companies within the extractive industry in Ghana, Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Guinea, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, Uganda, Liberia, Kenya, Zambia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Mali and many more. We have invested over **USD 170m in more than 250 local-local communities in Africa**. This represents **37% of ATS total investment** and it covers purchasing local-local supplies from community entrepreneurs, training and development programs for local-local entrepreneurs, social support, and integration programs such as support for youth programs, cultural & traditional activities. Through ESG legacy Program, and LCS it has trained more than 60,000 people (including employees directly engaged by ATS) over the past one and half decade. ATS has mobilized and engaged **over 10,000 women** in agro-based, and other income generating activities such as vegetables, fruits, artwork, catering, and many more in Africa. There are over **120 organized women associations or co-operatives in Africa**, that ATS has supported in diverse ways. In all over **25,000 women have benefited** from skill training and development programs initiated by ATS. It has invested **over \$100m on women economic empowerment programs, representing 60% of its total community investment**.

**LCS Vision:** LCS vision is to help clients develop solid winning strategies to address challenges and bringing about appropriate community development and strengthen the local economy of these communities.

**Developing partnership with key stakeholders:** We work in partnership with individuals and organizations who share our vision of sustainable communities' development everywhere, every time. We foster partnership consolidation with global, local, and community-based organizations with a common vision of developing portfolio of productive deliverables for implementation in communities.

**LCS has a team of experts:** ATS-LCS has a team of experts who have logical understanding of social realities and development processes. We have supported diverse development interventions across the defined community catchment zones of our clients. We advocate economic sovereignty, and also conserve and preserve cultural values and structures of defined communities. With strong professional ambition, LCS team will always strategize a unique plan after a feasibility study of a defined project or area to help revamp small-scale businesses that are at the verge of collapsing. In times of operational challenge, our team is skillful and experienced in helping clients discover and prioritize the most critical issues, stabilize the challenge, establish a leadership



and stakeholder unanimity, and deliver tangible results quickly to avert any future reoccurrence of similar operational challenge.

**Strategic target areas of LCS delivery:** We design and implement a broad array of community livelihood enhancement programs within the defined operational catchment zones of our client. Our strategic target areas of services delivery are pinned to creating habitable environmental programs, creating, and affirming resilience social activities as well as promoting progressive governance activities. Thus, we bring our deep experience and expertise in planning, designing, engaging, and providing fully integrated professional and technical services for a broad range of community engagement activity programs.





## SGO Market Garden Reformation (MGF): Over 900 farmers benefit from skill training program

Kontunathey O.K Peter: ATS Group Community Liaison Manager

The ATS Legacy feasibility study in SGO has opened up a new chapter for designing a set of community livelihood and enhancement programs for individuals and groups in the local-local communities within the SGO community catchment zone. A portfolio of existing and emerging opportunities was identified accompanied by transformative and sustainability measures that would eventually nurture these opportunities to empower existing businesses, individuals, and or groups in communities and also open new direct and indirect employment prospects for the unemployed, and the marginalized.

The market Garden Reformation program was a major transformative and life-changing measure earmarked to support individuals and or groups in attaining greater independence, promising opportunities, and lives that are meaningful and fulfilling on their own. The market gardens set aside under the MGR Program are Khossanto, Madina Bransan, Diakhaling, Bambaraya, Tinkoto, Faloumbou, Bransan, Dialakhotoba, Mamakhono, Dambankhoto, Mandankholing, Makhana, Madina Sabodala, and Sabodala.

Beneficiaries of these market gardens have been taken through some orientations on the reformation processes and what is required of all stakeholders, including the farmers.

The reformation process among others includes:

- Ensuring farmers acquire improved seeds for production
- Maintaining a sound irrigational system of all market gardens (MG)
- Providing technical training and development programs for market garden farmers
- Building formidable market support networks for farm produce
- Moving farmers from seasonal production to all-year-round production (maintaining sustainable production)

The MG beneficiaries hailed these innovations and therefore massively participated in the training program. Over 900 market gardeners participated in the skill training development program (SDP).





The modules considered under the SDP were

- Nursery and land preparation, transplanting technics, and soil management and fertility.
- Effective and efficient water management practices
- Basic Record Keeping: Productivity and Finances
- Sustainable marketing practices (eg in times of excess production)
- Chemical acquisition and application, and pest control methods
- Product harvesting, packaging, and transportation
- Health, Safety, and Environment requirements

Successful implementation of the market garden reformation program would result in high production and revenue generation for the farmers. It's predicted that total productivity would increase from 225 tons to over 400 tons per annum. Average operating profit could exceed \$700k annually for all members.



# BURKINA FASO





## ATS supports Sambrado market gardening project

**Project:** Societe des Mines De Sanbrando (Somisa)

ATS Legacy's projects and initiatives are targeted to support the achievement of its clients' objectives. Thus, we team up with the client to support the projects initiated. As part of its plans for 2022, ATS supported the market gardening projects initiated by SOMISA SA for community farmers from Sambrado. On February 24th, 2022, ATS handed over to the market gardeners, 600 kg of organic fertilizer and twelve boxes of seeds of okra, green peppers, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, and lettuce. The handover was witnessed by SOMISA SA Livelihoods Program Assistant, Philomène Diallo, and ATS was represented by its Community Liaison Manager, Kibsa Sawadogo. The president of the farmers' cooperative, Issouf Kologo, warmly thanked ATS for its support, and said the inputs received would go a long way to enhance their operational activities. In addition, ATS has also set up a market support plan and will facilitate the flow of production from this project by networking the market gardeners with its certified vegetable suppliers



## ATS supports the nutritional recovery project of the NGO Tamounté

**Project:** Nantou Mining - Trevali Mining Corporation

ATS has collaborated with local and international NGOs in order to make its presence more visible and more impactful in the communities. Thus, ATS has prospected and identified partners in its areas of operation that have similar objectives as its Legacy Program. In Nantou Mining, we have identified and formed a partnership with an international NGO "TAMOUNTE" which has undertaken to create a garden where Moringa plant and other plants which have a good content of iron, calcium, folic acid, and vitamins for the good health of women during their gestational, and lactational periods. This project also involves acquiring a machine to process the Moringa leaves into powder, which ATS have provided by donating an amount of USD 730 to the NGO for the machine. The financial package was handed over to the Tamounte's Program Manager, Semde Alassane. At the ceremony were Bationo Jean Apollinaire and Bayala Jean Louis, both of Nantou Mining Community Relations Department. Also, present were Zongo W. Félix, and Mariam Kientga from the ATS Community Liaison



office, and Quality Health safety and Environment of ATS Nantou Mining respectively. The Tamounte Project Manager was pleased with ATS' commitment to help uplift and sustain its working partners. He assured ATS he will use the package received for the right purpose. Speaking at the event, Bationo Jean Apollinaire hailed the diversity of ATS' initiatives to contribute to the well-being of communities. The Community Liaison Officer said it had been ATS' vision to contribute towards the achievement of the project which will relieve many children and women from their nutritional challenges.



## ATS established a poultry farm for "TEELTABA" women's group at Nogo to support their income generating activities

Project: Endeavour Mining-Riverstone Karma SA

Nogo community faces some challenges including erratic rainfall, poor soil fertility and as a result the inhabitants are unable to produce enough to satisfy their basic needs. Women, who constitute the majority of the vulnerable social stratum, are affected more under such circumstances. In view of this, Poultry farming is a potential alternative income generating activity that is being introduced in surrounding communities to help women overcome these challenges. It is in this light, ATS Legacy oriented towards improving the living conditions of its host communities and decided to finance the construction of a poultry farm for the women's group "Basneéré" of Nogo. This project forms part of ATS' support for women empowerment as it serves as an income generating activity for them to better their living conditions. The project cost USD 3,850 which includes building a structure to house over 500 birds, a veterinary care kit, one ton of feed, 30 troughs, 10 feeders, 3 sprayers and 250 birds.

After the construction of the farm, the handing over of the project to the women took place on September 30, 2021, by the Project Manager, Ahmed Djouder. In attendance to grace the occasion were Nabassaga Manierata, Riverstone Karma SA's Women Empowerment Officer, and the project beneficiaries. Ahmed Djouder, (ATS Project Manager) urged the women to make this project a success story by accelerating its growth. The women's president, Ganamé Mariam, thanked ATS on behalf of the women's group and suggested that the realization of this project represents a hope in the quest for empowerment of the women of Nogo.



