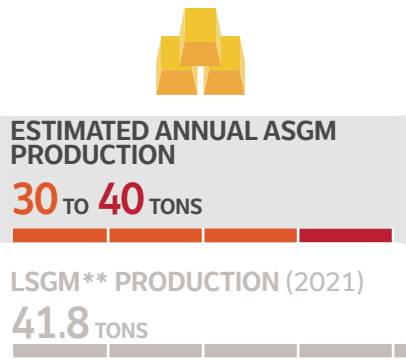


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KEY FACTS

- ESTIMATED VALUE ASGM* PRODUCTION**
\$1.6 BILLION
- ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ASGM MINERS (2014)**
500,000
- NUMBER OF PERMITS GRANTED FOR ARTISANAL MINING OPS**
25
+200 FOR INDUSTRIAL OPS



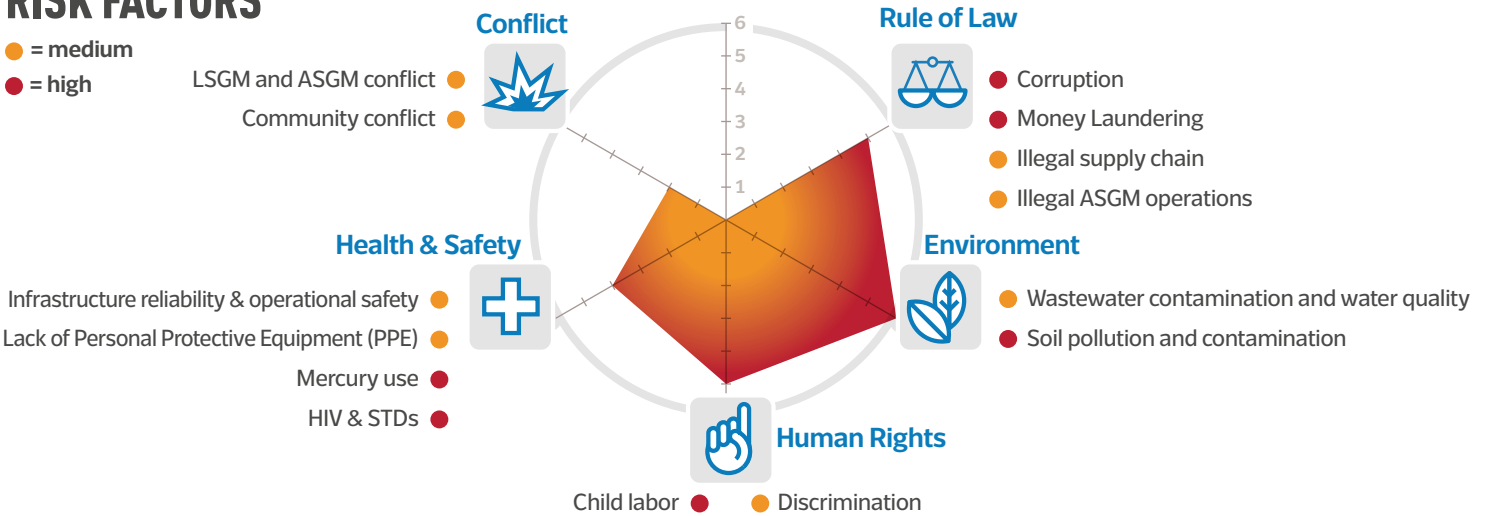
- Highly informal, secretive nature
- Profit margins are tight and **economies of scale are critical** for profitability
- Most Ivorian artisanal gold **is undeclared and untaxed**, and smuggled out
- High and moderate risk** identified in ASGM sector in Côte d'Ivoire

