



2019 Activity report

The Centre for Human Rights and Development implemented 10 projects through its three programs: Human Rights Protection program, Human Rights Advocacy program and Community based development program. We raised funds of 192,764,551 tugriks for implementation of these projects and 1,580,000 tugriks out of the total fund were donated by our partner organizations and citizens. The Annual Experience sharing meeting was organized in cooperation with the Community Saving Groups Federations and they raised funds of 15,520,000 tugriks.

Human rights protection program

a) The 13th annual evaluation of the independence and fundings of activities of the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia was done within the program in accordance with the Paris Principle, as one of the key priorities to strengthen the national human rights protection mechanism. The 13th report on the activities of NHRC was prepared and submitted with recommendations for the annual report of the Asian NGO Network on National Human Rights Institutions (ANNI). Also, the program manager attended the regional meeting of the ANNI and shared the good experience with fellow members. The 13th annual report was prepared as voluntary work without funding from outside.



b) Mongolia is going to present its national report on the human rights situation for the third cycle of Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at the 36th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council on 5th of May, 2020. On this occasion the Centre for Human Rights and Development in cooperation with the Global Meridian NGO and other member organizations of the National Human Rights NGO Forum (HRF) drafted and submitted a joint report on the theme “National Human Rights Protection Mechanism”. The report scope and content were identified and approved by the HRF Working Group meeting. The draft report was presented and discussed at the Ex-officio Council meeting at the Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs (MJHA) and during the National Consultation meeting. Recommendations and comments generated during these meetings were incorporated into the final report in collaboration with the HRF Working Group members.

This report is developed, using the submissions of HRF made for the first and second cycles of UPR: “The implementation of human rights in Mongolia” and “Legal Reforms”, Recommendations from the two previous UPR, the Government Action Plans on implementation of the Recommendations[iv], UPR Mid-Term Review Report on the implementation of the UPR recommendations produced by the Government and HRF, meeting minutes of discussions organized by the HRF members in different provinces and districts.

The National Human Rights Mechanism report is developed within the framework of the recommendations given by the UN Human Rights Council from the first and second cycle of UPR to strengthen the national human rights structure and mechanism.

The report includes themes such as the structure and collaboration for implementation of the UPR recommendations; new legislations to advance human rights implementation in Mongolia and their implementation; and legal changes with negative consequences on human rights implementation; actions with high risk to affect human rights – attack on private property, publicly informed corruption cases. CHRD voluntarily prepared the national report and the translation cost of the report into English was funded by the Open Society Forum (OSF)

c) CHRD has been implementing different projects to support and protect human rights defenders (HRDs) using the national and global mechanisms. HRDs often tend to be threatened and face challenges because



of their work for promoting human rights and public interests. Within that framework, an international fact-finding mission (FFM) was organised by CHRD with technical and financial assistance from the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA) in Khentii and Dornod provinces on 5 May-10 May 2019 to investigate the situation of HRDs, human rights violations in mining sector of Mongolia, with the view to address the restrictions, violations and abuses imposed against HRDs by State and non-State actors. Regarding the follow-up of the fact-finding mission, a Launch

of Fact Finding Mission report was held at Ulaanbaatar on the 22nd of October 2019, involving representatives of related Ministries, mining companies and local citizens. The Press conference on the FFM findings and reports involved TV channels, news agencies and investigative journalists. Also we streamed the Press Conference by CHRD’s Facebook page live stream and it has reached 83,796 people with 1273 shares.



d) In May 2019, we developed a training manual and organized a first 2 days training for Human rights Defenders by a request and financial support from Mongolian Women’s Fund. Then we revised the training manual and organized the second 2 days training for the citizens of Tsagaan-Ovoo soum¹ of

¹ smaller subdivision of aimag

Dornod province in October 2019, where the local citizens were threatened and their rights were violated by the mining company. The Revision of the training manual and the second training for HRDs were funded by the FORUM-ASIA. 2019 Dublin Platform for Human Rights Defenders was held in October 2019. By CHRД’s suggestion, B.Amgalanbayar, a woman herder from Airag soum of Dornogovi aimag² represented Mongolian Human Rights Defenders to the Dublin Forum. With our request for funding she attended the Forum with a translator.



Human Rights Advocacy Program

a) The CHRД has started organizing open public meetings on the International Human Rights Day (IHRD) at national level in cooperation with the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia and the Human Rights CSOs Forum since 2015. The International Human Rights Day of 2019 was organized under the



theme of “Let’s unite for our rights” with the National Human Rights Commission and the Human Rights CSOs Forum. CHRД contributed to the IHRD 2019 by coordinating social media platforms; such as creating facebook events and making posters by the stories of human rights defenders. On the International Human rights day of 2019 we have

cooperated in organizing a public event with participants of over 500 people and reached 107,600 people through our social media campaign.

b) CHRД organized a first ever in Mongolia an international workshop on strategic litigation “Protecting Environmental Rights” on 11-14 June 2019. The workshop was organized with technical and financial support of ESCR-Net, in partnership with the Open Society Forum. The workshop provided opportunities for advocates, human rights lawyers from 20 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Central Asia to discuss country specific conditions on strategic litigations and shared the information about the legal and practical challenges faced by NGOs.



