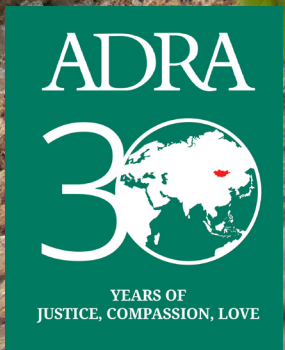


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# PASTURE LAND - USE IT SUSTAINABLY PROJECT

## Project Closing Ceremony



Mr. Simon Goodall, the Savory Institute (SI) accredited trainer from Italy, successfully conducted three-day training on Pasture Holistic Management for herders in 3 baghs of Ider soum of Zavkhan province between April 23-25, 2024.

These onsite sessions focused on discussing the Holistic Grazing Management approach which ensures timely recovery on community pastures during the grass growing season.

Furthermore, herders comprehended the Pasture Holistic Management well and promised to discuss what they gained during the bagh meeting for further decision making process.

A total of 41 (22m; 19f) herders, and ADRA representatives attended this onsite training.





The PLUS Project Closing Ceremony under the name of “Findings and Lessons Learned,” was held successfully on April 26, 2024 in Ider district, Zavkhan province.

The PLUS project collaborated closely with the Savory Institute in the United States to introduce and implement the Pasture Holistic Management approach in Ider district for the first time on a pilot basis throughout a three-year project implementation period.

This event was attended by 75 representatives including the ADRA Mongolia Country Director Windell Maranan, a Savory Institute representative, PLUS project team, local government leaders, and beneficiary partners. During the discussion, participants shared their perspectives on implementation achievements and lessons learned, and they finished with brief recommendations.

As well, Country Director of ADRA Mongolia received a medal award as an “Honored Civilian” given by the Soum Governor, Sh. Sampilnorov as an appreciation of his commendable leadership through a number of ADRA’s initiatives in Ider district in Zavkhan province.





## Introducing our new Project

### CLIMATE-ADAPTED NUTRITION SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Our team has hit the ground, targeting 225 farmer households across 3 districts: Ulgii, Sagsai, and Bugat. We're dedicated to empowering local communities and enhancing agricultural practices for a sustainable future.

#### Here's what happened:

**Seed Distribution:** Our project implementing unit has been working hard, selecting households and distributing 7 types of seeds essential for nutritious farming: carrot, cucumber, tomatoes, onion, strawberry, dill, and lettuce. These seeds will pave the way for bountiful harvests and healthier diets.

**Upcoming Training:** Essential training session on Passive Solar Greenhouse Construction. Led by a Consultant-Trainer from GERES INGO, this training will equip farmers with valuable knowledge and skills to maximize their agricultural potential while minimizing environmental impact.





# Updates on Project

## UPSCALING PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROJECT

### Coordination Structure/ Supply Chain Management System for Organics



The Upscaling Partnership for Organic Agriculture (UPOAg) project conducted a consultation and training session by Dr. Shaikh Tanveer Hossain, Policy and Strategy Director from IFOAM - Organics Asia on Multi-Stakeholder Training and Consultative Workshop - Determination of The Organic Sector Development and Supply Chain Model of Mongolia.

It was attended by key organic sector stakeholders, namely the national level and regional level public organizations, private companies, cooperatives, certification organizations, CSOs, and research representatives.

The Upscaling Partnership for Organic Agriculture (UPOAg) project is made possible through fund grant by the Federal Republic of Germany, Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in close partnership with ADRA Germany.





# PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITY (UPOAg)

## Participatory Guarantee Organization Establishment and Pledge Giving Ceremony



The “Upscaling Partnership for Organic Agriculture” project of ADRA Mongolia supports the organic agricultural production and participatory guaranteeing of 40 primary cooperatives of Selenge and Darkhan-Uul provinces. Within that framework, ADRA Mongolia organized a participatory guarantee organization (PGO) establishment and pledge-giving ceremony on the 4th of June in Darkhan City in collaboration with the Institute of Plant and Agricultural Sciences, the provincial governments of Selenge and Darkhan-Uul provinces, Selenge and Darkhan-Uul NAMAC, the Consumer Protection Association of Selenge Branch, Selenge Tavan Khaikhan Cooperative Union and 40 primary cooperatives. The activity aimed to establish the first PGO of Darkhan-Uul province, extend Selenge PGOs, and pledge giving of their members. The Country Director of ADRA Mongolia Windell M. Maranan, Director N. Bayarsukh of IPAS, the representative of the Darkhan-Uul provincial government delivered opening speeches and congratulated the farmers who are converting to organic agriculture.

2 PGOs in Darkhan-Uul and 3 PGOs in Selenge were established. A total of 91 members of 21 cooperatives from 9 soums of two provinces gave the pledge. We wish great success to the first organic farmers of Darkhan-Uul Province and the new organic farmers of Selenge Province for their engagement in organic farming, and for their hard work to provide the people with healthy, organic food that can ensure health, well-being, and environmental sustainability!





