



## Mongolia: Improving the Screening Program for Viral Hepatitis

Project Name	Improving the Screening Program for Viral Hepatitis		
Project Number	51105-001		
Country	Mongolia		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9438-MON: Improving the Screening Program for Viral Hepatitis		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 800,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions		
Sector / Subsector	Health - Disease control of communicable disease		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description			
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy			
Impact	Health and quality of life of people of Mongolia improved		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Viral hepatitis screening, diagnosis, and treatment improved		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Capacity of health workers for delivering viral hepatitis screening, diagnosis, and treatment improved An active surveillance system for viral hepatitis screening, diagnosis, and monitoring developed		

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>ADB recruited the project coordinator, the financial and administrative coordinator to coordinate and liaise with relevant stakeholders the TA implementation, and the national consultant hepatology specialist who will play a leading role and provide technical expertise in planning, implementation and data assessment of various epidemiological surveys planned under the TA. The TA team commenced its services in June 2018. The MOH has provided an office with internet and telephone connections.</p> <p>In July 2018, the MOH established the Technical Working Group chaired by the Director of Medical Service Department to support the TA implementation in coordination with the Healthy Liver National Program and other activities in this area. In August 2018, the MOH appointed Mr. Battuvshin, Director of Medical Service Department, as the TA Director.</p> <p>ADB conducted the Inception mission in August 2018. The mission and MOH agreed on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The TA will support the Healthy Liver Program through various activities, including training and capacity building of all level healthcare workers on updated guidelines and protocols for screening, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis; information, education and communication activities (IEC) to increase people's awareness about the Healthy Liver Program and patient treatment literacy; strengthening the existing acute surveillance system by improving the reporting and data collection system through updated and/or new information technology (IT) solutions; developing and systematizing the screening program for healthcare workers and prevention of hospital acquired infections, including viral hepatitis; and conducting the epidemiological surveys and assessments to gather scientific and evidence based data for monitoring the program outcomes. The MOH and the PIU will finalize the detailed TA work plan and submit it to ADB by the end of September 2018.</li> <li>2. The TA will support the MOH in conducting epidemiological surveys to (i) assess and identify risk factors associated with acute HCV transmission, (ii) assess infection prevention and control in dental and traditional medicine clinics/hospitals, and (iii) assess efficacy of vaccination against hepatitis B among healthcare workers. The TA will engage WHO technical experts as resource persons in defining the study methodology, data analysis and report preparation. By 15 September 2018, the MOH will provide ADB with the draft study protocols, terms of reference for researchers (or data collectors) and detailed cost estimates. ADB will review and approve the selection method and include the studies in the procurement plan. The EA will obtain ADB's prior approval at all stages of selecting the agency and/or individuals to carry out the surveys.</li> </ol> <p>The mission, MOH and WHO Country Representative discussed the cooperation and contribution of WHO in the TA implementation. WHO will provide technical assistance through engaging its technical experts to support (i) conducting surveys to identify risk factors for transmission of viral hepatitis and assess efficacy of vaccination against viral hepatitis and assessing the quality of infection prevention measures in critical areas; (ii) capacity building activities, particularly in conducting training of trainers (ToT) on screening, diagnosis and treatment of viral hepatitis; and (iii) designing the active surveillance system for viral hepatitis.</p>
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Geographical Location	Nation-wide
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## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	

## Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	Consultation with stakeholders were carried out during the project design, including officials of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Health, the National Center for Communicable Diseases, WHO Country Office, and the Social Insurance General Office.
During Project Implementation	

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	In close consultation with the executing agency, individual consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions and technical assistance staff instructions.
Procurement	The (i) office equipment; (ii) measurement equipment; (iii) control, diagnostic, and rapid test kits for hepatitis surveillance and evaluation training; and (iv) goods for printing and publishing will be procured by the executing agency in accordance with ADB's Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated project administration instructions and technical assistance staff instructions.

Responsible ADB Officer	Jigjidsuren, Altantuya
Responsible ADB Department	East Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Mongolia Resident Mission

**Timetable**

Concept Clearance	18 Aug 2017
Fact Finding	29 May 2017 to 08 Jun 2017
MRM	-
Approval	05 Dec 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	18 Sep 2018

**TA 9438-MON****Milestones**

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Dec 2017	29 Dec 2017	29 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2019	-	-

**Financing Plan/TA Utilization****Cumulative Disbursements**

ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
800,000.00	0.00	64,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	864,000.00	05 Dec 2017	79,003.68

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