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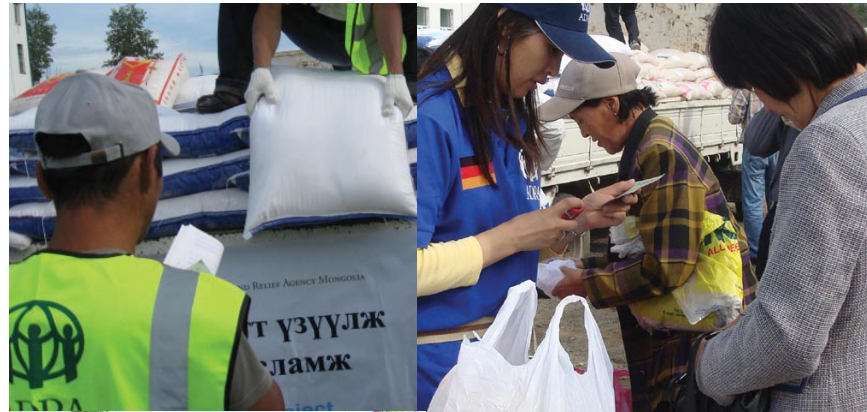
ADRA MONGOLIA PROVIDES FOOD RELIEF TO FLOOD VICTIMS

Friday 31st of July: in an effort to address immediate food needs of flood victims, 360 families affected by the recent flooding in Ulaanbaatar received food relief from Adventist Development Relied Agency (ADRA) Mongolia's Disaster Management Team.

ADRA Mongolia Staff and volunteers distributed 9000 kilograms each of rice and flour, 720 kilograms of sugar, 1080 liters of oil and 180 kilograms of salt to beneficiaries from the Bayanzurkh District.

Beneficiaries were issued with coupons which could be exchanged for food. Priority was given to single headed households, child-headed households as well as families who have lost everything, with children below five years old, with pregnant or lactating women, or with members who are sick, elderly or disabled. The food packages distributed to families addressed immediate food needs of those affected.

"It is part of ADRA Mongolia's mandate to respond to this disaster," commented Disaster Management Project Coordinator and Response Coordinator, Gerry Ganaba, "we are here to respond and help Mongolian's that are vulnerable and in need," said Mr. Ganaba.



Food Relief: ADRA Mongolia responds to the recent floodings by distributing essential food items to those affected

The Bayanzurkh District local government assisted in the coordination and delivery of the response. ADRA Mongolia received response support from ADRA Internationals Emergency Management Bureau, ADRA Asia

Regional Office and the Mongolian branch of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

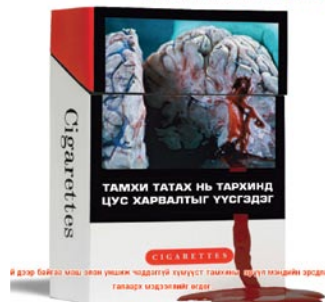
Read more about the recent flood here
View pictures from the food distribution here

HEAT IN THE NEWS

The Health Education Against Tobacco project continues to receive great coverage of its events and campaigns. Here is an excerpt from a recent interview Communications Officer S. Badarch gave to Montsame News Agency.

Can you give a brief introduction to your project?

At commencement of the project we did a baseline survey which gave us an idea what areas and levels we needed to target. We have 4 main goals which are: to influence decision makers and national government representatives, work



with mass media, work with high schools and work with local governments and district officials to reach citizens. We believe this 4 leveled approach will succeed more than

any other tobacco project we have done.

Tell us about some of you project activities.

We are helping schools become smoke free environments. We train high school students who then educate and influence their peers about smoking, this is more effective than teacher to peer education.

To read the full article (Mongolia), click here

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OLD PUBLIC SHOWER BUILDING READY TO START

SUCCESS STORY OF THE SELENGE PROVINCE
ARVIJIIH SELF-HELP GROUP

It has been one and a half years in the making, but this July the Arvijih Self Help Group (SHG) opened a newly renovated public bathhouse and service centre in the Selenge province.

The ten member SHG was established in 2008 with the help of ADRA Mongolia's Micro Economic Development Team. The Arvijih SHG soon developed the motto Trust, Partnership, Power, Success, which then led them to address the need for a service centre in their soum.

After the fall of communism, all services within the centre closed down or went out of business. The Arvijih SHG met with the Soum (county) Governor and agreed to rent eight small rooms and an



The Arvijih Self Help Group have recently opened a bath house

adjoining bathhouse that was to become a "service centre."

The SHG members worked together to repair the bathhouse and adjoining rooms.

A second loan enabled the SHG to buy barber equipment and

set up a hair salon. Additionally two students who have recently completed dress-making training occupy another two rooms which they use as retail outlets for their clothes and tailoring services.

Since its inception, Arvijih SHG has borrowed 2,650,000 tugrugs (approx. US\$ 1840) and already received 600,000 tugrug (approx. US\$ 416) in income. Currently most of the income goes towards utilities, but SHG members are happy with what they have achieved.

SHG Arvijih's advice to other SHG's "Don't be depressed thinking that you can't do anything, trust each other and team work will enable you to do anything."

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It was such a pleasure to meet everyone - who I'd communicated with over email for many months - in person, and it was so excellent to see their enthusiasm for and dedication to their work. For both Mareli Nunes, Program Accountant, ADRA Canada, and I it was also very special to hear the beneficiaries' feedback on the literacy and vocational skills classes in which they'd participated. It's always nice to see how the funds we transfer out of our office are being used and helping to make a real difference in people's lives.

The complex realities of implementing projects in Mongolia were an important 'learning' for me. Specifically, since the country is so large and sparsely populated, I wouldn't have realized, had I not visited Mongolia, what a challenge transportation, project start-up and general logistics can be if you're to reach people living in remote soums.

ADRA Canada supports the Supporting Rural Livelihoods through Family Education and Food Security programs delivered by the Education team. To see more pictures, click here.

ADRA CANADA IN THE LAND OF THE BLUE SKY

Christina Masching, Project Coordinator (Asia), ADRA Canada, shares with us her experience of a recent monitoring trip to Mongolia.

I was really looking forward to my visit to Mongolia - other colleagues of mine had been there before and raved about the beautiful landscape and the wonderful people they met. I was a little concerned about the possibility of minus 40 Mongolian temperatures, but was rather surprised at the warm weather and sunshine we had.

The purpose of my visit was to review and revise, our project's results-based management framework and performance measurement framework. ADRA Canada is working with all ADRA offices implementing Canadian Government-funded projects to revise these frameworks to better adhere to government guidelines. This visit also provided



Mareli and Christina meet beneficiaries during their visit to Mongolia

an opportunity to meet the ADRA Mongolia staff, see project outcomes first-hand, and learn about ADRA Mongolia.

We visited Zavkhan aimag and stayed in the capital, Uliastai. From there we visited beneficiaries taking part in the Family Education component of our project, in Uliastai and two other small soums also in the aimag.

The most memorable part was meeting the ADRA Mongolia staff.

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