



YOUTH INTRUSIONS

A HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN

Masbate experiences intrusions into its mining areas from community members who scavenge for scrap materials and ore, with the active participation of children. This activity poses serious risk of accidents and physical harm, given the condition of the land and the lack of illumination at night. The problem stems from an intricate combination of causes including poverty and lack of skills and education.

In 2018, Masbate started working with various stakeholders (including government, police and social services) to target interventions for at-risk youth and their parents. A program has been implemented that provides education, skills development and capital for micro-enterprises to provide opportunities for families to engage in small income or employment generating activities that will, in the long term, be a substitute for gold panning and ore scavenging.

TABLE 25 | Security Risks to B2Gold and/or Local Communities

Country	Terrorism	Political Unrest	Criminal Activity	Labour Unrest	Anti-mining Protests	Poaching	Conflict with Artisanal and Small-Scale Miners	Conflict Over Land Access
Nicaragua		•	•	•	•		•	•
Philippines	•		•		•		•	•
Namibia				•		•		
Mali	•	•	•	•			•	•