

Mining in Africa: making it a healthy business

- **understanding how the mining sector can contribute to better health services for the poor**

Health Partners International (HPI) and Montrose International, in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), are undertaking an initiative to enhance the way in which mining industry public-private partnerships (PPPs) can strengthen health services for underserved populations in Sub-Saharan Africa. Stakeholders from industry, governments and civil society will be brought together to develop standards to improve the performance of these PPPs

The project has two objectives:

- **To improve the health of poor people in Low Income Countries (LICs) by improving the delivery of quality healthcare.**
- **To enhance both good practice in health programming supported by mining and its public recognition.**

The project will contribute to an enhanced understanding of existing mining health PPPs—what works and why—by creating a consensual framework for the assessment of such initiatives and information on the relative costs and benefits of existing approaches and alternatives. It will build bridges to support the design and management of more effective PPPs, showing that these partnerships go beyond improving the productivity of workers to strengthening community relations, enhancing corporate reputations and creating new standards of practice. Ultimately, this project will demonstrate how counterpart investment can result in improved health outcomes for the poor in the short-term and a legacy of greater health equity in the long-term, culminating in a set of “good practice” proposals for potential co-financing by the HANSHEP group.

This initiative is financed by HANSHEP, a group of development agencies comprising of the Rockefeller and Gates Foundations along with AusAID, DFID, IFC, KfW, USAID, and the World Bank, established in 2010 with the aim of seeking to work with non-state sector in delivering better healthcare to the poor.