

"Living in Poverty Amidst Plenty:" The Case of Artisanal Miners in Karamoja Region

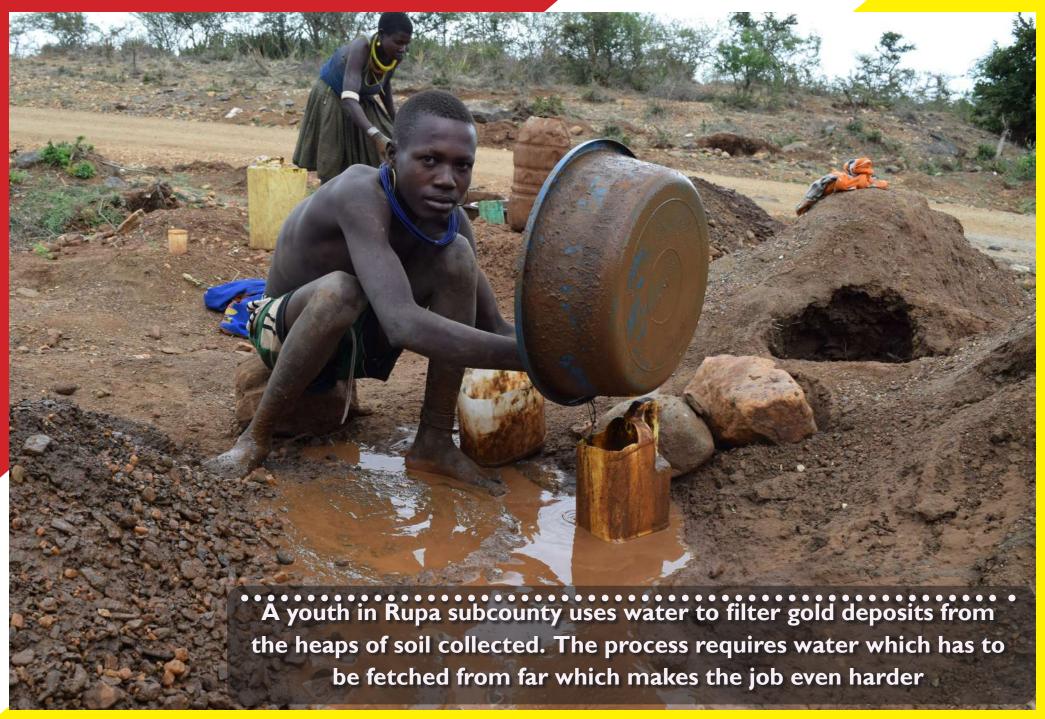
In 2017, a Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability team in the company of the Moroto Natural Resources Officer Mr. Lotiang John and a local opinion leader Mr. Angella Jackson from the Karamoja Miners Association, visited a small scale gold mining area in the district of Moroto district in Rupa sub county. The Photo Essay represents selected pictures from the UCCA engagement with Artisanal Miners in Moroto district.

The small gold mining business in the district is one activity that has become a common household trade in the region. Families including women and children wake up early to try their luck at mining gold. The dangerous activity of artisanal mining including digging tunnels across main roads in search of gold is one that has been accepted as a necessary risk. The pictures in the Photo Essay showcase the activity from the digging, panning through the collected mud and the gold trade market in Rupa sub county in Moroto District.







