Reasons for developing the HIA Guide

As part of ICMM and its members work towards meeting key Sustainable Development Principles:

- To seek continual improvement of our health and safety performance.
- To contribute to the social, economic and institutional development of the communities within which we operate.

Relationship of the HIA Guide to other ICMM Guidance

IICCC's Good Practice Guidance on Health Impact Assessment supports the better consideration of community health and wellbeing and the integration of health assessment with environmental and social assessment for new and existing mining and metals projects.

Innovative Aspects of the Guide

- A flexible and holistic approach to HIA that fits both the developed and developing country contexts of mining and metals projects whilst taking account of current HIA best practice.
- Focus on the social and environmental determinants of health and wellbeing.
- HIA as an iterative process involving both rapid in-house HIAs and independent commissioned rapid/comprehensive HIAs.
- Recommendation to develop causal diagrams to help thinking for both rapid and comprehensive HIAs.
- Guidance on commissioning HIAs and the competencies to look out for in HIA specialists.
- Development of a Hierarchy of Enhancement to stand alongside the widely used Hierarchy of Mitigation.

Next Steps

Translate a summary of the guide into key languages, disseminate the guide to mining and metals companies and follow up on the use of HIA and this guide across the sector.

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