c) Starting from 2015, the CHRД’s Community Based Development Program supported the initiative of the Dornod aimag communities to establish a state special protection in the ecologically valuable areas through different training, public events, press conferences, and signature campaigns to protect from

² administrative subdivision in Mongolia. Mongolia is divided into 21 provinces or aimags

mining. This advocacy was instrumental in achieving the Aimag Citizen’s Representatives Hural to issue supporting decisions to establish special protected zones in 9 locations of 6 soums in the aimag. Then CHRD supported communities engagement with the Government and the State Great Hural for delivering to them petitions signed by 3,032 aimag residents. The advocacy was a four year process that fostered people’s meaningful participation in a legally and politically correct way to pressure decision-makers on their lawful demand. As a result, the Mongolian parliament issued a resolution to undertake the 9 areas in Dornod province into state special protected zone including Khukh lake of Choibalsan soum, Jarantogoo steppe of Matad soum, White pipeline of Menen Steppe, Tashgai’s Five lakes of Khalkh gol soum, Numrug expansion, Khalkh five mountains of Bayantumen soum, Dun mountain of Bayandun soum, Mondol Daguur’s steppe expansion of Gurvanzagal soum in February 2019.

d) UN member countries agreed to implement the 17 Goals and 169 targets of Sustainable Development Agenda until 2030. In 2017 CHRD initiated a small advocacy project to remind the Government of Mongolia its commitments for implementation of SDGs and to enable CSOs' contribution in implementation of SDGs. Within this initiative, the Mongolian CSOs’ network on SDGs was established in 2017. The Network Board consists of 16 founding members and currently CHRD is serving for the network as



coordinator. The Network members drafted a CSOs’ joint report on the implementation of SDGs to contribute to preparation of the Voluntary National Review Report in 2019. Also CHRD’s representative made a statement on behalf of the CSOs network after the National Voluntary Report of Mongolia was presented by Mr. Ch.Khurelbaatar, Finance Minister of Mongolia at the High Level Political Forum held at New York, USA in July 2019. During the HLPF CHRD’s monitoring report of SDGs localization and the joint report of Mongolian CSOs on SDGs were introduced to the National Delegation of Mongolia and other participants. UNDP Mongolia funded this project and World Vision Mongolia supported the printing cost of the CSOs joint report in English and Mongolian.

e) CHRD was selected to organize an international research project on Increasing Opportunities and Reducing Barriers for Uniformed Women in UN Peace Operations with the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, DCAF. Within that CHRD visited the Peace Operations Training Center with representatives of DCAF in May, had meetings with the Ministry of Defence, the General Staff of the Mongolian Armed Forces in September. CHRD also organized a training led by the research team from Cornell University for the enumerators of the research survey in December 2019. Through the training, the enumerators learnt the topics covering the research goal, importance of research ethics and survey data collection techniques. CHRD translated the survey questions and adapted them to Mongolian context. The cost of the research, meeting and training were funded by the DCAF.

Community Based Development Program

The Community Based Development Program pursues the goal to bring CHRD’s advocacy program achievements to communities at local level and benefit them. The program supports low income local

communities in self organizing to protect their social, economic rights within the framework of civil, political rights. The main objectives of the program are to build a collective capability of local communities to claim their rights, to participate in local development and to gain from the development processes and to establish and strengthen partnership. Currently the program activities involve communities from 10 soums of Sukhbaatar, Khentii, Dornod, Uvurkhangai, Darkhan-uul and Dornogovi aimags and 5th khoroo of Khan-Uul district of Ulaanbaatar city. As a result of establishing community saving groups and federations and collective capacity building members are empowered and started to run for local elections. Through the local council elections of 2016, 3 members were elected as the head of the citizen's khural of *bagh*, presiding member of bag citizens' *khural*, 7 members were elected as representatives of Citizen's Representative's Khural of *soum* and 4 members are heading the Elders council of their *bagh* and *soum*.

The Program expanded its activities by conducting a training in Ikh-Tamir soum of Arkhangai province and Bayanzurkh district of Ulaanbaatar to establish new community saving groups. As of 2019, the program reaches communities in 7 provinces and 2 districts of Ulaanbaatar city. The program supports and facilitates 67 Community Savings Groups (CSG) united into 8 CSGs Federations involving more than 800 members. All federations established Community Development Funds. The first CSGs have been active for 14-15 years since their establishment. These 2 trainings were organized with the support and voluntary work of CHRD.



CHRD has been building capacity of members and heads of CSGs, leaders of Community Development Funds by involving them in local, national training, workshops, consultations and project implementation at local level. For example within the Program activities in 2019, members and heads of the CSGs attended the National Consultation on SDGs in January and GALA training on SDG

16 and Regional Democracy Forum in February held in Ulaanbaatar. The Asian Development Alliance (ADA) financially supported the local communities representatives' participation.

