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This quarter brings a harsh winter. Yet even amid these difficulties, our organic agriculture projects continue to show that sustainable solutions can address climate change at its roots. Through organic farming practices and passive solar greenhouses, we're creating agricultural systems that can withstand environmental stresses. By supporting local food production, we also reduce transportation-related emissions and build the kind of food security that communities need to weather uncertain times.

Our non-communicable disease prevention project has reached an important milestone this year. With activities now underway across all targeted schools, we're seeing health education transform young lives. The enthusiasm and curiosity students bring to learning give us tremendous hope. These young people are learning about preventing diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and chronic lung disease, and they're becoming advocates for healthier communities.

Looking back on this year and ahead to the next, we're grateful for the resilience of the communities we serve and the progress we're making together.

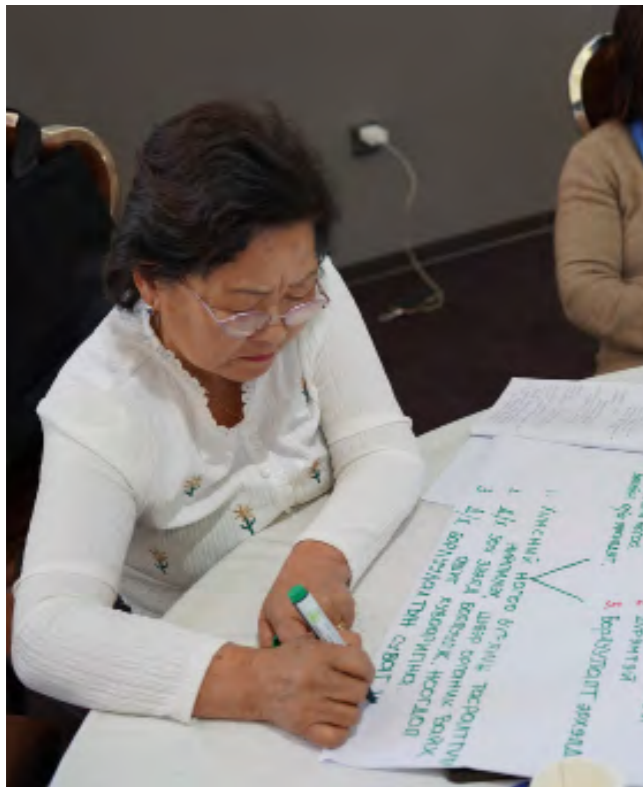
The Editorial Team

UPSCALING PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROJECT (UPOAG)



Training on Cultivating Fruit Trees Using Organic Methods

The project team, in collaboration with the Institute of Plant and Agricultural Sciences, organized a comprehensive training on cultivating fruit trees and shrubs using organic methods, with a focus on their integration into both organic farming and beekeeping systems. Over 50 representatives from 40 cooperatives of Selenge Organic and Darkhan Organic, who are participating in the project, attended the training. Participants gained essential skills in organic planting, pest management, proper pruning techniques, and organic fertilization methods.



Training Workshop on Developing Sustainable Marketing

Professors from Marketing Department of the School of Economics and Business, Mongolian University of Life Sciences, conducted a specialized training workshop on “Developing Sustainable Marketing, Supply Chain, and Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Organic Products”. Throughout the workshop, participants learned about developing marketing and management strategies based on consumer knowledge and attitudes towards organic products, explored approaches for sustainable supply chain planning, and enhanced their understanding of effective collaboration among sector stakeholders and product development practices.

Three-season Greenhouse Handover Ceremony

With the support of the project, four three-season greenhouses were officially handed over to the following cooperatives: “Mandal Organic Foods”, “Kharaagiin Bayan Urs”, “Buural Gazriin Bayalag”, “Inget Dulaan Khairkhan”.

During the event, the project agronomist Oyungerel J. conducted organic capacity building training on organic techniques for cultivating and effectively managing their three-season greenhouses.



With these greenhouses now in operation, the cooperatives will be able to extend their vegetable production periods, ensuring a continuous supply of organic vegetables across three growing seasons. As a result, cooperative members are expected to see increased income, improved productivity, and overall positive outcomes and impact.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Windell Maranan, Country Director of ADRA Mongolia; Munkhtur B., Head of the Department of Food and Agriculture of Selenge province; Munkhtushig B., Head of the Governor’s Office of Mandal soum; and Gantugs B., Crop Production Officer at the Department of Food and Agriculture of Darkhan-Uul province, along with other local officials.



FINE WOOL SHEEP BREEDING PROJECT (FWSB) PHASE - 3

ADRA Mongolia team visited Mangirt Brigade in Orkhon soum of Selenge Province to observe the fine wool sheep artificial insemination (AI) activity firsthand. This year's program has seen remarkable growth, with 1,052 sheep involved in the AI process. This represents a 54% increase from last year's 630 sheep.

The AI is conducted using advanced biotechnical methods, including laparoscopic procedures, in controlled laboratory conditions at the local level across various soums. The AI activity took place from October 15 to 23, with strong collaboration among the local administration, fine wool sheep breeders, enterprises, and the National Livestock Gene Bank, all of which participated in the organization and execution of the program.



B. Javkhlan, Advisor to the President of Mongolia on Program Coordination and Civil Society Policy, held a meeting with representatives of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) to exchange information and discuss cooperation on the implementation and planned activities of the ADRA's project within the framework of the "White Gold" initiative.

The discussion focused on current project progress, opportunities for strengthening collaboration, and future steps to support the development of fine and semi fine-wool sheep breeding in Mongolia.

