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Youth Employment Promotion Project

FACTS

Project name:

Youth Employment Promotion
(YEP) Project

Duration:

2019-2021

Budget:

SDC: CHF 2.88 million

Target group:

Young men and women (15-34
years old) in transition to the
workforce, residing in rural areas
and peri-urban settlements

Target area:

21 aimags across the country and 9
districts of Ulaanbaatar

BACKGROUND

The Government of Mongolia highlights employment promotion as a fundamental tool for creating a sustainable and competitive economy. It recognises that more action is needed to create jobs for young people. Upon request from the Mongolian government, SDC intends to continue providing support to systemically address youth unemployment.

PROJECT GOAL

To contribute to the equitable and sustainable social and economic development of Mongolia through the promotion of youth employment.

The project seeks to reach its goal through the following outcomes:

- a) National policies and programmes are conducive to youth employment.
- b) Effective employment support services are provided to young people.
- c) Young people operate innovative start-ups with growth potential.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES



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Assists in refining and
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youth employment.



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MAIN RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE AND EXPECTED

Policy support to the MoLSP:

- As a result of the successful piloting and implementation of the Youth Employment and Start-up Support Program during 2016-2018 in project target 8 aimags and 2 districts, as well as project commitment in development of necessary policy recommendations, capacity building and increase of knowledge and understanding among stakeholders, the “Youth Employment and Start-up Support Program” (YESSP) was approved by the National Employment Council (NEC) in January 2018. Accordingly, the program is now implemented in all aimags and districts of Mongolia following the scheme developed by the project.
- YESSP 2021 was approved including Youth employment new services and Internship program piloted and scaled up by the project during 2017-2020.

Improving employment services for youth:

- Youth Employment Service (YES) Desks were established in 16 aimags and 5 districts. The YES Desks are now implementing following new employment services targeting youth, such as: Profiling, Individual Employment Pathway Planning, Youth Collaboration Support, Provision of Local Labor Market Information and Youth start-up support activities. In 2021, the YES Desks will be established in the remaining 5 aimags, 4 districts of Ulaanbaatar and at the Municipality Labor Department. New employment services will be offered with assistance of web-based tools starting 2021.
- Capacity of local staff and managers working in Department of Labor and Welfare Services (DLWSs), private labor exchange offices and other related stakeholders was strengthened to deliver new employment services.
- Local labor market demand survey was conducted in 8 aimags, as a result, labor market demand is identified by economic sectors and specializations. The local research team capacity was strengthened in qualitative and quantitative research methodology.

Private sector integration:

- Local Employment Councils and local parliaments (Citizens’ Khurals) establish platforms for cooperation among the private and public sectors.
 - The government develops and improves policies for Basic Employment Services and Private Labour Exchange Offices.
- The Employers Organization (MONEF) increases capacities of provincial employment councils to synchronize its activities with the Governor’s Offices and Trade Unions.

Youth Start-ups:

- Within the YESSP, in total 26 start-up teams were selected from the project initial target 8 aimags and 2 districts and received grants from the project. Based on the project recommendations, according to the newly approved YESSP 2021, the Employment Promotion Fund will be providing grants (as

Partner organisations:

- Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
 - General Office for Labour and Welfare Services
 - Local Labour and Welfare Service Offices/Departments
 - Mongolian National Employees Federation (MONEF)
 - Youth NGOs
 - Youth start-ups
 - Business Development Service Providers
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