

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE EXPO - OPPORTUNITY FOR SHARING

ADRA Mongolia staff from the Micro Economic Development sector took part in a small and medium enterprise expo, with the aim of sharing and gaining experience and also sharing lessons learned. The Ministry of Agriculture and Manufacturing's small and medium enterprise agency and the "small and medium enterprise fund-2010" organized a joint expo which took place between May 7 and 10. On the opening day Government deputy chairman and Mongolian cooperative union director, N. Enkhbold said, "The Government established the small and medium enterprise agency, and it has helped Mongolia to develop one main strategy to develop small and medium enterprise. One of the useful things this

agency does is initiatives like this expo today. I hope that small and medium enterprise owners can share their success and experience to learn from each other, and do more research in this field." ADRA Mongolia's Micro economic development project participated in this expo. Self Help Group members from Zavkhan, Selenge, and Dornogobi province's Self Help Group project as well as beneficiaries from the Ulaanbaatar based Micro-finance project displayed their products at the expo. Representatives from a total of 15 provinces, and 150 small and medium enterprise owners participated in the expo. ADRA Mongolia beneficiaries made 1 million tugrugs (approx 720 US\$) profit at the expo and they also received product orders.



An ADRA beneficiary from Bayankhongor Province proudly displays her products at the expo.

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ADRA DISASTER RESPONSE BUILDS RESILIENCE

ADRA Mongolia with funds from Czech Republic thru ADRA Czech Republic was able to respond to the immediate need for food and essential medicines of 1,050 families severely affected by dzud of Arkhangai and Bayanhongor aimag. Food relief package includes: 75kg flour, 3 liters of vegetable oil, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg iodized salt, and 1 block of black tea. In February this year, ADRA Mongolia had also responded to immediate need for food of 450 dzud affected families of Zavkhan aimag.



Dzud affected families continue to receive food relief and support from ADRA Mongolia

ADRA Mongolia's disaster response team was in Arkhangai for a Post Disaster Needs Assessment and Lessons Learned workshop. The activity aimed at giving communities affected by dzud the opportunity to learn from their experience and enhanced their understanding of risk and capacities that will enable them to build appropriate, cost effective and sustainable solutions to issues of vulnerability.



'BRINGING THE HEAT' IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

If you did not already know, the 31st of May was "No Tobacco Day". This year, World "No Tobacco Day" highlighted "tobacco sales and protecting women from tobacco".

The World Health Organization (WHO) noted that the tobacco industry is targeting women and young people, so the world needs to take action urgently. If we do not do something soon, 8 million people will die because of tobacco related diseases, with 2.5 million of those people being women, by the year 2030. Second hand smoke causes 600,000 deaths each year and 64 percent of those who die from second hand smoke are women.

Previously, the

Ulaanbaatar city government issued the resolution not to sale cigarettes on May 31; however, it has not been implemented properly. This year, ADRA Mongolia, worked with Ulaanbaatar city Mayor's office to enforce the above-mentioned resolution. The ADRA Australia funded, Health Education against Tobacco (HEAT) project worked with all the district governments to make this day tobacco free by delivering the government resolution to shops and supermarkets as well as airing TV spots on this action. The outcome was good because most places did not sell tobacco on this day. High school students from the HEAT project conducted some monitoring on that day. This experience

shows that if all government and non government organizations work together to fight against tobacco, we can be successful in implementing tobacco laws. The HEAT project is continuing its anti-tobacco activities.



One of the anti tobacco billboards displayed in Ulaanbaatar streets

ADRA MONGOLIA COMMUNITY CENTER - CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!



Photo courtesy of ADRA Slovakia

The winner of a drawing competition enjoying the celebrations at the CBRC centre.

The children were all smiles! This was their day; Children's day! Well at least it was at our Community Based Rehabilitation Centre (CBRC) for children with disabilities. The official 'Children's day' celebrations had happened the day before

but we wanted to have an extra special celebration for the CBRC children and their families, as well as some other community members. The morning was filled with games, a drawing competition, music, and even a mouth-drawing competition where the children had to hold a pen in their mouths and draw a picture! Daniel Draxler, the Country Director of ADRA Slovakia also took part in the event, making a short speech and enjoying the smiles of the children. There was a lot of laughter as the children tested out the new playground equipment that has just been installed, and had a great time interacting with other children from the community. Gifts were given

out, as well as prizes for the competition winners. The celebrations were also to introduce the new changes which have been taking place at the centre over the past month. Funded by Slovak Aid through ADRA Slovakia, the CBRC is in the process of being renovated, and now sports a new easy access wheelchair ramp, as well as an extra consultation room and an indoor bathroom, complete with a bath tub which will be used for different types of therapies. The CBRC 'Children's Day' celebrations were also held to raise awareness within the community about issues related to disability, to try and create a feeling of togetherness and increased community support.

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