

SUPPORTING ENERGY TRANSITIONS IN COAL REGIONS

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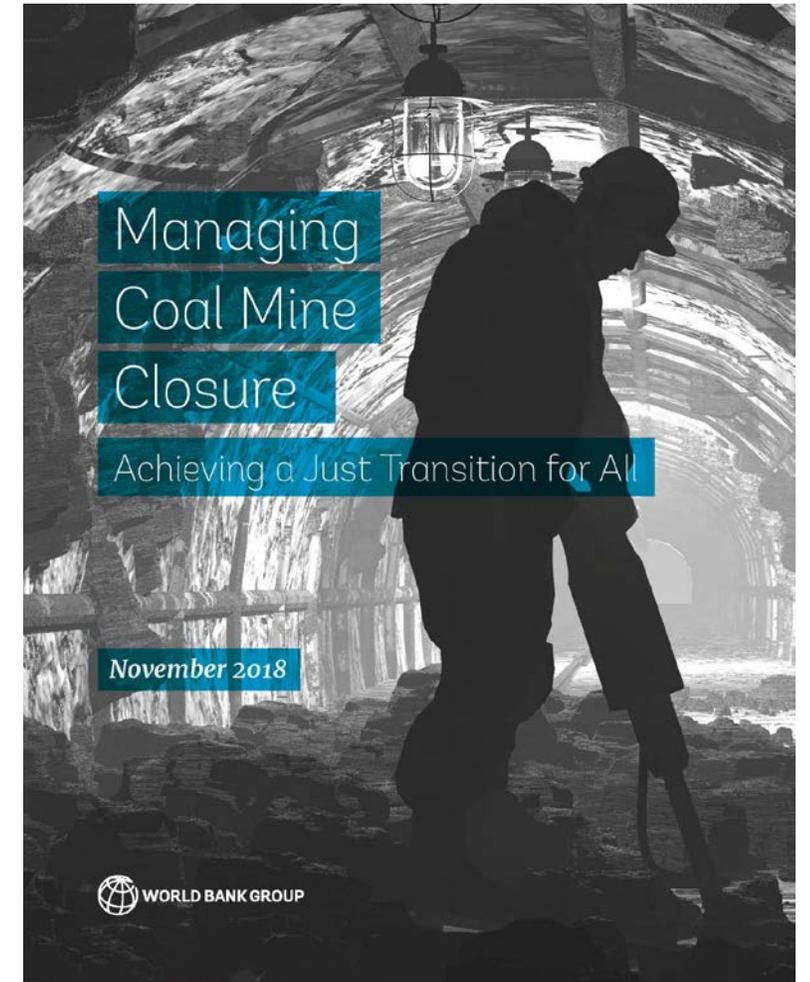
Past Global Experience in Coal Sector Transition

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Today, strong disruption in coal: carbon emissions, particulate pollution, mining effluents.

There is need for a transition of workers, communities in coal regions –

- energy transition
- socioeconomic transition
- environmental transition
- Infrastructure transition



FOCUS AREAS

Pillar 1:

Policies and Strategies

- **Lesson 1:** Coal mine closures which better manage social and labor issues are guided by comprehensive closure policies and strategies
- **Lesson 2:** Providing for substantial budget commitments is a challenge given the short-term, high costs required for closure
- **Lesson 3:** Effective and well prepared, genuine stakeholder consultation at the planning stage significantly reduces the possibility of tensions

Pillar 2:

People and Communities

- **Lesson 4:** A systematic process to mitigate social and labor impacts that starts before any labor lay-offs occur can result in a more orderly, less stressful, and ultimately lower cost divestiture process
- **Lesson 5:** Pre-layoff planning and assistance can prepare workers for impending layoffs
- **Lesson 6:** Post-lay off assistance can help sustain laid-off workers in a way that promotes continued attachment to the labor market
- **Lesson 7:** Active labor market policies offer services, programs, and incentives

Pillar 3:

Repurposing Land and Assets

- **Lesson 8:** Environmental reclamation is best addressed from the outset of mine planning
- **Lesson 9:** In practice, insufficient funding is the biggest barrier to land reclamation taking place in a satisfactory manner

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Component 1 Preliminary Client Dialogue

- Support early-stage dialogue with coal regions or countries **deliberating upon measures to be taken**
- Uses policy dialogue, workshops, analysis, knowledge exchange to present best practices on approaches and frameworks to transitioning coal sector

Component 2 Country Level Engagements

- Supports energy transitions in coal regions (and countries) **who have taken the decision to reduce coal production.**
- Develop a comprehensive **transition master plans**:
 - i. Institutional arrangements
 - ii. Stakeholder engagement and communications strategy
 - iii. Regional development strategy
 - iv. Measures to consider beyond national labor protection policies
 - v. Master Plan for repurposing land and assets
 - vi. Identify and work on key pilot projects

Component 3 Global Knowledge

- Closes global knowledge gaps on approaches and measures to implement coal sector transitions:
 - i. Case studies on socio-economic transition
 - ii. Future of jobs: case for reskilling, mobility and market demand
 - iii. Repurposing of land and other assets: a toolkit for implementation
 - iv. Compendium on people and communities from CEM10
 - v. Mitigation of AMM and CMM
 - vi. Examining gendered impacts of coal mine closure

Additional Resources Needed: Global Support Provided by World Bank

Regional Platform for Coal Regions in the Western Balkans and Ukraine

- World Bank / EC DG Energy / Energy Community Secretariat Collaboration
- Twinning with the EC “Coal Regions in Transition Platform”
- Opportunities to
 - share experiences and knowledge on energy transitions in coal regions
 - Develop methodologies, tool kits, standards
 - Provide Technical Assistance on designing Master Plans
 - Identify pilot projects



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