

ADRA MONGOLIA CONTINUES TO HELP DZUD VICTIMS WITH FOOD RELIEF

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) Mongolia is continuing its efforts in helping over 1000 families who have been affected by the dzud in five soums of both Arkhangai and Bayankhongor Aimags.

With the support of ADRA Czech Republic, ADRA Mongolia is distributing immediate food relief which includes: 75 kgs flour, 3 bottles of sunflower oil, 1kg sugar, 1kg salt, and 1 packet of tea, for each family. The food relief efforts also include distributing multi-vitamins for mothers and infants, as well as fuel and medicine for local hospitals.

ADRA Mongolia cooperated with Aimag officials in choosing families to help, who have



Dzud affected families receiving food relief from ADRA Mongolia

been worst affected by the dzud. These include families who have older members or young children, and also single mothers.

In February this year, ADRA Mongolia has already responded to dzud affected areas of Zavkhan Aimag, delivering emergency food aid to 450 severely affected families.

TOBACCO CONTROL LAWS AND STUDENTS TEACHING TEACHERS

The Health Education Against Tobacco (HEAT) project is working with the Legal Department of Ulaanbaatar city's Governor's office to improve tobacco control in Ulaanbaatar city. The HEAT project (supported by AusAid and ADRA Australia) team and the Legal Department established a working group on tobacco control, which is headed by the Deputy Governor of Ulaanbaatar city. Members were chosen from other departments of Ulaanbaatar city's

Governor's office, including representatives from Sukhbaatar district. The working group is putting together an activity plan for 2010-2011. As part of this plan, the working group members conducted a seminar named "Participation of the district and sub district governments in implementation of Tobacco Control Law" for government officials. So far, this seminar was organized for five out of nine districts of the city. Participants included officials, governors of

districts, inspectors, and other stakeholders. Also this month, one of the project's target schools initiated and organized an anti tobacco training for 57 young teachers from 19 schools. This event was organized jointly with the Young Teachers' Association. This was a new and innovative kind of training because children thought that teachers are the only ones who teach, however in this training students were giving lessons on tobacco issues to their teachers.



SELF HELP GROUP BENEFICIARIES FIND SUCCESS

As part of the Self Help Group (SHG) project, member P. Lkhamtsetseg, is an innovative tailor and an inspiration to others. Before the ADRA training, Lkhamtsetseg was a herder, however she lost all of her livestock in a dzud (drought). She became a tailor in 2007, in order to earn a living. Lkhamtsetseg was very talented and hardworking, and she made clothes using Burda magazine (a fashion magazine) as her inspiration. Part of her innovation was that she made clothes for overweight people, in such a way as to hide their imperfections; so many people sought her out to make their clothes. When she started her tailoring business, she only had a hand-powered sewing machine; now she has three, leg-powered sewing

machines. Since partnering with ADRA's SHG program, Lkhamtsetseg has become well-known, and quite famous among the locals of Bayankhongor province. We wish her continued success for the future.



A. Erdeneochir in his workshop making furniture

Another SHG member, A. Erdene-Ochir is a young entrepreneur. A carpenter by trade, Erdene-Ochir creates beautiful furniture and has made a great contribution to Bayankhogor province's manufacturing industry. Although he is young, he helps other carpenters when it comes to choosing and buying wood. He also keeps an ear out for opportunities such as tender announcements for other companies and organizations, and wins them. ADRA's SHG program has played a major role in equipping Erdene-Ochir with the business skills that he needed in order to increase his livelihood and income.

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ADRA MONGOLIA CONSTRUCTS 'FIRST OF ITS KIND' PASSIVE SOLAR GREENHOUSE

ADRA Mongolia has constructed a passive solar greenhouse, the first of its kind in Mongolia. Because of the short growing season, and cold, harsh weather, it is very important and useful for the beneficiaries to use a greenhouse such as this one. Using this 'passive' solar greenhouse, the growing time is shorter, and both the quality and size of the vegetables is better. Vegetables grow best with the right



Inside view of the first Mongolian passive solar greenhouse, Sainshand soum

amounts of moisture, light, organic components, and air, and the soil

temperature must also be appropriately warm. With the support of ADRA Czech Republic, a 6:6m and 6:20m green house was constructed to support beneficiaries in Dornogobi province. The green house is self-heating, utilizing solar power to create heat, which lengthens the vegetable growing season by 50-60 days. The cooperative members who are looking after the green house are already benefiting from this innovative and effective greenhouse.

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