## ATS Legacy intends to improve the academic performance of pupils at Goungla primary school

Project: Nordgold-Bissa Gold SA

The education of children in our host communities is a priority for ATS Legacy by building a brighter future for the children through investment in their learning and development process. At Bissa ATS has set up a yearly program to improve the academic performance of pupils in the communities. ATS Legacy program donated 150 reading books to the Goungla primary school in the Bissa Gold S.A community catchment zone in resolving challenge of a shortage of books that the school faces, impeding its progress and performance. The handing over ceremony took place on March 09, 2022, at the premises of the school by Sawadogo Gueswende, Community Relations Assistant at the Community Department of Bissa Gold S.A. The president of the Parents Teacher Association (PTA) (Sawadogo Ousseni) Sabcé District Basic Education representative

(Sawadogo Patrice), and the school principal (Sawadogo Clément) all together thanked ATS for the support. They added that the support from ATS would go a long way to brighten the future of the children.





## SOMISA and ATS joined forces to set up a poultry mega project

Project: West Africa Resources Ltd-SOMISA

West African Resources LTD is a company operating in the gold sector. Société des Mines Sanbrado (SOMISA), is its subsidiary in Burkina Faso. ATS joined forces with the client (SOMISA SA) to set up a Mega Poultry Project in Pousghin, a community within SOMISA project affected community catchment zone. Before then a number of youth were engaged in artisanal gold mining activities, causing destruction to the environment. Eventually the youth were mobilized into a co-operative dubbed Grouped Relwende Cooperative. ATS, and SOMISA set up a mega poultry project for the youth in the Pousghin community. As part of our contribution ATS supported the project with 1100 broilers, at the cost of USD 2000. This huge initiative costing USD 30,515 consists of a chicken coop, a processing room, a store, a room for housing farm employees, 1,100 birds, necessary equipment for the project and training in poultry farming techniques. For the implementation of the project, ATS provided financial support of USD 2,000, a ready market for the sale of the project's outputs, and initial and ongoing compliance training.

The project was commissioned on February 8, 2022, and present at the ceremony were Ambroise Ouédraogo, (Commissioner of the Ganzourgou Province), a team from SOMISA Community Department led by Adéline Kologo (Community Project Coordinator), and ATS management team comprising of Jérôme DUIGOU (ATS Country Manager), Madjid Houheche (ATS SOMISA Project Manager) and Kibsa Sawadogo Community Liaison Manager). Everyone at the ceremony urged the beneficiaries to take care of the project and make the best out of it. Now the project has started making deliveries of chicken to ATS. From time-to-time. ATS also provides quality health, safety, and environment training for the youth.





## ATS brings a smile to "Ile du bonheur" "Marie-Naelle" and "Buud yam" orphanages

Project: Riverstone Karma SA

There are some children who are born into wealthy families that provide them with what they need, protecting them from social vulnerability. On the other hand, there are those who, due to life circumstances, find themselves in precarious situations and live in difficult conditions. ATS remains convinced that human dignity must be preserved at all levels of life. This is why we work with local associations and NGOs to bring welfare and help guarantee a better future for these innocent children. In this sense, ATS Legacy Program in partnership with a Community Based Organization, Vie Meilleure from Ouahigouya offered 357 bags of infant flour, and cartons of milk, to three (3) orphanages namely "Ile du bonheur", "Marie-naelle" and "BUUD-Yam" to help them take care of about fifty (50) orphans and other vulnerable children that they host. The handing over ceremony took place on March 4, 2022, at the premises of these beneficiary orphanages. Present at the ceremony were Ouedrago Abzèta, and Sawadogo Mariétou, respectively president and secretary of our partner association. Our client, the women empowerment officer represented Riverstone Karma SA, Nabassaga Manierata. Also, present was the Ouahigouya Social Welfare Department representative, Nadienga Samuel. After the handing over all the heads of these orphanages; Sawadogo Mariam- (Ile du Bonheur), Sawadogo Blandine-(Marie-Naelle), and Ouedraogo Abzèta, (BUUD-Yam) expressed their heartfelt gratitude to ATS for the support. They said the food received from ATS would go a long way to minimize the challenges of food shortage they experience.





## Support for education: ATS donates books to Kaado primary school

Project: Nantou Mining Burkina Faso SA (Perkoa)

The ATS Legacy Program is committed to promoting the education of children in host communities. The Kaado primary school authorities made an appeal to ATS for reading books for the pupils. This was after ATS had paid a working visit to the school in Kyon. ATS, on 4th March 2022, responded to their appeal by donating 130 reading books to the school.

The principal of the school Bado Bassambié Yikirya, received the books on behalf of the school, and was so grateful to ATS for its commitment in promoting education in the rural communities. The secretary-general of Kyon town hall attended the ceremony, Bazie Issouf, and the president of the Parent-Teacher Association, Bationo Toussaint.



The Nantou Mining Community Relations Officials present were Bayala Jean Louis, and Bationo Jean Apollinaire, who recalled ATS' achievements for communities and urged the pupils to study hard and make effective use of these books. ATS Community Liaison Officer Zongo W. Félix, mentioned ATS would always pay great attention to the education of children because they are the future leaders of the globe.





## ATS donates organic fertilizer to Action Eco Development (AED)

Project: Roxgold Sanu SA

One of ATS Legacy program commitments is to support communities market gardening initiatives. Sipohin, is a community located within Roxgold Sanu SA catchment communities in Burkina Faso. Women in this community have organized themselves into an association called Action Eco Development (A.E.D). They are engaged in vegetable production as this constitutes a major income generation source for members. One major challenge confronting the association is low production yield due to poor soil texture. ATS therefore initiated a project to support them with fertilizer. Thus, on April 7th, 2022, two (2) tons of organic fertilizer was handed over to the women purposely to help increase productivity yield. Present at the handover ceremony were ATS Community Liaison Officer (CLO), ZONGO W. Félix, and the Community Relations Officers of Roxgold Gold Sanu Sa, Gnoumou Aubin and YE Florentin. Kindo Mahama took the floor to introduce ATS and thanked it for its gesture and its support to impacted communities. The ATS CLO, Zongo W. Félix, said supporting women is a priority for the ATS legacy program and would continue to provide the necessary support for organized women groups. The AED supervisor, Ms. Semde Semiauto, expressed her gratitude to ATS for the support and said it would help them overcome the challenge of low productivity yield yearly. AED has a total membership of seventy-nine (79) with a farming land size of 1.5 hector.





## Storage facility for Makarga women group

Project: Somisa

Women's empowerment is one of ATS legacy objectives and has been thriving at all times making efforts to seek women and raising their status through economic support programs. This goes a long way to equip and allow women to make life-determining decisions. At SOMISA, the Nong-Taba Women's Group in Makarga community has been ATS working partner since 2020. The group supplies ATS with local products such as cereals, peanut paste, and corn flour. It was later observed that the group did not have a suitable storage space for their products and sometimes affect product quality. ATS therefore decided to support them

by constructing a storage facility for the group. The structure was handed over to the women on August 11th, 2022. Present at the handover ceremony were Kibsa Sawadogo, Community Liaison Manager of Burkina Faso, Anita Zongo, Assèta Kouraogo, and Grégoire Tapsoaba, Community Liaison Officers, from SOMISA's Community Department. The president of the women's group, Alimata Zangré, said the support from ATS would help improve product quality, which has been a challenge for the women's group long ago. Kibsa Sawadogo assured the women of ATS continuous support for women economic activities.





## ATS supports school dropouts with sewing machine

Project: Houndé' Gold Operation

LUMIÈRE POUR ENFANT, a Community-Based Organization located in Houndé aims at supporting deprived girl-child in education and promoting school market garden activities. Association "Lumière Pour Enfant" has initiated a dress making training project to support young girls who have dropped out of school. However, due to financial challenges in acquiring the necessary equipment, the training center could not operate. ATS initiated some discussions with the management of the organization on plans to get the project operationalized. Thus, it (ATS) donated four (4) sewing kits to the center. Each kit comprises a sewing machine and other materials for use. The handover of the kits took place on May 13, 2022. Present at the ceremony were the president of the Association (Kaboré Kandegma) and other partners. Kaboré Kandegma, said the support by ATS has been helpful for the opening of the training center and demonstrates its commitment to supporting out-of-school girls. Houndé Gold Operation was represented by two HGO Social Performance Department officers, Kahoun Parfait, and Tonkoui Yannick. ATS Community Liaison Manager, Kibsa Sawadogo said ATS was filled with a

sense of accomplishment as this project is one of its Key Performance Indicators for 2022. He urged the beneficiaries to invest their time and energy in the training purposely to gain professional skills. ATS further advised community members to practicalize the skills acquired to ensure they eventually get the best from their investment.





