

MICRO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRAINING IN SOUM

ADRA's Micro Economic Development (MED) project organized a wool felt product making training in Gurvanbulag Soum of Bayankhongor Province. 14 people participated in the training. The steps involved include how to categorize wool, washing, drying, slamming, brushing and then sketching, make it even, spraying water, hardening, making squirrels and printing. After the preparation, products such as rugs, bags,

socks, shoes, slippers, toys, hat will be made. Participants intend to brand the products and then market them both locally and through export.

The most difficult part of organizing the training was the lack of electricity in Gurvanbulag soum, bad roads and insufficient water and gas resources,. The local governor worked with MED to finish the training successfully.



Participants with their hand made felt products

TRAINING FOR TRAINER OF WOOL, CASHMERE IN ULAABAATAR CITY

ADRA Micro Economic Development, together with "Centre for handmade wool craft" NGO organized training for Trainer of Wool and Cashmere in Ulaanbaatar city for 10 days for project beneficiaries.

The purpose of this training was to provide skills to Self Help Group members regarding products and quality and to train trainers. Participants were O. Altankhuyag of "Tegsh-Duuren" Self Help Group, D.Myagmar of "Iherlen Devjih" cooperative member, B.Dulamragchaa of "Devshil" Self Help Group and B.Munkhjargal of "Shine Ireedui" Self Help Group of Zavkhan province.

Participants learned about processing wool, colouring and dyeing wool, making souvenirs and slippers, and how to market the products for example through education.



They make wool slippers and toys even paintings

MED also organized textile and spinstressing training to prepare trainers. Participants will learn

the skills to make socks, gloves and first level knowledge of cashmere scarf making.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITH MICRO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Ts. Tanya is single mother lives with her 4 children in Bayangol district of Ulaanbaatar. She is an accountant; in addition she started a business making cashmere products with her daughter. Her daughter is disabled and they made their product at home. Their income was not increasing sufficiently to buy supplies.

In July 2009, they found out about the "Micro Economic Development" project, and attended the

trainings provided. A loan of 900.000 tugrugs (600 USD) was provided by Xac Bank through MED. This allowed for space to be rented in a warm shopping building. She used to sell her product in open market which was hot in the summer and cold in the winter. She used her loans very effectively to buy materials for her products and to make a range of additional products. She is happier that her business is successful.



Ts. Tanya is in her cashmere shop

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HEALTH EDUCATION AGAINST TOBACCO'S DECEMBER NEWS

ADRA Mongolia's Health Education against Tobacco (HEAT) project organized a trilateral meeting involving schools' principles, social workers and peer educators from 6 target secondary school as well as relevant sub districts' governors and social workers to summarise the work they did during 2009 and what they are planning to do in the coming year. During the meeting, participants openly shared their experiences and challenges, and expressed their commitment for joint effort to fight against tobacco.

HEAT also organized a meeting with the Legal Department of the Governors office of Ulaanbaatar city under the topic of "Policy and decision makers' participation in improving implementation of the Tobacco Control Law". Participants included heads



of the administration of all the district governors' office of Ulaanbaatar city, heads and officials from district Trade and Production and the Social Development and the Special Inspection departments and the police personnel totaling fifty people.

Representatives from Ministry of Health and City

Health department were invited to make presentations on health effects of the tobacco use and government policies and programs on tobacco control. Participants gave their opinion on what barriers are being faced in implementation of the Tobacco Control Law, and discussed opportunities to improve monitoring and implementation of the Tobacco Control Law. Ideas and opinions came out of group discussions on creation of smoke free environment, ban of direct and indirect advertisement and sale of cigarettes to minors will be reflected in the joint plan of actions of ADRA Mongolia and Governors office of Ulaanbaatar city.

In the media many articles about tobacco have appeared, raising the profile of the issue, and TV interviews have been conducted.

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