

Women-Led Mercury-Free Gold Mining and Reforestation in Peru's Madre de Dios

Gender Equality · Good practice · Peru

Quality score: 70/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

In Peru's Madre de Dios region, women now hold 30% of formalized mining concessions — the country's highest share — with women-led associations like AMATAF adopting mercury-free gold processing and reforesting over 10 hectares with native trees since 2014.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	1/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	0/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Pure Earth Peru, with AMATAF \(Tauro Fátima Artisanal Miners' Association\) and the Women's Artisanal & Small-Scale Mining Network of Madre de Dios](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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[Context News \(Thomson Reuters Foundation\) – In Peru's Amazon, women gold miners ditch toxic mercury](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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