## ATS initiates goats breeding project for Lollé & Makarga Peulh women groups

Project: Somisa

Goat farming has become an important economic venture in recent times, especially in the rural communities. There is a considerable increase in demand for goat meat because of its delicacy and health benefits. Communities within SOMISA catchment zone are known for their goat farming activities. For it provides income and supports agriculture because the animals produce organic manure useful for agricultural production. Having animals guarantees to some extent a good agricultural productivity. Aware of the importance of this activity for women, ATS Legacy has initiated goat breeding projects for 2 women groups SAWRAL NA, and POTAAL from Lollé and Makarga Peulh communities respectively. When all was set a team comprising ATS Community Liaison Manager (Kibsa Sawadogo), the Community Liaison Officer (Faïcatou Ouédraogo) and the Community Liaison Assistant (Tapsoaba) from SOMISA's Community Department on May 19, 2022, handed over 10 goats to the two women groups. The presidents of the two women groups; Badjo Kadidjata, and Diandé Fatimata warmly thanked ATS for this strategic support, because as the goats reproduce, each woman will at the end have her own goat breeding project. Kibsa Sawadogo urged the women to make these projects a success story. Meanwhile, the membership for the two (2) groups is 77





## ATS helps Bagrelgo women diversify their operation

Project: Riverstone Karma SA

ATS is striving with several initiatives to contribute to economic empowerment of women in the poultry industry. The Bagrelgo Women (ADFN) currently produce local soap for supply to ATS and the open market. ATS has realized domestic poultry farming is a major source of income for women in most communities. It has therefore decided to help Bagrelgo Women diversify their operations by going into poultry farming (to produce eggs and chicken). To make this vision become a reality for the women, a better mastery of poultry farming techniques is necessary here. A protein development consultant, Alain Sawadogo, was engaged to train the women on poultry farming techniques. It was a three-day training program, starting from 16th -18th March, 2022 and was attended by 40 women. Modules considered under the training program included construction of a standard poultry house, the choice of appropriate breeding equipment, egg incubation techniques, bird start-up, poultry feeding, watering and poultry health etc. At the end of the session, SAWADOGO Kadissou, the president of the women group, thanked ATS for this opportunity that allowed them to acquire knowledge. According to her, through this training, ATS has taught them how to fish instead of giving them fish. This means that ATS has left its footprints in this community.



## SOMISA's Livelihood Restoration Program: ATS supports with improved seeds

Project: Somisa

SOMISA has initiated an extensive livelihood restoration program for communities within its catchment operations. The program has several facets and should in the end allow the affected communities to have new means of subsistence. ATS Legacy, whose overall objective is to support the community program of its clients, found it appropriate to support the initiative by providing improved seeds to the farmers.

On June 15, 2022, 500 kg of certified sorghum and maize seeds were given to farmers from Sanbrado, Nedego, Noéssé, Douré, Lollé, Makarga, and Karki Yaoghin communities. These seeds, which offer good yields and are more adaptable to climate change, will undoubtedly help increase farmers' agricultural production, with a forecast of 56 tons per annum. ATS Community Liaison Officer, Abdoulaye Compaoré, handed over the seeds to the farmers. Lionel Ilboudo (Livelihood Restoration Technician), Josias Ilboudo, and Philomène Diallo, both SOMISA Community Relations Assistants joined ATS to do the presentation. After receiving the seeds, Boukougou Mahamadi, the president of the livelihood restoration committee thanked ATS for the support. Diallo Philomène said she was convinced that the support from ATS would contribute to the achievement of the goals and objectives set by the program.





## ATS supports Houndé Gold Operation's market garden initiative

Project: Houndé Gold Operation

As part of its support to host communities, Houndé Gold Operation has initiated a market garden project for affected farmers from Yambiré and Koho communities. The project is part of the client's livelihood restoration program and aims to provide a source of income for the impacted farmers. ATS found it necessary to contribute to the success of the project by providing certified onion seed to the farmers, as a key to ensuring good production. Thus, it donated 15 boxes of certified onion seed. At the handover, were the Social Performance Coordinator (Désiré Bondé), and HGO Community Liaison Assistants (Didiro Nikiedouba, Yambouyo Justine, and Barry Yacouba). They advised the farmers to put the seeds to good use. Kibsa Sawadogo, ATS Community Liaison Manager, urged the farmers to work hard to ensure a good yield. On behalf of the beneficiaries, Belem Moumini thanked Houndé Gold Operation and ATS for the support; for it would enable them to address seed challenges and also increase production. In addition, ATS is planning to provide market support through networking between farmers and community-certified vegetable vendors.





## Promoting education in rural communities

Project: Houndé Gold Operation, and Riverstone Karma SA

The Koho Community Library is an initiative of **Friends of African Village Libraries (FAVL)**, an NGO which has established a total of thirty-three community libraries in Burkina Faso since 2001. The Koho library is used by children from Koho and surrounding communities and is supported by the Houndé Gold Operation to remain operational.

During a meeting with the HGO's Social Performance Department regarding community projects, ATS expressed its intention to support the running of this community library which plays a very important role in children's education. After discussions with the library officials, ATS supported the library with books. On August 4, 2022, it handed over two hundred and thirty-four (234) books to the officials of the Koho Community Library. The National Coordinator of the Friends of African Village Libraries (Dounko Sanou), and the Library Supervisor (Boué Alidou) received the books. These books are mostly tales by African authors and are very instructive and aim to strengthen the library's resources to attract even more children to this educational and cultural space. Receiving the books, the Co-ordinator of

FAVL, Dounko Sanou, said the main challenge of the library is the books and this support from ATS has come at the right time. The Community Liaison Supervisor (Seydou Ouédraogo), who stood in for HGO at the ceremony appreciated the efforts of ATS in supporting the community library. The ATS team present were Community Liaison Manager (Kibsa Sawadogo), the Human Resources Officer (Nathalie Désirée Traoré), and the Quality, Health, Safety, and Environment Officer (Ismâel Ouattara). Meanwhile, Mahamoudou Balo, who represented the Houndé town hall, praised ATS for its support in elevating community education.

In another development, ATS donated reading and teaching materials to Nogo Primary School at Nogo located within Riverstone Karma SA project-affected communities. After the receipt of the books the principal of the school, Sawadogo Allassane, said these materials had come at the right time. According to him, there were not enough reading books for the school and that affected teaching and learning. In all 120 books were handed over to the school management.





## ATS Nantou mining project continues its support for Réo skills training center, despite mine closure

Project: Nantou Mining

Reo Skills Training Center is a technical and vocational training center where teens and adults, with developmental and intellectual disabilities, can learn vocational and life skills while enjoying the companionship of others for the betterment of their future and the community. ATS has been supporting the center since its inception. One could have expected that the closure of the Nantou Mining SA project would have perverted the long-standing relationship between ATS and the stakeholders within the project-affected communities. Rather ATS continues to stimulate and sustain the relationship with the stakeholders.

On October 13th, 2022, it handed over four sewing machines to the management of the center mainly to restock the center with the needed materials to sustain its operation.

Personalities present at the handover ceremony were Bado Alexander (Director of Sustainable Development, Maloud Tounsi (Project Manager), and Kibsa Sawadogo (ATS Community Liaison Manager). Also present was the management team of the training center including the General Manager (Bado Baya), and the Technical Director, (Bado Theodore), The General Manager of the Center described the support as invaluable because the sewing machines they had were not functioning. ATS Project Manager, Maloud Tounsi, assured them of ATS's continuous support for the center.





## ATS has planted 100 trees in the Koussaro community

Project: Roxgold Sanu SA

The environmental challenge requires initiatives from everyone to ensure that future generations have a habitable environment. ATS Legacy follows this logic and adopts various strategies such as environmental education, community clean-up activities, tree planting, and plastic recycling.

Every year the month of August is declared “Tree Planting Month” in Burkina Faso. ATS Legacy Program initiated a tree planting program in the Koussaro community.



A total of one hundred fruit trees comprising mango, orange, etc were planted on August 1, 2022. Sawadogo Jérémie, (Assistant Environmental Technician) advised members of the community to understand that fruit trees provide mankind with healthy food to eat, and also create beauty in our yards.

He further indicated that adding fruit trees to our landscape improves the value of our properties while helping to support an eco-friendly environment. Gnoumou Zoumbazounou, the president of the village development committee of Koussaro, was pleased that his community was chosen for this activity and promised to monitor the upkeep of the planted trees. ATS Community Liaison Officer, Zongo W. Félix, and HSE officer, Oulé D. Serge assured them of ATS's unflinching determination to help preserve and conserve the environment.



