GEF GOLD will help support the development of the artisanal and small-scale gold mining (ASGM) sector into a mature and profitable segment of the gold mining industry, while reducing its mercury use and other environmental and social impacts. As one of its main goals, the program will develop and connect responsible ASGM producers to international markets through transparent supply chains.

Direct funding from the GEF is $45.2 million, with co-financing of more than $135 million from governments, sustainable finance institutions, and the private sector.

The program will be carried out by: The United Nations Environment Program (UN Environment), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and Conservation International (CI), in cooperation with partners from industry, governments and civil society.

Implementation will begin mid 2018 and will take place in 8 countries:
- Burkina Faso
- Colombia
- Guyana
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Mongolia
- Philippines
- Peru
- Indonesia

It will build strong partnerships with the private sector:
- major jewelers
- electronic manufacturers
- gold refiners
- sustainable finance institutions