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Our Purpose

To serve humanity so all may live as God intended





Message from the Country Director

#### Warm greetings!

The year 2022 was quite different as we navigate the tail-end of the pandemic that crippled the global economy, humans, and all things animate and inanimate.

Reeling from the woes brought about by Covid-19, especially in the global South, natural disasters, and the ill effects of the invasion of Ukraine made ripple effects in all aspects of life in general - including the geo-political, economic global trade and other challenges which created a strong sense of the "us" and "them" sort of mindset.

The psychological effect and impact of the current conflict between nations - with those who are "in-between" unfortunately, created a great number of people who are now marginalized and categorized as mere refugees (and growing), internally displaced or even forgotten.

The same dismal state of world affairs is not only contained in Ukraine or somewhere else - and Mongolia is not an exemption. High inflation exacerbates the incredibly higher cost of living, political upheavals, and other pressing issues. Highlighting current trends, the ADRA Mongolia team is conscious of creating durable and sustainable initiatives with its partners that will have positive impacts on the lives of the most vulnerable and on the margins of society so that all may live as God intends.

On a quick note, the team worked together and created partnerships among cooperatives in Selenge Province to promote organic agriculture in the country at the conclusion of the project. Successful results contributed to food security by promoting organic agriculture through working with the German government (BMZ) in partnership with ADRA Germany. The pioneering project supported the country's Organic Law ratified in 2016.

Furthermore, a pilot project on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) is underway and is set to implement in the summer of 2023. It will focus on adolescents' behavioral change to mitigate the risk factors of NCDs as the country is identified as having one of the highest NCD-related mortality rates globally.

As 2023 ushers in, the Agency will continue to be relevant in identifying potential areas of concentration in doing its work and other emerging development trends.

On behalf of the ADRA Mongolia team, I am personally grateful for the strong support and guidance of the Board of Directors, the support and commitment, and partnership of our donors, partners, and other stakeholders, and His faithful leadership.

Blessings,

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### About ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is an independent humanitarian agency established in 1956 by the Seventh-day Adventist Church that is mandated to demonstrate God's love and compassion.

ADRA seeks to identify and address social injustice and deprivation in developing countries. The agency's work seeks to improve the quality of life of those in need. ADRA has over 134 country offices in the world, one of which is in Mongolia.

ADRA Mongolia recognized the dignity that is inherent in each person and is committed to improving the quality of human life. ADRA Mongolia serves people without regard to their ethnic, political, or religious association. It simply helps people in need, especially those most vulnerable such as women, children, senior citizens, and the differently-abled.

ADRA opened its door to Mongolia in 1994 working for 28 years and partners with individuals, communities, organizations, and governments to improve the quality of life for Mongolians through five program activities: food security, economic development/live-lihood, health, disaster management, and emergency response and education.

Since 1994 in the post-communist Mongolia, the Agency is the first international non-government organization (INGO) to be invited to register under the office of the Prime Minister and an active implementing country office doing development and humanitarian work from the total of 17 ADRA country offices within the Asia region.

To date, the Agency has implemented 190 projects in the following areas: education (58 projects), disaster and emergency management (24 projects/responses), economic development/livelihoods (31 projects), health (36 projects), and food security (41 projects). The total funds delivered (1994-2022) was about 31,798,342 USD which is roughly 1.1M USD per year.

Purpose Statement

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### Vision

ADRA Mongolia belongs to a professional, learning, and efficient network that embodies integrity and transparency. ADRA reaches across boundaries, empowering and speaking out for the at-risk and forgotten to achieve measurable, documented, and durable changes in lives.

Identity Statement

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is a global humanitarian organization of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church that demonstrates God's love and compassion.

Where we serve





## Partnership for Organic Agriculture (POAg)





DONORS: BMZ, ADRA Germany BUDGET: 1,264,921 USD (BMZ 75%, ADRA Germany 25%) DURATION: 4 years (2018-2022) FOCUS AREA: 11 districts in Selenge province BENEFICIARY PARTNERS: 31 coops (928 members)

### GOAL

The of the project is to develop organic agricultural production, establish a Participatory Guarantee System (PGS), and improve the livelihoods of farmers in Selenge province.

### SUSTAINABILITY

By the end of the project, the primary and apex cooperative union will build partnerships to initiate the transition to organic agriculture, thereby will establish a marketing system with production, participatory certification, processing, packing, and other value-added products from organic vegetables, honey, and dairy products, as well as "off-season products."