# GHANA





## Building effective collaboration with Abosso Gold Fields (AGL) in executing community programs; the surest way of achieving positive outcomes

Project: Gold Fields Ghana Ltd- Abosso

Developing open and honest communication is key to building successful and sustainable partnerships between and among institutions. Over the years, ATS has collaborated effectively with the AGL community department in executing community programs especially in the areas of agribusiness, employment, and technical development. In the area of agribusiness, ATS has worked in partnership with the Youth in Organic Horticulture Production (YouHop) program by providing ready market for farmers output and the building of technical expertise of these farmers. The YouHop program was implemented by Gold Fields Ghana Ltd in partnership with German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) within its primary stakeholder communities where over 500 youth were engaged in organic vegetable production. With regards to employment, the AGL community department has a database of all unemployed youth in the primary stakeholder communities and when the need arises for ATS to recruit to augment its workforce, the client community department is contacted for the right personnel to engage. This has fostered trust with our client in our quest to attaining over 90% of our local-local employment. Training of food vendors to improve their food safety and hygiene knowledge,

attitude and practice is of importance because it prevents chances of food contamination and helps promote food borne diseases. In lieu of this, Basic Food Safety and Hygiene Training for Local Food Vendors was jointly organized by ATS and AGL for food vendors in the project affected communities. These trainings were successfully organized and appreciated by the community's populace due to the collaboration espoused by the two organizations. The partnership between ATS Ghana Ltd, and AGL has helped create countless opportunities and successes under their community target initiative programs for the past years.





## Intervention and ongoing Involvement in community development

Project: Kinross - Chirano Gold Mine , Ghana

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## ATS supports Allelulue traditional festival in Chirano

Project: Chirano Gold Mine

ATS in its bid to build and maintain cordial working relationship with stakeholders has made it a point to make their presence felt in all the community events, including chieftom festivals. Such commitments to community issues have made it win community admiration. Since it began its operations in Chirano Gold Mine, ATS has successfully established social ties and consciously formed acquaintances and developed a good rapport with traditional authorities deepen his partnership by involving itself in high profile community activities or programs. On the 7th of April 2022, ATS Chirano Gold Mine delegated officials to pay a curtesy call on the Chirano Traditional Council to donate assorted drinks as part of its contributions towards the celebration of the Allelulue Festival. The paramount chief of Chirano Traditional Area, Okogyeman Kwaku Gyamprah III, was full of praise for ATS for the support. He added

that the present generation would remember ATS for its support for community projects. He later sent a letter of appreciation to ATS for the donation. ATS assured the paramount chief and his traditional council of ATS continual support for community programs all times.

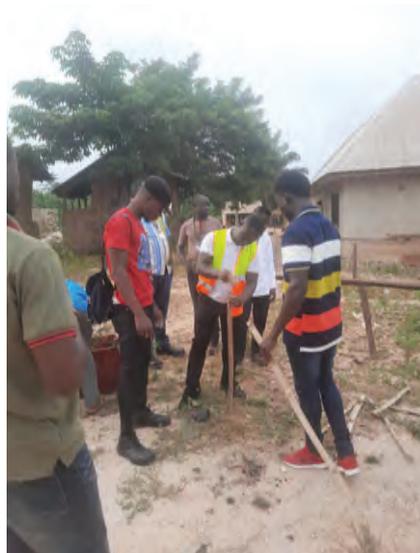




## ATS participates in Green Ghana project

Project: Chirano Gold Mine

Environmental degradation has become a major challenge in the global scene. Every country is making all efforts to preserve and reserve its environment. Ghana has embarked on aggressive but sustainable tree planting program in the country to help supplement its forest cover. This initiative is called “Green Ghana Initiative” and it seeks to create a collective action toward the restoration of degraded landscapes in the country. Now the initiative is in its second year earmarked for the planting of trees across the country.



Thus, as part of ATS ESG legacy program, it coordinated with the Ghana Forest Commission and Lawerkrom, one of the Chirano Gold Mine catchment communities for participation in the Green Ghana project. ATS employees and the community members together planted the trees. It was a pleasant day as the community members and ATS employees together planted the trees in the communities.



# SIERRA LEONE





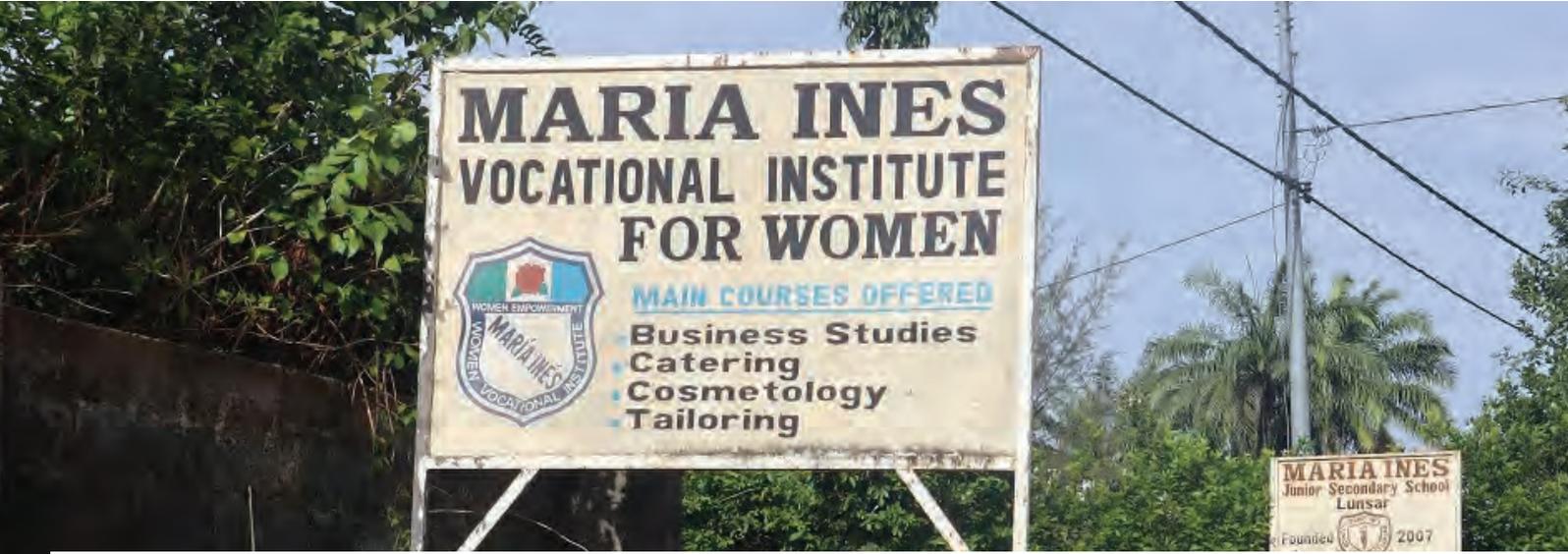
## ATS Rutile donates laptop computers to Ruby Rose library and education centre

Project: Sierra Rutile Ltd

Ruby Rose Library and Education Centre is a community-based facility that was set by an American philanthropist called Melonie. It is a none-profit entity. The aim of setting up the facility was to provide learners with reference reading materials for primary, secondary, and tertiary learners. Early use of the library facility will inculcate the culture of self-learning, reading and research in pupils and students. As part of its plan, the library has incorporated female adult literacy and computer skills training in its curriculum. Sierra Rutile's Community Affairs Manager, Osman Lahai, who was the chair-

man of the occasion, gave a synopsis of the importance of ATS' donation to the educational center. He commented that the donation from ATS to Ruby Rose was in the right direction. He further added that donating laptop computers to Ruby Rose Library and Education Centre emancipates, empowers, and exposes the trainees or learners to various ways of accessing information through technology. The Director of the Library extolled ATS for being the first outsider to provide support to the institution.





## ATS Marampa ties up with Maria Ines Vocational Training Institute in Lunsar

Project: Marampa Mines

Prior to the opening of Marampa Mines, ATS had already made a hallmark in the annals of Lunsar community and its immediate environs more especially during the London Mining days. On realizing ATS was back again with its passion for community programs, Maria Ines Vocational Training Institute, a community-based women's vocational center wasted no time in enhancing partnership with ATS. It offered the institute the opportunity to present ten (10) female students from the institute to undergo a 3-month internship training with ATS. Practical training sessions were organized for these students to enable them to acquire the best skills that will make them fit in any society. The students did their internship training in catering, and janitorial services, under the supervision of Peter Munyori (Executive Chef), Samir Debnath, (Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor). Project Managers, Jai Joy and David Dcrux equally supported the exercise to the fullest. The exercise was climaxed by a certification ceremony which was witnessed by ATS Country Manager, Biju Bhasi, and client's senior representatives.