Participants of the meeting included: Andrew Berryman, Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy in Mongolia; Brendon Irvine, Senior Consultant, ADRA UK; Windell Maranan, Country Director, ADRA Mongolia; Tsogtbaatar J., Head, Department of Livestock Genetic Resources, MOFALI; Altantsetseg Ts., Livestock Specialist and Director of "Selenge Breeding Nucleus Flock"; and Altantsetseg S., Project Manager, Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Project



NextGen CELEBRATIONS Mongolia Project (NCD)



From September to October, the project Health Club activity is ongoing strong. The project team conducted a workshop on the meaning, prevention and importance of prevention on non-communicable diseases to the students from grade 6-9.

After some time of school break due to teachers strike, the activities have returned to normal.

The project team started the Health Club activities under the theme "Healthy Eating and Nutrition".

In this session, our health club members deepened their understanding of healthy and unhealthy foods and conducted small experiments on their own.



The project team had a meeting with Tsetsegbal O., Advisor to the Minister of Education on Health Education, to present the project's achievements to date and shared project's future plans



Meeting with Teachers

The project team met with Grade 6–9 teachers at School No. 84 in Bayanzurkh District to introduce the project's objectives, outline ongoing activities, and explore meaningful avenues for future collaboration. During the meeting, the team shared key findings, discussed planned interventions, and listened to teachers' insights on students' needs and day-to-day challenges in promoting healthy habits.

Teachers play an essential and influential role in shaping adolescents' understanding of healthy lifestyles. Through daily interactions, guidance, and classroom engagement, they help students form positive routines, make informed choices, and build the foundation for long-term wellbeing. Their involvement is therefore crucial to ensuring the success and sustainability of the project's goals.



Special Lecture "My Friend" Held

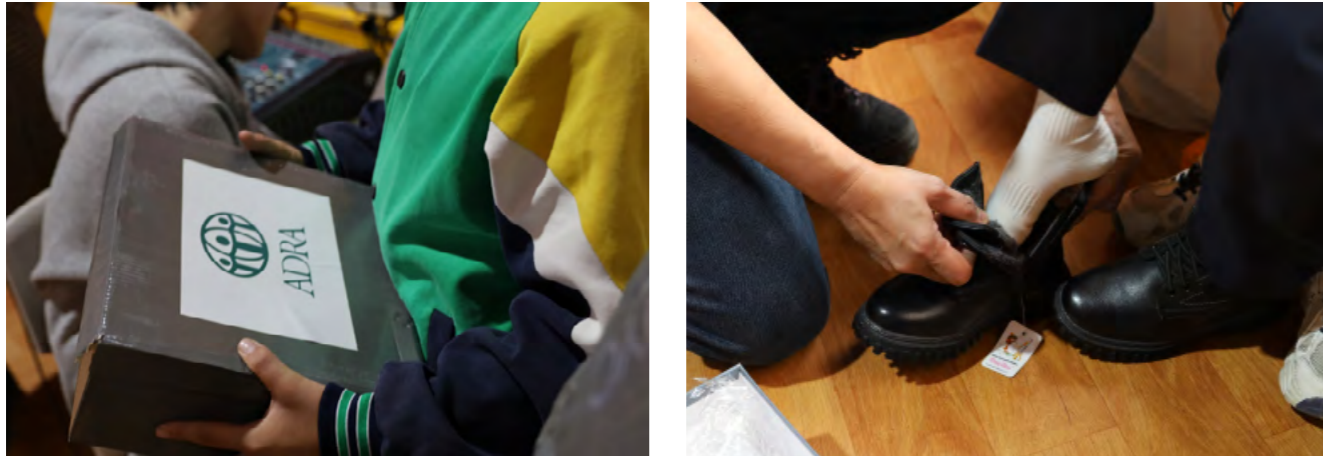
In honor of World Mental Health Day, the project team organized a special lecture titled "My Friend" on November 16, 2025, at the Mongolian Children's Palace. The event, which involved 550 participants, was designed for students from our partner schools.

The main goal of the lecture was to help adolescents understand the importance of friendship, the value of respecting and caring for friends, and the significant role that parents and teachers play in guiding children toward becoming emotionally healthy and positive individuals during these formative years.



In-Their-Shoes Project (ITS)

Since 2021, ADRA Mongolia has been providing winter boots to vulnerable children across Ulaanbaatar. This year, we partnered with School Number 10 in Khan-Uul District's 12th Khoroo, the only public school serving one of our city's most vulnerable communities near Moringiin Davaa waste disposal site.



In close partnership with the School Principal of School Number 10 and volunteers from UB International Church, our project successfully achieved its goal of providing 100 vulnerable students with winter boots. Additionally, 18 extra pairs of winter boots generously donated by private vendor from Suuhii Shoe Shop. 118 total children now protected from Mongolia's harsh winter temperatures.



News Bits

Our Board Members held a crucial year-end meeting on November 18th, with six members in attendance. This comprehensive session played a vital role in assessing our organization's performance throughout the year and shaping our path forward into the new year.

The board conducted an in-depth review of this year's operations, examining our achievements, challenges, and overall performance. Financial statements were



thoroughly analyzed to ensure fiscal health and sustainability as we close out the year, while detailed project reports provided insight into the status and outcomes of our initiatives. The meeting also addressed employment status and workforce planning, recognizing that our people are central to our continued success.

These year-end gatherings are essential for our leadership to reflect on lessons learned, celebrate accomplishments, and set the stage for continued growth. The collaborative dialogue and oversight

provided during this meeting reinforce our commitment to transparency and sound management as we transition into a new chapter and continue to serve our community.



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