# FINE WOOL SHEEP BREEDING PROJECT PHASE 1

## SHEEP SHEARING TRAINING

ADRA Mongolia conducted Fine Wool Sheep Shearing Training for Khangai and Orkhon breed sheep herders in Orkhon soum of Selenge Province. The training aims to equip herders with the skills to effectively use shearing equipment and maximize wool yield per sheep.





## FWSB PROJECT RELATED ACTIVITIES

During the recent monitoring visit in Selenge province, Brendon Irvine, ADRA Asia Regional Office Technical Lead - Agriculture, Climate Change and Livelihood, along with Country Director Windell Maranan and Project Coordinator - Asemgul Baitik met with various stakeholders, including Orkhon and Khangai sheep herders, as well as the National Animal Gene Bank authorities, to discuss the project's future plans, particularly the upcoming laparoscopic artificial insemination activities at the herder level in October of this year.



The team also assessed the conditions of the newborn lambs delivered last mid-March, and followed up on the wool products from the recent shearing training done in Orkhon soum.

The overall goal of the project is for the remaining Khangai and Orkhon fine and semi-fine wool breeds in Mongolia to be genetically upgraded and to have sustainably increased, hence sustaining means of livelihood for the Mongolian herder families.

The Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Project is being funded by ADRA International, ADRA Japan, ADRA Hong Kong, ADRA Australia and the Australian Embassy in Mongolia.





## EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2024

ADRA Mongolia conducted an initial dzud-disaster and emergency response to aid the most affected province and assisted the herder households in Sukhbaatar soum, Sukhbaatar Province last January 2024 at the onset of the dzud disaster.

During the Emergency Response team follow-up monitoring trip in February 2024, we witnessed the harsh reality faced by herders brought by the extreme weather conditions - including thick, heavy snow and ice-covered pastures in sub-zero temperatures. With dwindling livestock hay and fodder reserves, animals faced starvation and severe exposure to extreme winter conditions, leading to significant losses. Interestingly, vital roads connecting rural areas and households were completely impassable due to heavy snow blockage hence, exacerbating the situation.

The herders in Sukhbaatar soum tragically lost 303,100 livestock out of 471,000 due to dzud which directly affected their means of livelihood. As well, the local government encountered significant challenges in promptly disposing of animal carcasses.





## DISASTER RESPONSE - DZUD IN SUKHBAATAR PROVINCE

Considering these circumstances, ADRA Mongolia implemented a scale-up disaster response from 6-8 May. This phase involves providing cash transfers to an additional 100 herder households, amounting to 660,000 MNT per household (200 USD per household), to alleviate immediate financial strain. Also, ADRA gave an additional 11,000,000 MNT (3,268 USD) towards covering fuel costs to assist in the cleanup of deceased animals, facilitating a swift and efficient response to the crisis.



As of May 06, 2024, the negative impact of the dzud phenomenon left herder households with a loss of 64% of animals hence, a UN-led delegation visited the same province and other neighboring affected areas.

ADRA Mongolia's scale-up emergency response was funded by ADRA Germany and ADRA Canada.





# News Bits

## Meeting with USAID Representative, VETNET and Mongol Textile

On June 14, 2024, Windell M. Maranan, Country Director of ADRA Mongolia and Brendon Irvine, ADRA Asia Regional Office Technical Lead - Agriculture, Climate Change and Livelihood had a meeting with Tom, Representative from U.S. Agency for International Development, Representatives from VETNET and Enkhjin from Mongol Textile.

The overall purpose of the meeting was to introduce the concept and implementation of ADRA Mongolia's Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Project to USAID and them becoming potential donor for the phase 2 of the project. Also, the meeting included ADRA's plausible partnership with stakeholders such as VETNET and Mongol Textile using the fine wool sheared from Orkhon and Khangai sheep breeds.





## STAFF CORNER

### WHEN DID YOU FIRST JOIN ADRA AND WHY?

I first joined ADRA Mongolia on October 9, 2017. I really wanted to join an international organization that always helps others and conducts training programs to change people's lives from the ground up.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR POSITION?

The thing I love most about my position is we do financial reports without false statements, which means how our Agency is free from any form of corruption. Also, I like the fact that we get to observe our Sabbath day with gathered worship and praying.



*Enkhnarann Batchuluun*

Accountant  
ADMIN

### CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT ONE OF YOUR MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES WORKING IN ADRA?

In the spring of 2022, all employees of ADRA Mongolia went to a resort called "Terelj", we went for a walk in the mountains, did socializing and sharing our stories are my most unforgettable memories working in ADRA.

### WHAT DOES THE WORK OF ADRA MEAN TO YOU?

I think ADRA is a very humanitarian and beautiful organization that advises and trains people who are in-need and provides them a support in terms of helping them have a source of income. ADRA is a wonderful organization that brings God's love to many people.





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