The successful completion of this training culminated in a meeting between the Director of Maria Ines, Rev. Sister Sandra Marie, ATS Country Manager, Biju Bhasi and Project Manager, David Dexter Dcrux. At the meeting Bhasi reiterated ATS' commitment to providing the platform for trainees to acquire practical knowledge. He reaffirmed ATS' commitment to of initiating a scholarship program for the under-privileged.





## ATS participates in the third-anniversary celebration of Karen Baird Orphanage

Project: Sierra Rutile Ltd

Since ATS began its facilities management services with Sierra Rutile Ltd years back it has been giving assistance or support in one way or the other to the Karen Baird Orphanage in Moribatown mainly to bring hope, health, education, and safety to the children of Moribatown and other surrounding communities.

As usual, ATS participated in the third-anniversary celebration of Karen Baird Orphanage. The colorful event took place on the 28th of December 2022 and was attended by ATS Project Manager, Subash Gomez, and other senior management teams.

Also, in attendance were Sierra Rutile Ltd Chief Operation Officer-COO (Eben Lombard), Mineral Separation Plant Manager (Senesie Kallon), and the Risk Manager, (Hendrik Coetzee). The traditional authorities, religious leaders, the media, and other key stakeholders were in attendance.

ATS provided free meals for the 250 orphans. The Director of the orphanage, Pastor Francis Rogers, welcomed everyone and expressed his appreciation to especially ATS Sierra Leone Ltd, for its continued support for the orphanage. The COO of Sierra Rutile Ltd, Eben Lombard thanked ATS for the support they have been showcasing towards the growth and development of the orphanage and the Moribatown community as a whole.

ATS Sierra Rutile Project Manager, in his concluding remarks, assured the orphanage of ATS' recurrent support for the orphanage to sustain its operations.



# ZAMBIA





## ATS Zambia Ltd, and Mabiza support Nansenga combined school with laboratory glassware

Project: Munali Nickel Mine - Mabiza Resources

Munali Nickel Mine, and ATS Zambia Ltd joint community support programs have supported efforts that seek to ensure that schools in rural communities meet their fundamental learning requirements and make tangible progress in advancing inclusivity in formal education. We support good practice in inclusive education for schools that lack the basic facilities for learning. Nansenga Combined School is one such institution. As part of its efforts towards educational development within the local community, ATS Zambia Ltd and Mabiza Resources donated science Laboratory equipment to Nansenga Secondary School on the 22nd February 2022. The laboratory glass wear was handed down from the mine laboratory. The items donated included Beakers, Measuring Cylinders, Round Bottomed Flasks, Conical Flasks, and Large Storage bottles. Nansenga Secondary school is currently constructing its laboratory which is 70 percent nearing completion. The handover ceremony was graced by the District Education Board Secretary, Mrs Rose Lweendo Nyoni, Nansenga School Management School Staff, Mabiza CSI, and ATS team led by Selina Kanyuka Nyirenda (Community Liaison Officer), and Enock Kawadza (Community Liaison Officer) respectively.

the students learning burdens. We promised to work together in engaging local schools in a variety of community activities.



The District Education Board Secretary Rose Lweendo Nyoni applauded the gesture and further encouraged the team to continue supporting local schools as they are facing a range of challenges in their day-to-day running's and further said the donated materials would be a good start up to ease





## Mabiza-ATS plan trees at Mugoto basic school

Project: Mabiza Resources- Munalí Nickel Mine

Mugoto Basic School is the nearest school for most of the community children. It is estimated that with the current indiscriminate destruction of the trees within Mugoto and other surrounding community trees could be gone in the next decade. Mabiza CSI, and ATS have committed to reforest the community including households and schools. As part of the plan we have opted to sensitize and train school pupils on the importance of conserving and preserving trees for future generations. On 4th March 2022 ATS and Mabiza partnered and planted fifty eucalyptus trees at Mugoto Basic school as part of the 500 trees targeted to be planted in 2022. Present for the exercise were Selina Nyirenda Kanyuka (Mabiza Resources Ltd Community Liaison Officer), Enock Kawadza (Community Liaison Officer), Aston Mononoki (ATS Quality Health and Safety Officer), and Absolom Phiri (Mugoto School Headmaster). After receiving the seedlings for planting, the deputy head for Mugoto Basic School, Edward Mwiinga, appreciated the gesture and advised the pupils to take good care of the trees to ensure they grow for the intended purpose. He further advised Mabiza, and ATS to continue with their tireless efforts in protecting the environment.



## ATS and Trident Foundation Limited (TFL) partner in supporting Kwimika Mwishindu women group

Project: First Quantum Minerals- Kalumbila Minerals (KLM)

Approximately 25 women constitute the Kwinuka Mwinshindu Women Group. The women group is the second group among other groups benefiting from the Trident Foundation Limited micro financing scheme to be integrated into the ATS ready market scheme for produce from community farmers. The first group was Kundezhi Multipurpose Women Group. The Kwimika Mwinshindu Women Group has been mobilized as part of the livelihood project aimed at empowering women to mitigate poverty within the Musele Chiefdom. Trident Foundation, and ATS have helped the women group through training and development programs mainly to equip them with entrepreneurial skills so that they could have access to loan facilities. Now the group has been able to procure three (3) harmer mills for the production of roller maize meal, breakfast maize meal, and maize sample primarily for sale to the open market including ATS as its main target market. ATS has endeavored to provide packaging solutions that has improved the products to become

more attractive to consumers. As a member of the Musele Chamber of Commerce, ATS envisages to engaging the chamber of commerce to tap into these local products in support of the local women. This would then translate into more overwhelming demand for the products and subsequently increase supply to enable the women to service the loan and obtain surplus for recapitalization and further empowerment. Currently the group produces 3 brands such as the roller maize meal, maize sample, and breakfast.





## ATS mobilizes community banana farmers into co-operatives

Project: Kalumbila Minerals (KML)

Supporting Local Business Development in the host community is a key objective of ATS Legacy. At the beginning of 2022, Chowwe, and Kabombu communities were reached out purposely to mobilize local banana farmers into cooperatives that will be linked to Trident Foundation for a supply of banana to ATS.

The Swamps of Kabompo river around these two communities are occupied with banana plantations. Allterain Services (ATS) in Kalumbila-working together with the Trident Foundation Limited (TFL) has been pressing on increasing local-local business and encourage local participation in the supply chain. Four (4) women's groups consisting of five members each have been identified to participate in the supply of local bananas to ATS. A total of twenty (20) women have been mentored on how to season their local-bananas and grade them for the ready market at ATS. Issues of Quality, Health, Safety, and Environmental (QHSE) management were facilitated among the farmers. This included how to weigh and package their produce for the market. The Agricultural Extension Officer,



John Phiri, from the Ministry of Agriculture appreciated the gesture by ATS and TFL in promoting local business development among the locals within the mining catchment zone. The common challenge however was identified to be that of ripening the bananas. The process of ripening the bananas is natural and slow to meet the demands. However, the groups were encouraged to create a bulking center for the purpose of aggregating ripped bananas. Once successful with this local business development, ATS is offering 1.5 tons banana market share on monthly standing orders. After the construction of the farm, the handing over of the project to the women took place on September 30, 2021, by the Project Manager, Ahmed Djouder. In attendance to grace the occasion were Nabassaga Manierata, Riverstone Karma SA's Women Empowerment Officer, and the project beneficiaries. Ahmed Djouder, (ATS Project Manager) urged the women to make this project a success story by accelerating its growth. The women's president, Ganamé Mariam, thanked ATS on behalf of the women's group and suggested that the realization of this project represents a hope in the quest for empowerment of the women of Nogo.