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Functioning inter-institutional MAP dialogue structures with the participation of representative groups of actors at local and national level that facilitate the cooperation necessary towards strengthening organic agriculture.
- The productivity capacities of 30 cooperatives are sustainably diversified and increased.
- Profitability: Increased access of 30 cooperatives to local and regional markets through MAP platform and value chain development



### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

POAg project has applied Multi-Actors Partnership (MAP) as a main approach and unified different stakeholders including 31 primary cooperatives consisting of 938 farmer members under one cooperative union. The project started and developed organic agriculture and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) and

established a marketing system with production, participatory certification, processing, packing and other value-added products from organic vegetables, honey, and dairy products, as well as "off-season products".

- In 2022, 722 (F579/M143) cooperative members including government officers involved and participated in organic agriculture, PGS, organic food processing standard, farmer's field school and cooperative governance and management, and business trainings.
- As a result of the cooperative members' hard work with the guidance of the project team, farmers and beekeepers have grown 35 kinds of vegetables on 245 hectares.
- Overall, the POAg project successfully achieved its overall goal and objectives from September 1, 2018. The Selenge Tavan Khairkhan Cooperative Union has been working with ADRA's Partnership on Organic Agriculture (POAg) team to create a "Selenge Organic" brand under a unified cultivation policy, marketing, and sales throughout the project life.

### **Usan Kheer Cooperative participation**

Usan Kheer Cooperative of Sant soum in Selenge province is one of the 31 coops where members strive to ensure that they are member-centered and well-governed.

Joining the Partnership on Organic Agriculture(POAg) project,



dards, the cooperative achieved the following: (1) the registration of Selenge potato and carrot products in the "Organic Food Registration Database" based on the results of both the scheduled and random inspections done by the registration inspection team





the 12-member cooperative participated in organic agricultural methodological training and established the "Selenge Organic" Participatory Guarantee System or PGS. Growing vegetables in the 39.2 hectares of land in accordance with the organic stan-



and (2), receiving the "100% Organic Food" label from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI).

Their agri-products are now part of the Selenge Organic and are being sold in the capital city Ulaanbaatar.

### Sustainable Agriculture, Food and Economics Resilience (SAFER -2)





DONORS: Canada Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), ADRA Canada,
ADRA China-HongKong, ADRA Netherlands
BUDGET: 339,888 USD
DURATION: 3 years (2020-2023)
FOCUS AREA: Ulgii, Bugat, and Sagsai Districts of Bayan-Ulgii Province
BENEFICIARY PARTNERS: 845 households (3887 individuals)

### GOAL

Increase food and nutrition security and improve the livelihoods of agricultural producers in Bayan-Ulgii Province.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Increase in the number of households with food and nutrition security and income as a result of improved hackyard vegetable production using the permaculture method.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- To increase vegetable production and income through improved gardening knowledge and skills with targeted households (HHs).
- To improve nutrition status and utilization of garden production through more regular vegetable consumption and better cooking skills.
- Increase knowledge of home gardening techniques (using permaculture methods) among female and male HHs, confirmed via Master Gardener certification. Increase food consumption scores through improved household diet diversity.

- Identified and selected 45 Master Gardeners Training (MGT) and 800 project participants in targeted 3 locations in 2022.
- Identified, designed, and established 45 training gardens with cold frames, with raised boxes and narrow beds in targeted 3 locations. Project agronomist and MGTs conducted agriculture practical trainings how to build cold frames, planting preparation and how to maintain plots during the seedling planted days.
- MGTs curriculum (8 sessions, 34 topics) were developed and printed for 845 participants.

- Agriculture and permaculture development trainings conducted and developed MGTs curriculum. 845 participants (459 female and 386 male) involved in vegetable production increased their knowledge on improved agricultural practices.
- Trained 45 MGT who are main key people of the project.
- Cooking manuals are developed and printed for 650 training participants in both languages: Kazakh and Mongolian.
- Hand tools and vegetable seeds were distributed to all beneficiary partners.
- Established cooking kitchen in three targeted locations, where cooking sessions are held regularly with seasonal food including cooking and preservation.
- Cooking training program developed by project training specialist with cooking consultant with corresponding training. The cooking class is conducting from August, 2022 till February, 2023 and 650 participants involved in cooking classes have increased their knowledge on improved preparation of nutritious vegetable recipes.