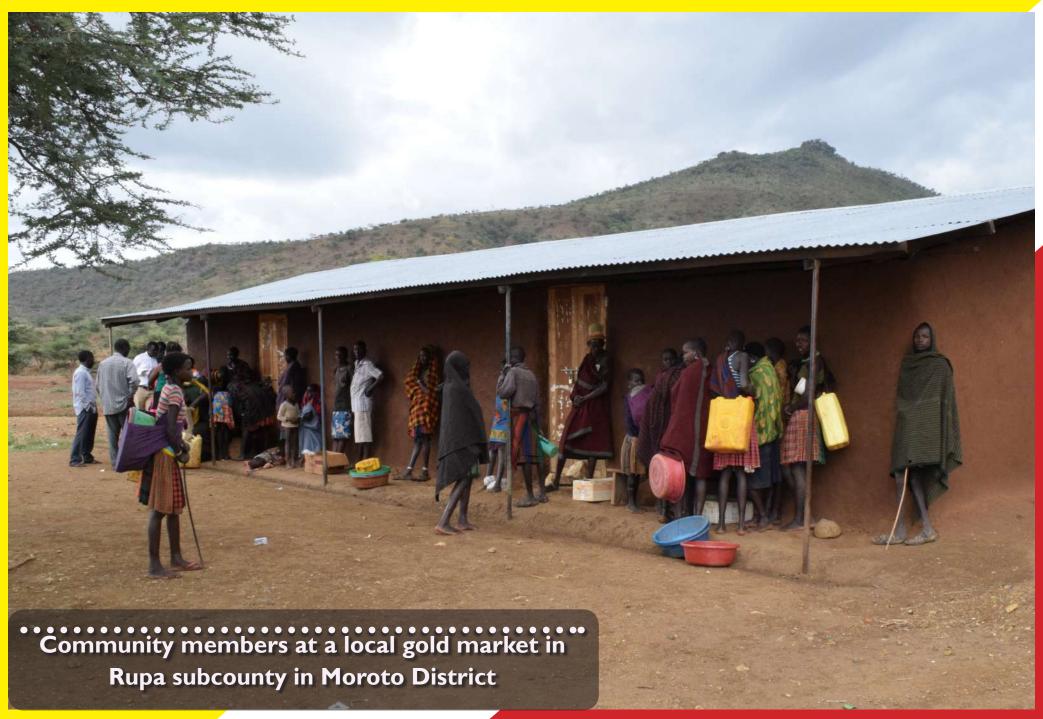










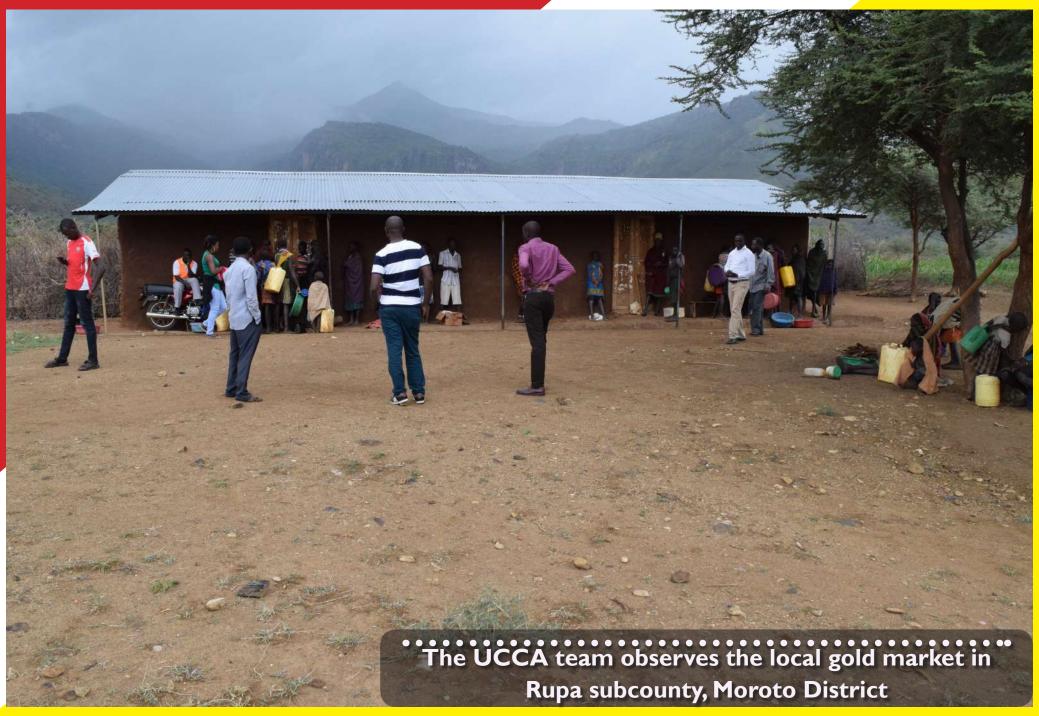










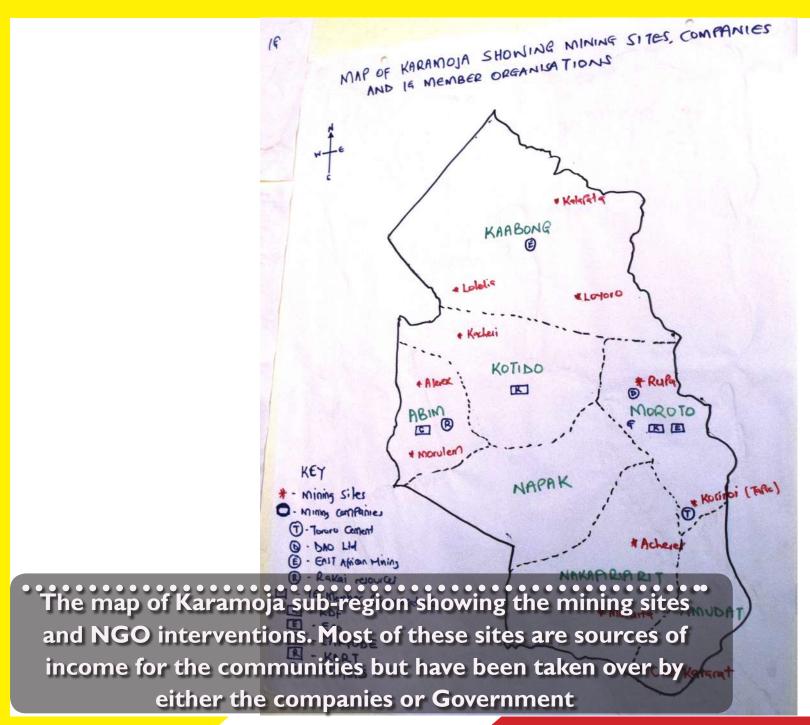














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