

# National Mine Surveillance Centre — Ghana's AI-and-Drone Crackdown on Illegal 'Galamsey' Mining

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Ghana

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

## Summary

Ghana's Minerals Commission runs a National Mine Surveillance Centre using drone imagery and AI to target illegal 'galamsey' mining, expanded from a Western Region pilot to Ashanti by 2026, though its Deputy CEO says policy still lags the technology.

## Key dimensions

| Dimension                                  | Score |
|--------------------------------------------|-------|
| Evidence of impact / measured public value | 1/3   |
| Transparency, fairness & accountability    | 1/3   |
| Transferability / demonstrated replication | 1/3   |
| Scalability beyond pilot                   | 2/3   |
| Governance, capability & sustainability    | 1/3   |

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## Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-03

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