## SMALL-SCALE MINING

LICENSING

**TAXATION** 

**BEST PRACTICES** 

Golda S. Benjamin

#### **Gross Production Value in Mining (in billion pesos)**

Gross Production value in Mining (in billion pesos)					
Types	2010	2011	2012	2013	Q1 2014+
Large Scale Mining (MGB)	69.1 B	88.0 B	97.8 B	99.0 B	21.94 B
Small Scale Gold Mining (BSP)	42.9 B	34.1 B	1.2 B	0.3 B	0.04 B
Non-metallic mining (MGB)	33.3 B	41.1 B	45.6 B	57.8 B	Not yet available

## small-scale mining

✓ extraction of minerals

✓ relies heavily on manual labor

✓ uses simple implements and methods

✓ no explosives or heavy mining equipment

Where are they?

Are they still engaged in small-scale mining?

Who are they working for/working with?

(Why) are they still poor?

### **2015 rules**

1. Small-scale mining can only be undertaken inside a *Minahang Bayan*.

2. Entities must have a small-scale mining contract.

3. Small-scale miners must be registered with the Board.

## 19 Minahang Bayan

# 415 Registered SSM operations

## The Case against Licensing and Registration

- Expensive
- 2. Time-consuming
- 3. Indifferent towards legalization

### Registration

### 2 documents



Licensing

+ 10 documents



Application for a Small-Scale Mining Contract

+ 10 documents

### Financial Obligations

- Income tax
- Special import tax
- Tariff duties
- Value-added tax
- Real Property Tax, if applicable
- Excise tax
- Government production share
- Occupation fee of Fifty Pesos (P50.00) per hectare or a fraction thereof per year

### What works

☐ Minahang Bayanihan: South Cotabato

Mercury-free Mining in Ga-ang, Balbalan

#### **THANK YOU!**

goldabenjamin@gmail.com