



Mongolia: Improved Registry System to Strengthen the Delivery of Social Services

Project Name	Improved Registry System to Strengthen the Delivery of Social Services	
Project Number	51135-001	
Country	Mongolia	
Project Status	Approved	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9372-MON: Improved Registry System to Strengthen the Delivery of Social Services	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Information and communication technology - ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development Public sector management - Public administration - Social protection initiatives	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The Government of Mongolia requested for Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Knowledge and Support Technical Assistance (TA) to support the General Authority of Intellectual Property and State Registration (GAIPSR) to strengthen Mongolia's Civil Registration System (CRS). The TA is included in the Country Operations Business Plan, 2017-2019 for Mongolia. The proposed TA will improve the accessibility and quality of civil registration services in Mongolia and help establish the One Citizen One Registration program. Improving the CRS is important to the implementation of 8 of the goals and 24 targets of the Sustainable Development Goals; it is consistent with the achievement of the objectives of the Mongolia Sustainable Development Vision 2030, in particular those related to moving state services onto electronic platforms; and is consistent with the Plan of Action for 2016-2020 of the Government of Mongolia which explicitly makes the implementation of the One Citizen One Registration program an objective. The TA will improve the quality of the CRS by improving the inter-connectedness of state agencies that handle relevant information; support the ongoing move from manual to electronic systems; and by reducing discrepancies in data and improving overall data quality. This will improve the quality and timeliness of data for policymaking and take steps to equalize the access to registry services for all citizens.</p>	

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy

GAIPSR is the agency in the Government of Mongolia which is responsible for overseeing various registry systems including civil, property, legal entity and intellectual property systems. There are 16 government and 8 non-government organizations that either receive registry information from GAIPSR or collect registry information. The relationship between GDIPSR and these 24 organizations is governed by a memorandum of understanding. GAIPSR aims to make state civil registration more accessible and of a higher quality, an objective which is critical to the goals of the Government of Mongolia as described above. This will also help Mongolia contribute to regional objectives. The UN Economic and Social Commission for the Asia-Pacific approved the Ministerial Declaration Get EveryOne in the Picture in 2014, and the Regional Plan of Action to implement Civil Registration and Vital Statistics 2014-2024, and charged all member States to implement it in their own countries.

Mongolia has managed to achieve some online state civil registration including an online registration of property and legal entities, an electronic archive database, and a system that allows citizens to obtain state registration verification from State service electronic points. Despite these achievements, the inter-governmental exchange of information remains limited as registration units have not been fully connected to the CRS and the information necessary to maintain state registration cannot be obtained through accessing existing databases. Furthermore, the lack of financial and technical resources has made it difficult to implement international good practices such as coordinating civil registration databases with other state registry organizations, introducing technology solutions, and providing capacity-building to government officers. These issues have created important challenges to GAIPSR fulfilling its duties and obligations.

This TA is particularly important given the current context in Mongolia. Falling commodity prices followed by a lack of fiscal discipline has significantly worsened Mongolia's fiscal position and undermined debt sustainability. This resulted in the negotiation of an International Monetary Fund (IMF)-led program, backed by ADB and other development partners, which will enhance medium-term growth prospects. However, implementing this program will require better targeting of government services to help restore debt sustainability and improve fiscal management. This includes government services related to civil registration and those that draw on civil registration information, such as social welfare, an area where ADB is already heavily involved. This underlines the importance of improving the quality of data produced by the CRS which is an essential input into designing social welfare policies and allocating resources accordingly vital to do well in a more constrained fiscal environment under the IMF program.

Impact Impact the TA is Aligned with State civil registry services and information for social welfare policies will be improved.a

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome Accuracy, reliability and accessibility of CRS strengthened.
Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs

1. Online state civil registration including 50 most densely populated soums created.
2. System enabling electronic registration services in hospitals created.
3. Single shared database platform for all state registry information created.
4. Laws and regulations related to state civil registration effectively disseminated.

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Responsible ADB Officer	Magee, Declan F.
Responsible ADB Department	East Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Mongolia Resident Mission

Timetable

Concept Clearance	14 Jul 2017
Fact Finding	03 Jul 2017 to 07 Jul 2017
MRM	-
Approval	20 Sep 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	21 Sep 2017

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	-	0.00

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