### **Wish Comes True**

Khuralai Bazarkhan is a 39-year-old housewife and mother of two. Although she is a primary school teacher, she has not been able to find a job in her field, so she is unemployed and stays at home taking care of her children. SAFER 2 project of ADRA Mongolia provided an opportunity to fulfill her desire to earn a living and generate income at home. Khuralai heard about the project through the media

and met with the project team to register. She shares, "I really wanted and planned to grow vegetables in my yard, but I didn't know how to start and I had no idea how to grow vegetables. After registering in the project, my husband and I became active because the SAFER 2 project team taught us the benefits of home and backyard gardening and how to grow vegetables. Thanks to my acquired knowledge from ADRA, we had good harvest which meet our family's annual needs." By actively participating in the agricul-





tural theory and practice training, Khuralai has learned a lot and successfully implemented the gardening in her backyard. Furthermore, she has been selected as a Master Gardener Trainer (MGT) and sharing her new foundknowledge in backyard gardening techniques with 15 households.

### **Pasture Land Use-It Sustainably (PLUS)**









**DONORS:** Zurich and Aargau Kantons and ADRA Switzerland BUDGET: 316,684 USD **DURATION:** 3 years (June 2021 - May 2024) FOCUS AREA: Ider District / Zavkhan Province **BENEFICIARY PARTNERS:** 100 herder households

#### **GOAL**

The sustainability of herder communities' livelihoods in Ider soum (village) is increased with the adoption of the Holistic Management (HM) approach on managing pastureland.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Strength capacity of herder community and local government through planned grazing using the Holistic Management (HM) approach

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- The knowledge about the HM approach is disseminated and applied by herder communities in Ider soum.
- The income of herders' households increased through improved quality of milk/milk products sold to local markets and through enhanced management capacity of female herders.

- A total of 12 online and onsite meetings for local herders and other stakeholders regarding Pasture Grazing Planning, Holistic Management approach, Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV), as well as good milk production and good hygiene practices, were conducted for 287 (142m; 145f) by Savory Institute experts in Ider district in 2022.
- Enclosed four spaces and fenced in a total of 3.5-hectare areas of pastureland in 4 baghs (subdistricts): 1 ha in Darkhan-Uul, 1 ha in Manuustai, 1 ha in Zagastai and 0.5 ha in Tsetserlag baghs in cooperation with the local government. The fenced areas will act as a test site for showcasing the importance of grass recovery time when there are no animals to graze on it.

### Summer Grazing Plan's Unexpected Outcome

D. Erdenesuvd lives with her husband and children in Ider soum (district) of Zavkhan aimag (province). Her day starts with milking yaks early in the

morning and processing dairy products for her household's use. As a female herder of Darkhan–Uul bagh (village), Erdenesuvd has experienced considerable results even though she had not expected much from the implementation of the Summer Grazing Plan. She developed it with her herder neighbors in May 2022 when Nick Sharpe, the Savory Institute expert, conducted onsite training in HM for herders in Ider soum.



"I have been a herder for my whole adult life and thought that I knew everything about pasture management but I was wrong. Based on the grazing plan, putting the livestock together in the paddock (areas of hills, rivers, and valleys that are not fenced) in a rotational way with scheduled plant recovery times, we have seen good growth of grasses and better soil conditions during this season even though there has been a very dry summer and even drought. It has been amazing.



Most importantly, I learned a lot of new and refreshing knowledge from the Savory Institute experts. I have realized that it is completely possible to restore pasture land regardless of the number of live-



stock by planning grazing of the summer pastures in a way that ensures recovery times for plants and grasses to adequately grow," she continued. "

Realizing that it is possible for her and others as herders to work together for better pasture land use through holistic management methods, Erdenesuvd and her neighboring herders are now very happy, and

ready to receive the coming autumn and winter with good recovered pasture through successfully coping with the dry summer and drought based on the joint summer grazing plan.

"We really encourage other herders to work together to develop grazing pasture plans through holistic management approaches for pasture land recovery," she quipped.

# Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Pilot Project



### Help International

DONORS: HELP INTERNATIONAL / ADRA ASIA BUDGET: 120,171 USD DURATION: 18 months (1 Jul 2022 to 31 Dec 2023) FOCUS AREA: Darkhan Province / Mongolia BENEFICIARY PARTNERS: National Animal Gene Bank (NAGB) / Research Institute of Animal Husbandry (RIAH), 70 herder families in Darkhan-Uul

#### GOAL

Enhanced sustainable livelihoods for sheep herders from the improved wool quality and quantity production.

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

This project is envisaged to be an initial pilot project with the Mongolian government through the National Animal Gene Bank (NAGB) and beyond the pilot project - by putting some of its limited budgets into the revival of the fine wool flock for Mongolia towards establishing skills and genetic resources that can enable an expansion of the fine wool flock and quality in the country.

### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

- Measuring performance of lambs produced from artificial insemination (Al) once they are born (April 2023)
- Birth weight (April 2023), weaning weight (July 2023), post-weaning weight (Oct 2023), wool quality measures (Oct 2023), wool weight and quality (May 2024)
- Inseminating an expanded number of ewes from the National Nucleus flocks in Oct 2023 (several thousand)

- Selection, and semen collection under quarantine conditions from 6 rams to produce 5000 doses of frozen Australian Merino and Dohne Merino ram semen for export to Mongolia (July-Oct 2022)
- Training of 6 Mongolian veterinarians in the skills of laparoscopic artificial insemination (AI) using frozen semen (September 2022)
- Inseminating 315 ewes from the Khangai and Orkhon National Nucleus flocks during the training process (Nov 2022)

### **National Animal Gene Bank partners with ADRA**

"We are cooperating with the ADRA Mongolia, an international non-government organization to develop Mongolian semi-fine and fine wool sheep of Khangai, Orkhon, and Yeru breeds in cooperation with the Research Institute of Animal Husbandry of the Mongolia University of Life Sciences," - says (Mr) Ganhuyag Pu, Director - National Animal Gene Bank under the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI).

Before 1990, there were about 450,000 fine-wool sheep which met 100% of the domestic wool demand. After 1990, the livestock sector was privatized due to the fall of communism and during this transition period, the breeding and care of semi-fine wool and fine-wool





National Animal Gene Bank (NAGB) / Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI)

sheep were lost. As of 2022, the number of fine-wool sheep dwindled to only 26,000. It indicates that the number of sheep has decreased significantly in an alarming rate hence, the NAGB with RIAH's partnership with ADRA and HELP International will mit-

igate the problem by proving technical expertise in reviving the semi-fine and fine wool flock throughlaparascopic artificial insemination (AI) using frozen semen and train Mongolian veterinarians as part of knowledge transfer.

"We are working together to increase the number of fine wool sheep back to 100,000-150,000 in the next 5 years. We are extremely happy to be working with ADRA Mongolia in close partnership with ADRA Asia to revive the endangered fine-wool sheep in Mongolia by using 5,000 deep-frozen seeds brought from Australia for artificial insemination," adds Gankhuyag.



### **In-Their-Shoes Project**



DONORS: ADRA Mongolia employees and family members BUDGET: 12,505 USD DURATION: November 14-15, 2022 (2 days) FOCUS AREA: 17th & 20th khoroo of Sukhbaatar District and 19th khoroo of Chingeltei District BENEFICIARY PARTNERS: 100 Families and 50 children

### GOAL

The main goal of this project is to reach the targeted people group in most need.

- ADRA Mongolia staff reached out to the most vulnerable families including children of Bayanzurkh, Khan-Uul, and Songinokhairkhan districts in Ulaanbaatar.
- Provided food packs to 100 most vulnerable households from the 17th, and 20th khoroos of Sukhbaatar district and 19th khoroo of Chingeltei districts.
- Provided warm winter shoes to 50 children who belong to single-headed households in the northern part of the capital city -Ulaanbaatar



### Byamba-tsogt's heartfelt Bayarlalaa! (Thank you)

Sh.Byambatsogt lives in the 19th district - a ger community in Chingeltei District in the capital Ulaanbaatar.

As one of our selected beneficiary partners, Byambatsogt has a family of five together with his wife and three adult children, who, unfortunately, are, persons with disabilities (PWDs).

As PWDs, the Mongolian government is providing welfare assistance

of 280,000 tugriks per child with a disability, my wife works as a cleaner in one of the hospitals in Ulaanbaatar and from her salary, we can buy the necessary things needed for our family. To make ends meet, some of her salaries goes to pay our loan to cover other expenses that our





family need. Furthermore, as his children need full-time care, Byambatsogt has no choice but to look after their children, making their lives complex and quite challenging.

"I express my sincere thanks to ADRA Mongolia INGO for the food packs that they provided to our

family which can sustain us for at least two weeks. I wish all the staff of your organization great success in their future work," says Byambatsogt as he receives his packs of goodies from ADRA donors and staff themselves.

