

GOLDEN STAR

Local procurement participation

Local procurement → local jobs → local value retention → increased host community benefit.



SDG 8 and 9 for Sustainable economic growth and industrialisation

Target: Increase the integration of small-scale industrial and other enterprises into value chains and markets.

Employment generation and economic development are key benefits of our operations. When local companies have access, and capacity to participate in supply and value chains, local jobs are created, and a greater proportion of the value that our operations bring is retained by host communities. In 2018, 84% of our procurement expenditure was with Ghanaian companies and 11% with local companies (catchment communities)!

In a pilot program in 2015, Golden Star sought expressions of interest from communities local to its Prestea operations that over the subsequent 3 years led to 18 new local companies being formed to supply products and services to our operations. The companies collaborate under an umbrella body (LOCOMS), supply 89 items of heavy equipment to our operations, involve 3 catering businesses, and directly employ over 250 people. The success of the project was recognised at the 2016 Ghana Mining Industry Awards as leading practice in corporate social investment and in 2018 LOCOMS themselves won an award for Mining Supply and Services!

The LOCOMS concept has not only enhanced local employment but has re-invigorated the local economy with over US\$ 27 million in payments made to the local companies since inception. LOCOMS companies have since been invited to bid on jobs in neighbouring west-African nations, and Golden Star has replicated the concept at its most recent Mampon mining project. In 2018 Golden Star was awarded in the field of Local Content at the Ghana Mining Industry awards for its efforts in retaining value locally!