## ATS Kalumbila Minerals consolidates partnership with local, and global institutions through participation in livelihood enhancement community programs

Project: Kalumbila Minerals (KML)

It is contained on the Kalumbila District Agriculture Calendar to host a collaborative Field Days once every year. This is done in consultation with the Show Association of Zambia. This year's event was the second to be hosted by Trident Foundation and other participating companies among them are the input suppliers, and the financing companies. The event was hosted at the Kalumbila Airport demo Plot implemented by TFL and its collaborating partners. The event attracted nine (9) more participating companies compared to the previous and first year when only 9 companies participated in the event. A total number of eighteen (18) companies showed up this year and ATS was not left out. ATS was at the event to consult with the community in solidarity of the calendar day and delivered a speech in support of smart agriculture as a solution to climate change in line with the theme of the event "Support Smart agriculture." ATS encouraged farmers to grow high value crops and take advantage of the local market such as ATS, Chopies, and other Mine Markets. ATS developed flyers and distributed to key stakeholders as promotional materials. The District Commissioner gave a good political will from the government in support of Smart Agriculture. He encouraged all

participating companies to initiate smart agriculture projects that will be sustainable. The Area Member of Parliament announced through his professional assistant, that the Famer Support Program (FSP) is being modified to include Support for farmers producing fruits and vegetables. The next Planned District Agriculture event under the Ministry of Agriculture is the Kalumbila Min Expo which comes in October 2022.





## ATS participates in a consultative meeting for Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) organized by Solidaridad and Zambia Bureau of Standards

Project: Munali Nickel Mine

The Zambia Bureau of standards specifies the requirements for responsible procurement of inputs, safe production, handling and marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables and the preparation and development of the standard necessitated the need to have a frame work for addressing basic conditions needed to address contaminants of food safety and to enable farmers achieve a greater access to markets by abiding standards set out in the document, as required by retailers and buyers of which ATS is a partner. Solidaridad is an international Non- Governmental Organization which has been supporting local community farmers supplying fruits and vegetables to ATS ad therefore invited it to make contribution and submission on the creation of the standard since ATS empowers local Fruits and Vegetable Farmers. The consultative meeting was held on the 8th August 2022, in Lusaka and the event was graced by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Green Mbozi and various agriculture stakeholders including Heifer international, Oxfam , Mochipapa Research , Commercial Farmers Union , Ministry of Agriculture, Marketeers Association of Zambia, One Acre Fund, Catholic Resources Services among others. ATS Zambia was represented by Enock Kawadza, Community Liaison Officer for Mabiza Resources Project. In his remarks the agriculture permanent secretary emphasized that the code of practice was to promote the skill and experience in a sensible way on producing fruits and vegetables that are safe and of the highest quality in an environmentally friendly manner.





## MRL, and ATS carry out environmental awareness sensitization with community local schools

Project: Munali Nickel Mine

Environmental awareness is a concept of understanding how our behaviour impacts the environment and committing to making changes to our activities to protect the planet. In recent years ATS, and MRL have prompted many people to make both minor and substantial lifestyle changes to live in a more environmentally friendly way. In this regard, ATS partnered with Mabiza Resources Limited in sensitizing the local community schools on preserving and conserving the environment namely Kasaka Community School, Buche Buche Community School, Chin'gan'gauka Basic School, and Nansenga Combined School. The awareness program was conducted on 26th July 2022 and to make the awareness program colorful the two institutions provided the participants from each school with printed world environment day T-shirts for all the participants from all the targeted schools and donating nicely labeled domestic refuse bins for each school. The awareness program attracted and drew the attention of all the School Managers and the members of staff from various schools and the event was graced and spiced up with different activities with an environmental awareness content in the form of poetry, plays and speeches. In their various remarks, the school managers emphasized the need for pupils and members of staff to take care of the environment not just at school but even at their various communities for the benefit of the

future generations. In representing ATS, the community Liaison Officer Enock Kawadza emphasized the importance of conserving and preserving the environment and outlined the negative effects of not taking care of our local environment.





## ATS supports Eco Charcoal Making Training Project initiated by the Environmental Department of FQM-Trident Mine Ltd

The eco charcoal production project is being piloted by the environmental department of the FQM-Trident Mine Limited. The project had initially 10 community members being trained to be trainers of other community members in the process of making eco charcoal. The challenge has been how to roll out the training into the community to reach more people with the skill transfer demonstrations on how to make this ECO charcoal as well as how to secure market support for the produce. ATS as a strategic partner was involved in ensuring that the training is rolled out to 6 communities targeting an initial number of 60 community members. As part of its contribution, ATS provided training participants with information on packaging materials and market linkages. ATS also provided logistic support

for the communities earmarked for the project. The training was centrally carried out at Kisasa secondary school. Speaking at the training was Micheal Besa the FQM-Trident Mine's Environmental Specialist who thanked ATS for its support since the project was rolled out. He also used this opportunity to request ATS to consider offering market support for the ECO charcoal. ATS Community Liaison Manager, Mwape Kabwela, assured the participants of market support for the produce. He also added that ATS would offer initial packaging materials that will attract other markets such as chain stores for the produce. A community trainer of trainers and a cooperative member Mubanga Mulenga thanked FQM-Trident Mine, environment department for the initiative and ATS for its viable support.





## Local farmers benefit from the peer exchange program

Project: Kalumbila Minerals (KLM)

ATS Legacy Program mostly adopts practical tools to foster knowledge exchange and learning programs. The Local farmers in Kalumbila Minerals Ltd have benefited from the peer exchange program, organized by ATS with support from its working partners. Thus, a consortium of local farmers within Copperbelt and Northwestern Province was mobilized for a visit or tour to Kasumbalesa open market. The purpose of the tour help farmers have first-hand information on the production, packaging, transportation, and sale of agric produce to the market. Working partners such as Prospero Zambia and Mopani Coppermine of Copperbelt gave their commitment to whip up the interest of the farmers. For Mopani Copper Mine this was part of their Local Business Development, For Prospero, this venture was part of the Information dissemination and need Assessment, For ATS this was part of meeting input suppliers and other aggregators that can support the local farmers. For the local farmers, this was part of their initial stages to submit ideas on best practices that could replicate the success stories that the local farmers could learn from.

The Exchange visit incorporated the tour of the Kasumbalesa open market, where all participating local farmers were privileged to meet the successful Kasumbalesa border fruit and vegetable association as well as the Kasumbalesa tomatoes traders' association. This exposure provided information on how to secure market linkages to the international market of DRC.

The participating local farmers were curious to know how to become a trader to boost their income and grow their farming from being a local farmer to doing farming as a business. The eventful activity culminated in an opinion-forming one-day meeting held at Nkana Golf Club in Kitwe. This closure meeting incorporated Business to Business interactions between the local farmers, the lending institution (bank representatives), the input providers, and major chain stores (Shoprite, PickNPay, and ATS as major aggregators). The B2B interaction was to coin ideas in the participating Local Famers that will form an opinion around two capacity areas. -Establish the required volumes by the aggregator so as to plan on the production calendar that will meet the local market demand and estimate the surplus which could be floated to the international market such as the Kasumbalesa border market. -Establish the financial gaps that the local farmers have and develop a financing system that will support the local farmer's growth. And the benefits were that all participating parties secured some good relationship with the other. A key partner in the name of IDC Fruit Factory in Mwinilunga has been identified from this interaction. The way forward from this interaction is that the local farmers should be given the opporutnity to visit the Mwinilunga fruit and Vegetable processing company in a quest to secure a market opportunity.





## ATS partners Solidaridad in training women farmers on avocado seedlings grafting in Nega Nega community

Project: Munali Nickel Mine

Grafting of fruit trees enhances plant productivity; that is improving the yield and fruit quality while at the same time extending the life span of the plants.

On 5th November 2022, Solidaridad and ATS organized a training program on plant grafting for women in Nega Nega community.

The training focused on good practices of grafting avocado seedlings. The training was organized jointly with Solidaridad team, the Ministry of Agriculture, Mabiza Resources Ltd, and ATS Zambia.

Also, the training was conducted in an effort to help local farmers diversify their operations with improved agriculture practices. ATS provided meals, water, and snacks for the 40 people who attended the training. In his remarks, Vincent Mofya, Solidaridad Fruit and Vegetable Field Manager explained that in modern horticulture, grafting is being used for a variety of purposes such that it helps repair injured fruits while strengthening plant resistance and infectious diseases.

He added that grating and most importantly help retain varietal characteristics that can as well make fruit tree plants adapt to adverse soil and climate

conditions and further emphasized the participants to take a keen interest in learning the process and putting it into practice.