# **PPE Distribution Activity**





# ADRA Adventist Church

DONORS: Private individual (gift-in-kind) / Mongolian Mission / ADRA Korea **BUDGET:** 76,645 USD **DURATION:** November 9, 2022 **FOCUS AREA: General BENEFICIARY PARTNERS:** ADRA Stakeholders

### GOAL

To distribute personal protective equipment (PPEs) to ADRA's partners and stakeholders as a conduit of donated goods from a private individual in South Korea

### **BENEFICIARY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
- National Animal Gene Bank (NAGB); General Animal and Veterinary Services (GAVs)
- Research Institute for Animal Husbandry (RIAH)
- National Center for Zoonotic Diseases (NCZD) (Bayan-Ulaii, Zavkhan and Selenge Provinces)
- **Provincial Emergency Management agencies**
- Provincial Health and Agriculture departments •
- provincial hospitals
- military departments

- Distributed a total of 125 boxes (6250 pieces) containing high quality personal protective equipment (PPEs)
- Handover 25 boxes (1250 pieces) to national government agencies
- Handover 40 boxes (2000 pieces) to Bayan-Ulgii provincial representatives
- Handover 20 boxes (1000 pieces) to Zavkhan provincial representatives
- Handover 40 boxes (2000 pieces) to Selenge provincial representatives



A total of 6,250 pieces of high quality protective clothing (PPEs) donated by a businesswoman from South Korea were turned over and distributed to selected agencies and other stakeholders that ADRA Mongolia is collaborating with.

The PPEs product description includes the following:

- Excellent barrier against dry particles, liquid certain chemical splash add spray (CE Type 4/5/6)
- Taped seams across the suit for better protection and increased durability
- Soft, well-draping laminated material
- Biological protection tested to EN 14126
- 2-way zipper with fully sealable storm flap for added on off convenience and extra protection
- 3-panel hood design for enhanced compatibility with complimentary PPE
- Knitted cuffs and elasticated waist and ankles for increased comfort and freedom of movement
- Anti-static treatment to EN1149 to reduce charge build up

PPE can be effectively use for the following:

- Viral Contamination / Biological or Biohazard Contamination
- Emergency Response / Healthcare and Medical Research
- Pharmaceutical and Industrial Manufacturing

The distribution is made possible through the cooperation between ADRA Mongolia, ADRA Korea and the Mongolia Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.



# Special Feature

"Today we visited ADRA Mongolia headquar projects they have. Praise God for the wond cally, mentally, socially, and spiritually as Je.

Pastor Ted Wilson, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists visited the ADRA Mongolia country office in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia together with his wife, Nancy on August 22, 2022.

He was accompanied by Pastor Kim Yo Han, President of the Northern Asia Pacific Division (NSD), Pastor Han Suk Hee, President/Mongolia Mission (MM) of SDAs, together with Pastor Nyamdavaa Dovchinsuren - Executive Secretary, Angelina Pagarigan - Treasurer, and other church leaders.

The President's visit was part of the 30th founding anniversary celebration of the Seventh-day Adventists' presence in Mongolia since 1994 after the fall of communism in 1991.



### Elder Ted Wilson Visits ADRA Mongolia

ters to hear about the excellent community erful ways they have of helping people physisus did and through His power."

> **Pastor Ted Wilson** President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

During the visit, the Seventh-day Adventist church leadership acquainted themselves with the work and ministry of ADRA Mongolia through a comprehensive presentation led by its Country Director, Windell M. Maranan. He shared the core area of operations which was concentrated on the promotion of organic agriculture in the country after the government recognized ADRA Mongolia's pioneering role of contributing 89.2% of organic agriculture products in the country.

Furthermore, the Country Director shared its current country operations aligned with the Agency's general purpose of serving humanity so that all may live as God intends - by ensuring that all means of work are done with justice, compassion, and love based on the biblical mandate found in Micah 6:8.

"I am personally touched and encouraged by learning and seeing the wonderful work of the church through the ministry of ADRA Mongolia here in Mongolia. On a personal note, please let me and my wife be part of the excellent work that the team is doing on the ground as I pray and give a humble monetary contribution to be used to further the amazing work that you all do", says Pastor Wilson as he praises God for His clear leadership on the Agency's work and ministry.



Department / Programs	Total Budget (USD)	Expenses (MNT)	Expenses (USD)2022
Administration	96,354	₹ 438,338,655	127,254
Partnership on Organic Agriculture (POAg) project	1,002,317	₮ 649,472,230	188,548
Sustainable Agriculture,Food and Economic Resilience (SAFER-2)	339,888	₮ 287,167,450	83,367
Pasture Land Use-It-Sustainably (PLUS) Project	316,684	₮ 184,684,182	53,616
Ider Milk Initiative (IMI) Project	31,384	₮ 17,743,893	5,151
Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Pilot Project	120,171	₮ 360,383,112	104,623
In-Their-Shoes Project	12,505	₹ 9,822,600	2,852
TOTAL	\$1,919,304	₮ 1,947,612,122	\$565,410

\*as of 12/30/2022 Mongol Bank rate

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