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ADRA MONGOLIA: CREATING OPPORTUNITY, CHANGING LIVES

BEFORE JULY, 123 470 000 CIGARETTES WILL BE SMOKED

The Health Education Against Tobacco (HEAT) project team participated in a recent meeting organised by network organizations of child participation. The HEAT team represented ADRA Mongolia as an international Non-Government Organisation (NGO) at the meeting. HEAT is supported by AusAid and ADRA Australia.

Fourteen organizations, including the United Nations Children's Fund, and the National Centre for Children participated in the meeting with the goal of improving strategies. At the meeting, HEAT project peer-educators made the decision to work with students from other schools to educate and influence them to fight against tobacco.



Currently ADRA Mongolia is participating in the Network's activity with the supporter's status.

The peer educators from high school just established a club named "Healthy circle" with the aim of fighting against tobacco.

The HEAT project is continuing to disseminate anti tobacco information to the public through daily newspapers. Two articles were published in February.

One article is published under the title of "Tobacco is leading us to poverty and death". The main idea of this article is that in spite of financial troubles, Mongolian people smoke cigarettes and then, without shame, ask each other to borrow money to buy cigarettes. It raised issue of tax and price increase of tobacco products and mentioned that it is one of the best ways to fight against tobacco.

Another article titled "Before July, 123 470 000 cigarettes will be smoked" raised an urgent need for enforcement of placing graphic health warnings on cigarette packs and revealed tobacco industry's strategies to delay law enforcement based on facts and evidence.

ADVANCED TRAINING LEADS TO HIGH QUALITY, COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS

The Self Help Group members who completed their small business training requested advanced technological courses. In the provision of such technical assistance, Bayanhongor project staff made a contract with the local Vocational Training and Industrial Centre (VTIC) and the Social Welfare and Labour Office (SWLO) since they had a good list of trainers and courses previously, in May 2009.

SWLO provided some information about course trainers and raw material fees. Since then, as of the 31st January



Members made felt wool products

2010, 107 Self Help Group members have attended 9 types of vocational courses training sessions, including cooking, baking, tailoring, hairdressing, leather working, construction, and more. The

attendees are satisfied with what they have learned during the courses and can now make high quality, competitive products. Project staff are preparing to establish a local product catalogue and shop, in Bayanhongor, in March 2010.

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STUDENTS SHARING THE KNOWLEDGE OF HEALTH

25 students from the National University of Mongolia participated in "Rendezvous" which is a three day training event run by ADRA Mongolia's "Safe Choice" project (supported by German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and ADRA Germany). The students improved their knowledge about sexual and reproductive health, love and relationship common among young people, and ways to prevent from Sexually Transmitted Illnesses (STIs).

The students who have been trained will now share the knowledge they have gained with other students who live with them in their dormitory. Students have already developed a plan of actions, which includes activities such as organizing training and information sessions as well as medical



checkups for dorm students for STIs jointly with the relevant health workers.

"Safe Choice" organized "Rendezvous" training in two other university dormitories. While students were receiving their certificate of completion of training, we talked to N.Byambajav who is second year student of the National University of Mongolia.

Project Staff (PS):

You have participated in health training run by the "Safe Choice" project, was it interesting?

N. Byambajav (NB):

The training was new to the students. Nobody had taught us about STIs and other related topics before, and it was so real and useful for our lives. Some of the topics included: How to prevent STIs and unwanted pregnancy, etc. The topics were interesting and the teachers were skilled.

PS: How do you think you will share the knowledge you learned with other students?

NB: 25 students participated in the training and we are planning to train 200-300 students. We planned "girls' talk" which is a training initiative for girls in our dormitory. We will invite girls to our training and teach them as well as answer any questions they may have. We are also planning to organize a quiz competition for students.

CHILDREN EXPRESSES THANKS TO FAMILY EDUCATION PROJECT

The Family Education Project (supported by CIDA and ADRA Canada) has entered its fourth year of a five year project. During the past three years the project activities have been implemented in 19 soums of Zavkhan aimag.

The project aims to empower children who have dropped out of school through literacy and vocational training. The activities include basic literacy for adults and school drop-out children, vocational skills and life skills training, health education and small business management training.

"Thank you for ADRA teaching me English language and even teaching my parents how to cook and make artistic creations using iron wires. Also thank you for teaching me lots of games, poems and songs. I learned so many English words, also teachers thought me life skills and health education. Thank you for the notebook and pen and vitamins. Please teach other children too."
"Learn, learn and learn"
A.Ariun-Erdene

"ADRA's English language training course taught me English language with games



and songs. They also gave us 3 kinds of vitamins and pen and notebook. Thank you English language teacher. I learned life skills and health information."
"Time is gold"
A.Suvd-Erdene

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