On behalf of the women's group, Finness Michelo thanked the Ministry of Agriculture, and organizations present for the training and further explained that it was good to learn new methods of horticulture which would enable them to increase production



# IVORY COAST





## ATS carries out COVID-19 vaccination campaign

Project: Endeavour Mining - Société des mines d'ity ITY

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life globally and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health. The devastating impact of the pandemic still rings in the minds of everyone everywhere. A combined effort by global health experts to find vaccine for the pandemic has minimized the spread of the pandemic. Thus, a large share of the world needs to be immune by taking the vaccination. But it's surprising most people remain adamant and for reasons best known to them have vowed not to take the vaccine against the pandemic. ATS in collaboration with ITY Community Health Agents carried out a COVID-19 vaccination campaign within the community to disabuse the propaganda and philosophies that have characterized resistance and unwillingness in taking the jabs. The campaign was carried out on 8th March 2022 to sensitize citizens on the need to take the jab. The objective was to curb the spread of the virus to help the community people live virus free lives. The campaign was executed in the local dialect to get the attention of all and sundry to

participate in the vaccination without hesitation. It is worth noting that smallholder farmers, ATS certified vendors and various community stakeholders eagerly participated in the vaccination. A total of 35 people were vaccinated against the virus. The leader of the ITY Health Agent, Tieu Jean Marc, expressed his gratitude to ATS for its support for community programs. He advised those who failed to take the jab to freely move to the vaccination centres for the vaccination.



## Hoodies for school kids to minimize harmattan impact

Project: Perseus Mining Ltd-Perseus Mining Sissingué

Harmattan is a dry, windy, and dusty season experienced between November and March every year in West Africa. It is a period characterized by excessive sneezing, cough, catarrhal, and even nasal bleeding as well as skin damages. During this period skin of the hand, lips, and feet have less oil which makes them highly vulnerable to cracks and skin tearing. To care for these some spending has to be made on creams, and lotions to humidify the feet and the skin. Apart from the damaging impact the season has on human anatomy, it's a season we mostly experience child truancy in school. Children mostly run away from school or even do not step foot on school compounds due to the negative impact the season has on children. One way we could encourage children to stay in school during such season is to provide them with hoodies for body warmth, and also help them withstand the windy weather.

ATS considering the severity of the harmattan season, on the 27th January, donated hoodies to over 70 school children at École Primaire Publique Trougouso, located in the Kanangono Community. The donation brought a lot of smiles on the faces of the children, teachers, and parents. The Project Manager, Saibal Bhaduri, presented these items on behalf of ATS. The headmaster of the school, Soro Songuimafolo, was thankful to ATS for its commitment in promoting education in rural communities.





## Ediwou-Nawoulè association starts its first harvest of off-season crops

Project: Allied Gold Mining-Bonikro Gold Mine

In 2021, ATS legacy set up and supported Ediwou-Nawoulè association in various ways including the donation of farming inputs to facilitate the extension of a garden project and the introduction of other crop varieties. The association has ventured into the production of off-season crops to augment production gaps during the dry season. One of the off-season crops, tomatoes which is mostly consumed by ATS, and the general populace was selected for production. It is laudable to note that almost one ton of tomatoes has been harvested since the begging of 2022. One notable challenge with this off-season cropping faced by the association is their inability to access water for crop irrigation. Steps are being taken by the ATS management team to resolve the irrigation challenge so that farmers will not lose out on their sweat when there is persistent drought.

The farmers were very delightful with ATS intervention of engaging them in an income generating activity during the off-season and remarked that they would work harder to ensure quantifiable results are obtained even as ATS strives to invest in bettering the lives of the farmers.



## Zego women receive training on muffin and street food making technics

Project: Allied Gold Mining-Agbaou Gold Operation

Every year, 9th December is celebrated across Ivory Coast as a national day dedicated to pastry. The day is celebrated with zeal and excitement and ATS seized the opportunity to train a group of women from Zégo community and street food sellers, on the technics of making muffins and mini pies. The training was aimed at equipping the food vendors with requisite culinary skills in pastry preparations to meet professional standards. The trainer, Yéhoué

Paul, an ATS Chef, took participants through the session with hands-on experience as seen in the picture below. The session was very interactive as the vendors could freely ask questions for clarity and further understanding. At the end of the training, the women through a representative expressed their gratitude to ATS for the opportunity offered to them to upgrade their culinary kills in pastry preparation.





## Tree planting project in Akakro

Project: Yaoure Gold Mine

Planting trees is one of the best ways of combating continual degradation of the environment. Tree planting also helps to combat global warming which has been a general phenomenon. One-time ATS made bare the idea of planting mango trees to the chiefs and people of Akakro, a project affected community within the community catchment zone of Perseus Yaore Gold Mine. They welcomed the idea and without hesitation released a piece of land (1 hectre) for the project. ATS started the mobilization process to have the project started as sched-

uled. Arrangements were made with the Ministry of Agriculture for the supply of the seedlings. In March 2022, the people of Akakro mobilized themselves for the planting of the trees. So far one hundred mango fruit trees have been planted. As a results of repeated attacks on the crops by animals from the community a security system has been put in place by encircling each trunk (fences) to prevent goats from gnawing the bark of the plants. Plans are underway to replicate the tree planting program in other surrounding communities.





## Support for interschool tournament

Project: Sissingue Gold Mine

ATS provides underprivileged children in rural communities with access to learning materials, and support for athletic programs. This helps create the learning environment for marginalized children in deprived community schools everywhere, every time.

There have been instances where books, furniture, and other learning materials have been donated to deprived schools in rural communities. Most formal educational institutions use interschool tournaments as a means to uncover or unveiled talents of school children and build on them.

The 2022 Kanakono interschool tournament was organized with an appeal by the organizers to ATS for support to promote the program. In response ATS donated footballs, winning trophies, school bags, wall clocks, umbrellas etc to the organizing team for distribution to deserving athletes.

The Mayor for Kanakono community, Konaté Issa, on behalf of the school authorities thanked ATS for its support throughout the tournament. He indicated that ATS has been of immense help to the schools in rural communities within the Perseus Sissingue gold mine community catchment zone and appealed to other contractors on site to emulate ATS examples.





## Market garden project with the Anouanze Group at Yobouékro

Project: Yaoure' Gold Mine

In Yobouekro, ATS mobilized individual farmers, whose production could not yield commercial quantity into a bigger force for production. The organized farmer group is called **Anouanze Group**. It has a total membership of six (6). As part of its legacy proposals for 2022, ATS organized individual farmers from Yobouekro and engaging in market garden production. These farmers were provided with improved seeds, such as Tomato, Eggplant, Eggplant, pepper, Cucumber, and Parsley. Currently 1 hectre of land is cleared for the vegetables production. ATS has also given out insecticide, and fertilizer to the farmers for production. To optimize their farming activities and also ensure all year-round production, ATS plans to give the farmers a water pump machine for irrigation during the dry season. The president of the farmer group, KOUA Konan Frederique has assured ATS and other stakeholders of sustaining the vegetable's project since its their hope of livelihood. In another development ATS has mobilized 6 women from Kouakougnanou community into a co-operative, called GROUPE EBOEKOUN, and has engaged them into cassava farming. For a start the group has cultivated 1 hectre cassava farm details of this would be published in our next publication





## ATS succeeds recycling food wastes into organic fertilizers

Project: Société des Mines d'ITY

As part of its environmental strategic framework to reduce waste build within its working environment, it has been ATS mission to convert food waste resource into nutrient fertilizer to build up healthy soils which grow rich foods. The objective was to support Société des mines d'ity (ITY) project affected community farmers to produce bio fertilizer for use in their farms. In 2021 ATS produced and distributed over 2 tons of bio-fertilizer among over 300 farmers. This support for farmers helps boost production in their farming activities. It has been the vision of ATS to continue with the project every year, and therefore produced 2 tons of bio-fertilizer and distributed among farmers in the 2022 farming season. ATS Project Manager, Frans Butler, donated the fertilizer to the farmers on 24th August 2022. He assured them of ATS support for farming activities every year so as to enhance their livelihood. The

chief for Meantou, Kouemi Jeannot, on behalf of VAH-WODO Group (Fruits and Vegetables Producers), thanked ATS for sustainable corporate social responsibility programs for the communities. He assured ATS farmers would use the fertilizer for the intended purpose to increase higher productivity.





## ATS surprises Bonikro women's association on Mother's Day celebration.

Project: Bonikro Gold Mine

Mother's Day is the chosen occasion to tell women how important they are to their family, communities, country of resident, and the world at large and thus appreciating them for their life. On the Mother's Day celebration in 2022 (14th May), ATS paid tribute to brave and gallant women, from Bonikro community, who have mobilized resources and engaged in socio-economic activities for their own welfare and others. Thus, on June 2nd, a delegation from ATS led by its Project Manager, Dipayan Mukherjee, met the women group at Bonikro community and thanked them for all their efforts, and collaborations for the past years. As part of our appreciation ATS donated a loincloth suit each to the 11 women. It was a glorious day, for the women were highly impressed for the long-standing partnership between ATS and the Bonikro women. They assured ATS of sustaining the partnership as far it continues its operations there.



