Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM) of Copper in Southern Peru (Apurímac, Huancavelica and Ica)

Miners

- Underground mines, 30 workers (mostly men).
- Women separate copper rocks and size them for processing.

Comunidades campesinas (Local communities)

- Some of them create communal companies to manage natural resources.
- Charge between 5% and 10% to the miners for the mineral extracted in Huancavelica and Apurímac.

Acopiadores (Middlemen or collectors)

- ► They are intermediaries between the miners and the concentrator plants that provide the service.
- Facilitate the admission of copper ore into the concentration plants.
- The miner pays 10% of the mineral value to the collectors.



Wha<u>t to do?</u>

- According to official government data (2022), artisanal copper mining does not exist, and small-scale mining is only equivalent to 0.2% of national copper production.

Each campaign lasts 30

days, for which men

receive 900USD and

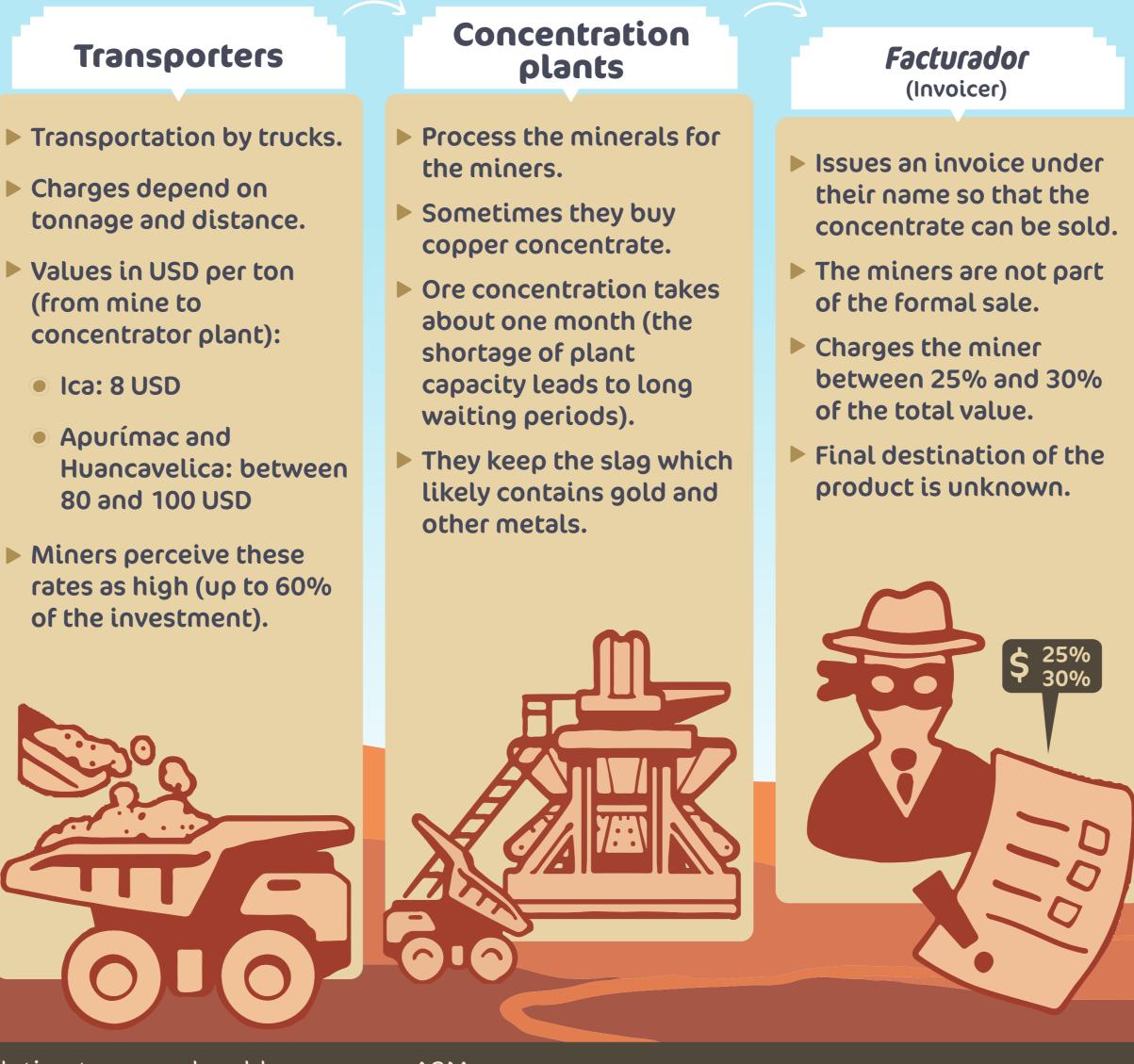
women 700USD.

Artisanal copper production has been reported only in the years 2008 to 2010.

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1 ► Adapt Peruvian legislation to properly address copper ASM. 2 Promote the formalization of copper ASM, considering the CRAFT approach based on the OECD due diligence criteria. 3 Strengthen the relationship between copper ASM and the medium- and large-scale mining companies. 4 Collaborate with national and global value chain efforts related to a "just energy transition".



Artisanal copper mining is carried out mostly by the indigenous, Quechua-speaking population.

200,000 people are dedicated to ASM in Peru. Approx. 100,000 of them mine copper (50,000 combine gold and copper, and 50,000 mine purely copper).











Transporters

Transportation of the copper concentrate is arranged based on a mutual agreement between the miner and the buyer.



Traders

Buy the copper concentrate from the mines.

Limited information regarding their clients (ultimate customer).

