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This quarterly newsletter highlights our work in economic development and livelihoods, showcasing how ADRA Mongolia is supporting communities through sustainable organic agriculture practices and advanced sheep breeding technology.

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As we begin a new chapter in our work across Mongolia, we are grateful for God's grace in sparing the country from significant dzud losses this year. The absence of extreme winter conditions meant herders and their livestock were protected from the devastating impacts that have marked previous seasons.

This favorable winter brought an added blessing to our Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Project. In late March, the first lambs conceived through artificial insemination last October began arriving, marking an exciting milestone in our efforts to enhance Mongolia's fine and semi-fine wool breeds. This progress will ultimately improve the sustainable livelihoods of herding families through upgraded wool quality and increased production.

Alongside livestock development, our agricultural initiatives have engaged farmers in this year's farming activities through seedling distribution and online consultations on plantation and crop management. These efforts support sustainable organic production while combating desertification across the country. Our goal is to ensure communities throughout Mongolia have access to affordable organic vegetables, reducing food security risks and promoting healthier diets.

Food security extends beyond availability to nutrition education. Through our non-communicable disease prevention project, we are teaching adolescents about the health impacts of fast food and the lifelong effects of cigarettes. In Mongolia's current environment, where inexpensive processed foods with additives are increasingly accessible near schools due to limited regulatory oversight, equipping young people with knowledge about these dangers is essential for building healthier future generations.

None of this work would be possible without our donors and partners. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who support our mission with unwavering commitment and partnership.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Warm regards,  
The Editorial Team

## UPSCALING PARTNERSHIP FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROJECT (UPOAG)



### National Consultative Meeting for Organic Farmers and Beekeepers

The Department for Coordination of Crop Production Policy Implementation, under the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry (MOFALI), in partnership with the National Association for Sustainable Supply Chain Developers' Partnership and ADRA's Upscaling Partnership for Organic Agriculture Project, successfully hosted a National Consultative Meeting for Organic Farmers and Beekeepers on January 22, 2026, at the MOFALI Conference Hall.

The meeting was held in an open discussion format, providing a dynamic platform where subject-matter experts engaged directly with organic farmers and other participants. Through lively exchanges and responsive dialogue, the event fostered meaningful interaction between policymakers, practitioners, and producers — making it both an informative and engaging experience for all attendees.



### Technology Training on the Production of Value-Added Products

A hands-on technology training focused on producing value-added products and improving organic vegetable processing for cooperatives was organized in collaboration with the Polytechnic College of Darkhan-Uul Province, held over three days on January 28–30, 2026.

A total of 41 members (5 men and 36 women) representing 21 cooperatives across 13 soums of Selenge and Darkhan-Uul provinces took part in the training. Participants gained practical knowledge across a range of essential topics, including drying, freezing, and thermal preservation techniques for organic vegetable processing, food hygiene and safety standards, occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, and raw material quality control and recordkeeping. The training was designed to blend theory with hands-on practice, equipping cooperative members with immediately applicable skills to strengthen their production capabilities.



### Stakeholder Consultative Meeting in Darkhan-Uul Province

On March 4, 2026, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, in collaboration with the Upscaling Partnership for Organic Agriculture Project, held a consultative meeting in Darkhan-Uul Province to strengthen partnerships among organic producers, stakeholders, and partner organizations. The meeting brought together representatives from 40 organic producer cooperatives across two provinces.

Participants reviewed and discussed a draft regulation on state support and incentives for organic producers, and exchanged insights on supply chain challenges, opportunities, and recommendations for future policy and planning. The Farmers' Association for Rural Revitalization of Mongolia also shared key outcomes from the Mongol Nogoo (Mongolian Vegetables) project, highlighting achievements in vegetable sales, cooperative collaboration, and value-added supply chain development.



## NextGen CELEBRATIONS Mongolia Project (NCD)



### Meeting with the Minister of Health

Windell Maranan, Country Director of ADRA Mongolia, together with Undrakh B., Program Coordinator, and Orgilzul B., Project Manager of the NextGen CELEBRATIONS! Mongolia (NCD) project had a significant meeting with Dr. Chinburen J., Minister of Health.

