

- **Artisanal Mining Women's**
- **Empowerment Credit &**
- **Savings Project (AFECCOR)**



The Artisanal Mining Women's Empowerment Credit & Savings project (AFECCOR), supports women and men in artisanal gold mining communities to access savings and credit in an effort to promote entrepreneurship and economic security. The project launched in March 2017, with groups kicking off savings activities in October 2017. AFECCOR is one of the first three projects funded by the European Partnership for Responsible Minerals.

1400

Women and men have signed on to participate

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Village Savings and Loans Associations have been formed

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Community members are trained to provide literacy and financial coaching



Located in Democratic Republic of Congo's northeastern Ituri Province, Mambasa Territory

Our Approach

Women and men participating in the Just Gold project and those in nearby mining communities in Democratic Republic of Congo's Ituri Province are supported by AFECCOR to establish village savings and loans associations.

Members meet regularly to put money into their association's savings and to loan their growing funds to members. In contrast to microfinance institutions, the interest paid on credit goes back into the communal pot so members see their savings increase over time.

The AFECCOR project promotes women's leadership and economic empowerment in their homes, at artisanal mine sites, and in the wider community.

We facilitate sensitization on gender equality and lead discussions with female members of associations and their partners about household finances to challenge traditional stereotypes and gender roles. We provide financial literacy training to women who access credit from their association to undertake new entrepreneurial activities around mine sites.