* Artisanal & Small Scale Gold Mining

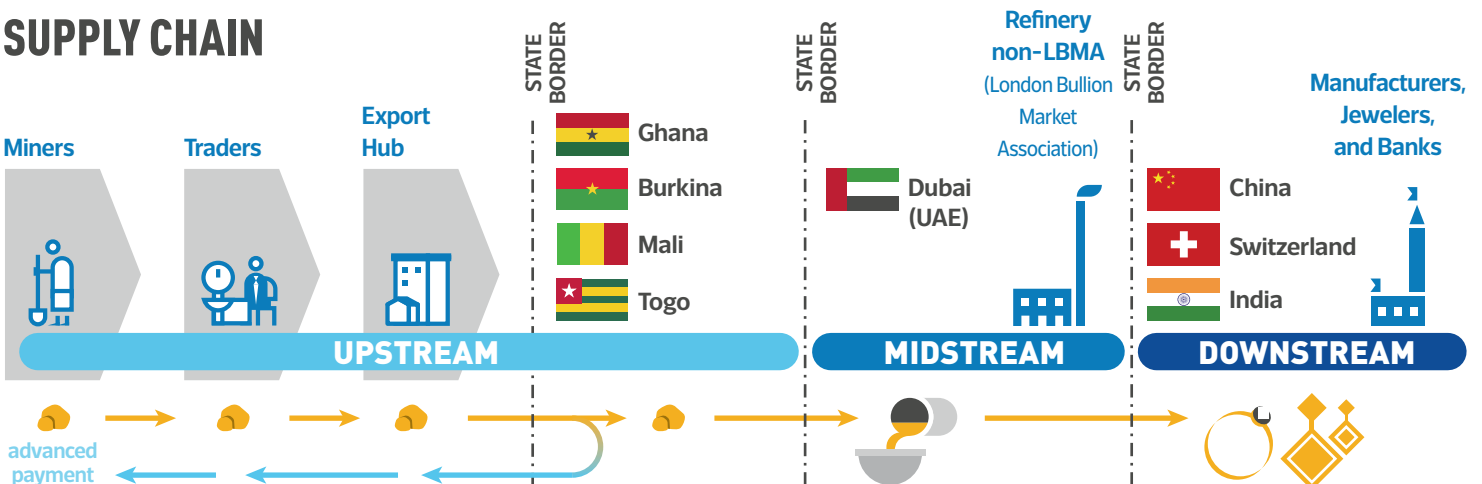
** Large Scale Gold Mining

RISK FACTORS

- = medium
- = high



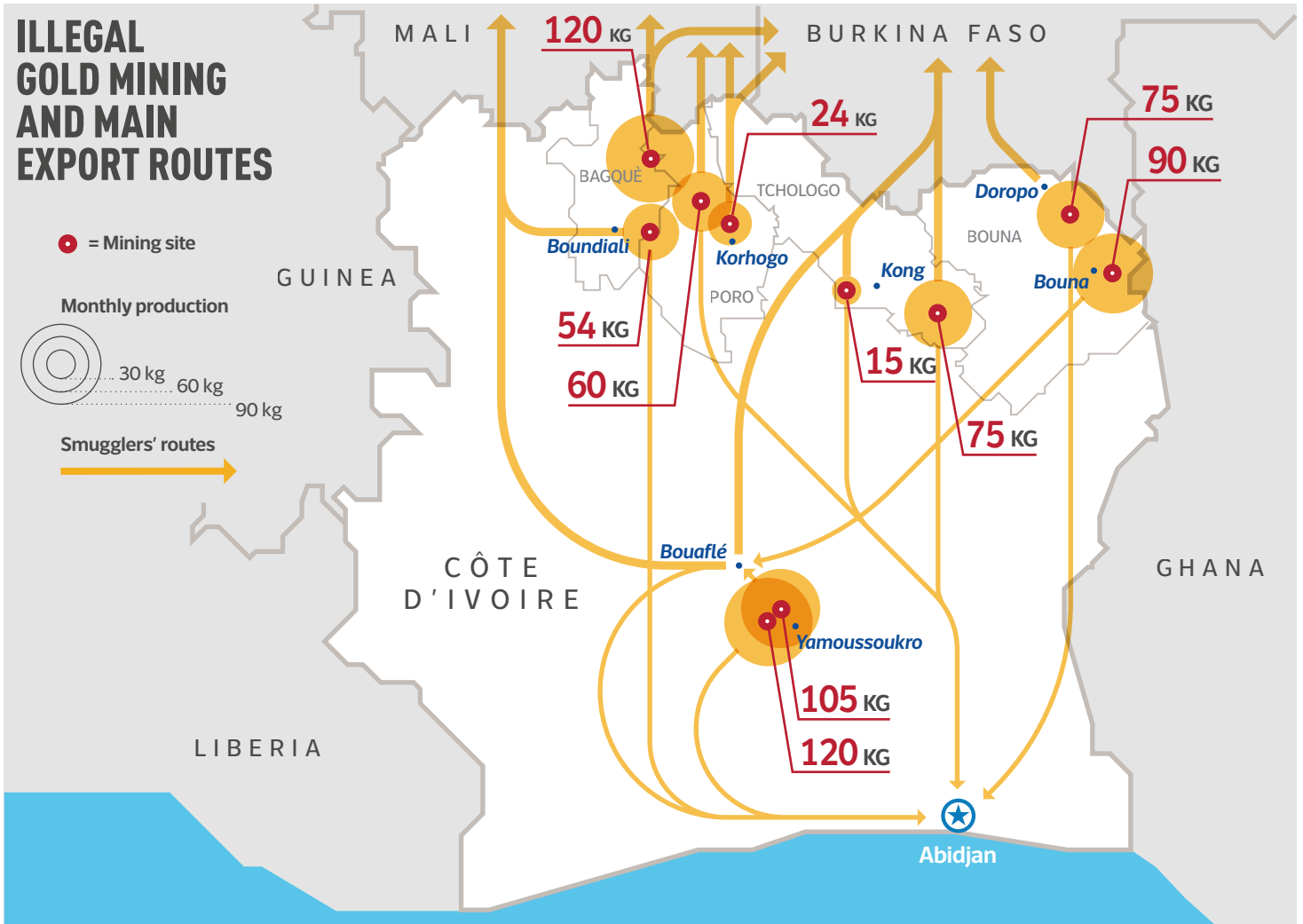
SUPPLY CHAIN



BACKGROUND

This study was commissioned by the USAID-funded project Resilience for Peace implemented by Equal Access International. The report is informed by field-based research involving semi-structured interviews, document reviews, and direct observation conducted from March to May 2022 in Abidjan, Bouake, and in 11 illegal high-production mining sites around Bouna, Kong, Korhogo, Boundiali, and Bouaflé. Over 60 interviews were conducted with multiple stakeholders involved in the ASGM sector, including supply chain actors (miners, local buyers, cooperatives, and exporters), trade associations, local authorities, civil society and international organization representatives, and experts in Ivorian natural resource management. The study focused exclusively on larger ASGM sites with high production, therefore the conclusions are not representative of smaller ASGM sites.

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RISK FACTORS: VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND ILLEGAL AS GOLD MINING

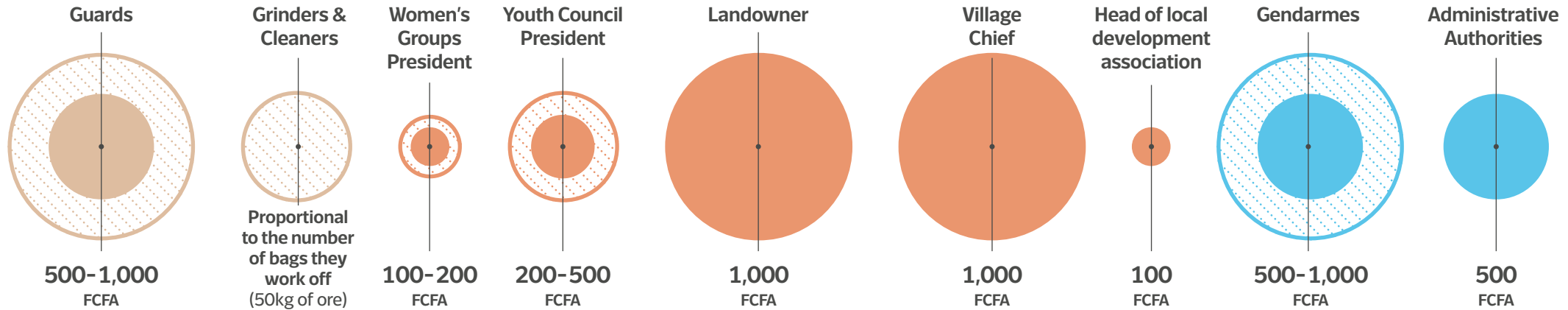
	VEOs possible goals	Connected Risks	Observed in Côte d'Ivoire		
			low	medium	high
 GOLD MINES TO GAIN RESOURCES	Direct and indirect control of gold mines	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			
	Gold mines as target for attacks	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			
	Security of gold mines	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			
	Kidnapping	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #FF8C00;"></div>			
	Gold mines for the supply of explosive devices (IEDs) and a place for training on the use of IEDs	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			▼
 GOLD MINES TO RECRUIT MEMBERS	Precarity of ASGM miners	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			▼
	Frustration against the State	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #DC143C;"></div>			▼
 GOLD TRADE TO GAIN REVENUE	Tax evasion	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			▼
	Money laundering	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #DC143C;"></div>			▼
	Protection money	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90;"></div>			▼



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REVENUE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

per gram of gold produced at the site



STAKEHOLDERS AT MINE SITES