The meeting focused on discussing the project's implementation and exploring collaborative opportunities to reduce non-communicable diseases among Mongolian communities. Dr. Chinburen received detailed information about the project and its upcoming activities, showing keen interest in our initiatives.



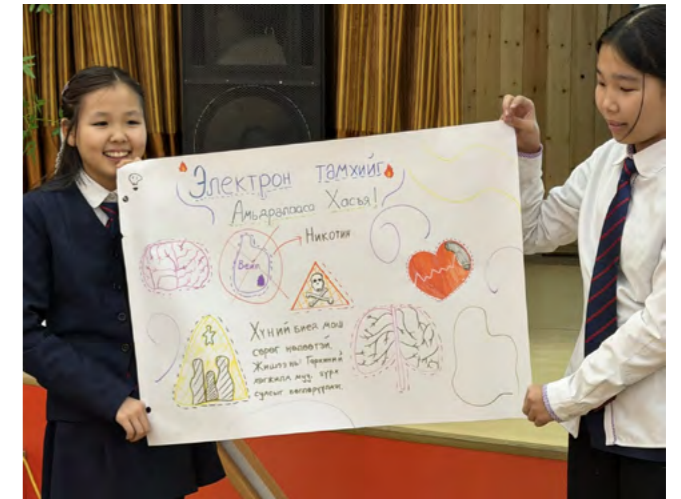
### "Make Exercise a Habit"

A relay competition was held among students from grades 6–9 of Khugjil Secondary School and their parents, bringing families together for a fun, active, and memorable weekend.

Physical inactivity is a leading risk factor for many non-communicable diseases, including obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and depression. With this in mind, the event was organized to inspire both students and their families to build the habit of engaging in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

The project's Health Club activities continue under the theme of "Temperance", focusing on self-control and responsible decision-making.

In a recent session, club members worked in groups to explore the harmful effects of vaping and e-cigarettes. Each group then prepared a visual presentation along with advocacy messages, which they shared with their peers — turning the activity into both a learning and awareness-raising experience.



### Memorandum of Understanding between ADRA, Loma Linda University, and the National Center for Public Health

On March 24, ADRA, Loma Linda University, and the National Center for Public Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding, uniting three organizations around a shared commitment to strengthening Mongolia's public health systems.



### Academic Workshop on Adolescent Public Health

In collaboration with ADRA International and the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University, the project successfully concluded an Academic Workshop on Adolescent Public Health.

The workshop united national health and education representatives alongside international partners, covering Adolescent Health & Wellbeing and Tools, Strategies & Implementation, with an incredible 719 participants in person and online.

## FINE WOOL SHEEP BREEDING PROJECT (FWSB) PHASE - 3



Back in October 2025, our Fine Wool Sheep Breeding Project, in close collaboration with the National Livestock Gene Bank (NLGB), successfully performed artificial insemination on over 1,000 ewes as part of our ongoing efforts to improve flock genetics.

The first lambs have started arriving! Meanwhile, NLGB specialists are conducting laboratory tests on 340 wool samples collected in 2025.



## News Bits

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between ADRA Mongolia and Caritas Mongolia.

As part of our commitment to supporting communities across Mongolia, we are pleased to partner with Caritas Mongolia to foster mutual learning and collaborative development. Through this partnership, we will explore opportunities for future collaboration on projects that strengthen and sustain communities nationwide.



### Spotlight on Our 2025 Annual Report

We're excited to share our 2025 Annual Report, highlighting a year of resilience, innovation, and meaningful impact across Mongolia.

From expanding agricultural breakthroughs in Bayan-Ulgii to strengthening livelihoods for herding families in Selenge, this report offers a comprehensive look at how we're building sustainable futures for communities. Dive in to explore our progress and see how partnerships are turning vision into lasting change.

To read the full report, please visit:



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