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Project summary: Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption

The BHP Foundation's Natural Resource Governance Global Signature Program aims to harness the power of natural resource wealth for sustainable and inclusive human development.

To achieve this ambition, we are partnering with international institutions, civil society, governments and business on projects that align our aspirations behind a common goal to achieve lasting change. Our partnership with **The Brookings Institution** on the *Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption* project, complements other projects that are focused on individual parts of the resource value chain.

Where this project fits in the resource value chain:

Consultation & consent processes	Award of licences & contracts	Production & processing	Payments of taxes & royalties	Budget management & allocation	**Citizen services & infrastructure**

Many transparency and open governance initiatives have emerged over the last 20 years. The *Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption* project aims to understand which of these initiatives have been effective in ultimately improving peoples' quality of life in resource-rich countries and why.

Working across the entire resource value chain, the project will identify and promote best practices in open governance based on evidence showing which interventions have been most effective.

The project aims to:

- Build an evidence base identifying which natural resource governance interventions are effective in contributing to reducing corruption and achieving sustainable development outcomes;
- Collaborate with a broad range of stakeholders to ensure findings can be used to build the capacity of civic and public institutions to design and implement good governance practices;
- Enhance the ability of stakeholders and citizens to access, analyse and interpret data related to natural resources that is in the public domain.

Commencing in September 2017, the five-year project has four overlapping phases:

- Phase one is focused on a review of existing evidence for transparency and governance interventions via a multi- stakeholder group culminating in a report of the current situation. Initial target countries will be selected in this phase.
- Phase two will select a set of natural resource governance interventions for rapid testing on a smaller scale.
- Phase three will identify which interventions tested in phase two have shown strong potential for further evaluation at scale or to be replicated in different contexts.
- Phase four will run throughout the project and focus on disseminating information and learnings through a communications and engagement strategy. This will ensure all evidence from the project is widely accessible.

The *Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption* project will be led by The Brookings Institution and supported by Results for Development.

Our Natural Resource Governance Global Signature Program (GSP)

The *Leveraging Transparency to Reduce Corruption* project is consistent with the objectives of the Foundation's Natural Resource Governance GSP and complements other project investments.

Our aim is to improve how natural resources are governed across the entire resource value chain – from exploration to the sale of products. However, no single organisation can achieve this bold ambition alone. All parties have a role in eliminating corruption through purposeful transparency and effective capacity building.

By broadening our partner base and investing in additional projects with international institutions, governments, civil society and business, we can align our aspirations behind a common goal to achieve lasting change.

For more information on the BHP Foundation and the Natural Resource Governance Global Signature Program, visit bhp.com/foundation.

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