

The Client requested KBC to complete an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) of a new gold mine development in south-western Burkina Faso. The mining development will engage opencast techniques with significant possible negative impacts to the environment, relocation of indigenous communities along with infrastructure investments and improved job opportunities for locals.

Our Approach

KBC consultants worked with our client to initially develop an ESIA Scoping Study and Terms of Reference (ToR) before being appointed to undertake a comprehensive ESIA. Our consultants completed a six-week field survey in Burkina Faso and engaged in discussions with the local communities and government officials as part of the ESIA process.

Project Outcomes

KBC produced a comprehensive ESIA in accordance with the statutory environmental permitting and approvals requirements of Burkina Faso, related Burkinabé guidelines on preparation of EIA specifically for the mining sector, the World Bank Safeguard Policies and International Finance Corporation's (IFC) Performance Standards for Social and Environmental Sustainability.

As a testimony to KBC's excellent work, KBC was invited back to revise the ESIA for several newly explored areas with mining potential.