## ATS supports farmers in Sissingué with working materials

Project: Sissingué Gold Mine

ATS has made it a habit to support farmers in promoting their farming activities, especially during the rainy season. On the 30th of July 2022, it donated, 24 Machetes, and 15 pair of plastic boots to Binkadi Women's Association in Sissingué as a way to give a push to their activities. The association is engaged in the production of Tomatoes, cabbage, carrots, corn, cotton. Present for the donation were Mrs. Sangaré Kepory, and Ouattara Mariam, who received the items on behalf of the group. The two thanked ATS for the donation and assured it of using them for the intended purpose.





## Bonikro primary school toilets fully rehabilitated

Project: Bonikro Gold Mine

When it comes to thinking about how to get more children into school, few people think about toilets where pupils relieve, and clean themselves after nature's call. Toilets availability can encourage children, especially girls, to attend school and complete their education. The lack of adequate toilets in schools threatens millions of children's education in urban and rural communities, they are at risk of falling ill due to poor hygiene and therefore do not attend school, and the risks are even higher for girls. ATS ESG Legacy is very conscious of such a situation wherever it operates and has set itself the goal of rehabilitating Bonikro community elementary school toilets. These toilets were in a very advanced state of disrepair, with no door, clogged pipes, and non-existent water pipes and valves, and were out of use for three years according to the school management. Today, thanks to ATS ESG Legacy, we can say that all this, is a thing of the past. ATS has constructed a new plumbing system, replaced all doors, repaired all water closets, installed new hand-washing basins, maintained all cracks in the building, and finally painted the whole building to maintain

its structural integrity. Indeed, within a month and a half ATS maintenance team was able to rehabilitate the thirteen (13) toilets grouped in one building for the Bonikro elementary school. The rehabilitated toilets' official handover took place on November 8th to the admiration of pupils, school management, and guests, who could not hide their joy.





## ATS community literacy program receives a rousing welcome

Project: Yaoure' Gold Mine

Our world is in constant transformation and therefore every change requires an educational process involving everyone. This is why it is necessary to build an "educational village" where we share, in diversity, the commitment to create a network of human and open relationships through practice and learning. However, the rapidly changing global context has taken on a new meaning in recent years by, among other things, impeding the progress of global literacy learning efforts.

The impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the right to education is being felt around the world and especially in the conduct of educational programs. This is why, in the aftermath of this pandemic, it is urgent to rethink the importance of learning spaces to strengthen resilience and ensure inclusive education in rural communities. Thus, ATS has set up a literacy program for adults in Angovia, and Allaoubazi communities within Perseus Yaouré Mine. This will be extended to Akakro, Yobouékro, and Kouakou Gnanou communities after the first phase.

Target beneficiaries were engaged in a series of meetings to facilitate the process. The program started in September 2022 with seventy (70) adults mostly women from Angovia, and Allaoubazi communities enrolled.

ATS provided for each beneficiary learning materials such as reading books, exercise books, rulers, erasers, pens, and pencils. Meanwhile, the program will last for 6 months, participants would be graduated, and a new set of adults will be rolled in for the next session. ATS has engaged facilitators who will contribute to the fulfillment of this vision.





## Anouanze group market garden project at Yobouékro brings smiles to farmers faces

Project: Yaoure' Gold Mine

The story of Anouanze Group Market Garden Project at Yobouékro popped up in ATS Legacy Q3 Publication, where ATS mobilized individual farmers, whose production could not yield commercial quantity into a bigger force for production. The farmers were provided with improved seeds, such as Tomato, Eggplant, Eggplant, pepper, Cucumber, and Parsley to optimize their farming activities and also ensure all year-round production. They have harvested 2 tons of tomatoes so far. Other produce such as Eggplant, Eggplant, pepper, Cucumber, and Parsley will also soon be ready for harvesting. ATS plans to give the farmers a water pump machine for irrigation during the dry season to sustain their production.





## ATS donates books to Lafigué, and Oualéguéra community primary schools

Project: Société Des Mines De Lafigué

The beginning of every academic year has always been appreciated in different ways by pupils, and parents. While some parents find it a great pleasure sending their wards to school, others due to some financial challenges, find it a painful burden to overcome. ATS Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Joseph Badie Zokagon, in one of his interactions with the management of Lafigué, and Oualéguéra community primary schools saw the need to support brilliant but needy pupils with learning materials. ATS, on the 12th and 13th of October, donated learning materials to forty-five (45) deserving pupils in Lafigué, and Oualéguéra Primary Schools.

The package for each school comprises reading books, mathematics books, pens, school bags, etc. Société Des Mines De Lafigué Social Performance Department upheld the move by ATS and fully gave their support. ATS CLO, after the donation, urged the pupils to put the materials to good use to help them achieve their vision in the future.

The school management, parents, pupils, and guests were highly impressed and expressed their gratitude to ATS for the yoo-man job. The school management committee called on other contractors to emulate ATS' example.



# TANZANIA





## Primary school in Songosongo receives twenty-five desks as a donation from ATS

Project: Songosongo Primary School - Kilwa District, Lindi Region - Tanzania

As part of its corporate social responsibilities, ATS Tanzania, donated twenty-five (25) desks to Songosongo Primary School in Kilwa District, Lindi Region of Tanzania. This was after the authorities of the school made an appeal to stakeholders to support the school with desks for use by the children. The chief of the village, Chiku Kombo, made another call on behalf of fellow villagers for more supports for the school after receiving the twenty-five (25) desks from ATS.

The assistant principal of the school, Ally Kalimban-ga, said the desk had come at an opportune time and has assured ATS the facilities would be put to effective use for benefit of the school. After handing over the desk, ATS Tanzania Country Manager, Tahera Yusufali, said it has been ATS vision to promote education in rural communities every-where, every time.



# DRC





## Market garden project for Obianda school in Ungandula

Project: Alphamin Bisie Mining

ATS introduced the school garden concept in 2018 at the Luka primary school, in the Wassa community. This is because market gardening is seen to be the simplest and quickest way to kickstart a farming career in schools. It supported the school with inputs such as seeds for the project. Thus, ATS has planned to replicate a similar market garden project in Obianda school in Ungandula community. So far it has donated seeds such as watermelon, eggplant, and pepper to the school for the project. It has also organized series of agronomic training program for the pupils on how to plant and nurture these vegetables for higher yields. The children are currently on school holidays and will begin the nursery preparation soon after school's resume. School gardening is important for it assists the children in their process of learning both in the classroom and on the field.





## Wassa community schools receive teaching and learning materials from ATS

Project: Alphamin Bisie Mining

Promoting education in communities helps to empower the underprivileged thereby creating opportunities for younger generations to engage in productive socio-economic activities. It helps people to understand the world around them and their role in it. It's on the basis of this that ATS continues to provide diverse support for schools in rural communities. In Wassa, a community within the community catchment zone of Alphamin Bisie Mining, ATS donated learning materials to underprivileged children in Obianda primary school (located in Obianda), and Luka primary school (in Logu) who performed well in their end of term promotion exams. In all 120 pupils, and 7 teachers received these learning materials. Each pupil

received copy books, pencils, and pens. After the donation one could see the garment of joy that the authorities and the school children put on at that moment. After receipt of the items the heads of the two (2) schools, Mitima Maheshe Mamite (Luka Primary School), and Singulabo Cyprien (Obianda Primary School) thanked ATS for its continuous support to promote teaching and learning in rural communities. ATS Community Liaison Officer for Alphamin Bisie Mining, Leandre Bahizire assured the authorities of the 2 school of its continual support and asked the children to put the materials to good learning. "We shall continue to instill the love of learning into the children so that they can contribute meaningfully to society", he added.





## ATS with children of Wangandula and Obianda for Christmas 2022

Project: Alphamin Bisie Mining

Helping the deprived in a significant or meaningful way in terms of peoples' needs such as food, clothing, and love at various levels are to be considered by every individual or group in their operations. ATS does not see charity as a cost to its operations, but rather as a function of good cooperate image building, socially responsible company, as well as charting a path leading to goodwill establishment. On 24th December 2020 ATS Alphamin Bisie organized a Christmas tree for children from Wangandula, and Obianda community primary schools. Items donated to the children included food and footwear (sandals) for use in school. In all 500 children benefited from the Christmas tree celebration. Our show of love for these kids was greatly appreciated by all community stakeholders.