Community experience forum has been organized annually by CHRD. The 13th annual "Experience sharing forum" of Community Saving Groups Federations was held between 21-27 of July, in Dadal soum, Khentii province. The forum was organized in cooperation with CSG Federations with a total cost of 15,520,000 tugriks raised by CSGF's members. Over 100 people attended the 13th annual forum.



The CHRD in partnership with MONFEMNET National Network had successfully implemented the project targeted to deliver information about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and ensure the active participation of citizens at local level. The project activities were carried by a team of various stakeholders including local administrative organizations such as department for social policy, legislation, internal audit, labor and social welfare, statistics organization, members and staff of Citizens' Representatives Khurals of province, soums, representative of the National Human Rights Commission in provinces, CSOs and chaired by the heads of the Community Saving Groups Federation of Khentii, Dornod provinces and Bayandun soum of Dornod province. Teams of Khentii and

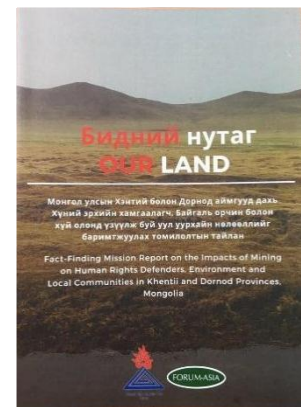
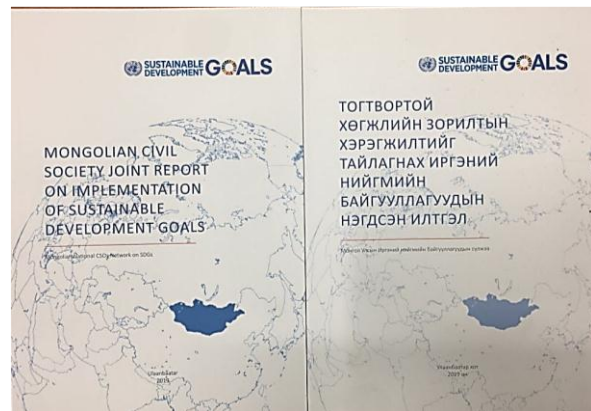
Dornod provinces had collected data on implementation of SDG target 8.3, Bayandun soum's team collected data on SDG target 1.1 at the province and soum level and presented the findings to the local administrations for consultation. The teams had also visited Ulaanbaatar to present the results of findings to the relevant ministries and officials and discussed the actions to be taken in the future. During a press conference organized to present the findings, the teams had emphasized on public participation in the process of successful implementation of SDGs at local level and highlighted the importance of cooperation between civil society, local government and other stakeholders.

Also, with logistical support and proposal of CHRD, D.Khishigt, Head of the Soum Governor's Office of Bayandun soum attended the East and North-East Asia Multi-stakeholders Forum on Sustainable Development Goals hold at Vladivostok, Russian Federation, on 15-16 October 2019. CHRD introduced this good experience of monitoring SDGs at local level by multi-stakeholder team charred by community women leaders to the Asia Pacific Regional SDGs Forum and related Ministries and agencies. This project was funded by the Asia Pacific Forum on Women in Law and Development (APWLD).



Publications, reports and researches 2019

1. "People's Development Justice" monitoring report, 900 copies
2. The Mongolian CSOs joint report on the implementation of SDGs, 600 copies
3. Manual for Human rights defenders – (initial manual) 30 copies
4. Manual for Human rights defenders (revised manual) – 1000 copies
5. Environmental Change Through Participation – 400 copies
6. Our Land: Fact-Finding Mission Report on the Impacts of Mining on Defenders and Environment in Khentii and Dornod Provinces, Mongolia, – 200 copies



Translated videos into Mongolian language

1. The Road to Development Justice (Mongolian)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXXFwBOPAmE&t=4s>
2. Bringing the SDGs to life: Real change for Real people (Mongolian version)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LC9eyfOYmNM>

Financial report 2019

1. 2019 income (12 months)

A.	Funding sources	in USD	in MNT	in %
1	Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)	9,173	24,402,295	12.66
2	Revolving fund of CDBP of CHRD	12,507	33,269,600	17.26
3	DCAF	16,000	42,747,520	22.18
4	Asia Democracy Network (ADN)	2,500	6,587,270	3.42
5	Asian Women in Law and Development Forum (APWLD)	6,476	17,200,904	8.92
6	Mongolian Women's Fund	990	2,633,000	1.37
7	UNDP Mongolia	3,661	9,760,000	5.06
8	ESCR-Net	14,813	39,300,963	20.39
9	IBON International	1,585	4,173,907	2.17
10	KOICA	173	403,000	0.21
	Subtotal	67,878	180,478,459	93.64%
B.	CHRD's income			
1	Rental income	3,784	9,840,000	5.10
2	Interest rate income	29	76,792	0.04
3	Other income	303	789,300	0.41
	Subtotal	4,116	10,706,092	5.55%
B.	Income from donations by organizations and individuals			
1	Project abroad in Mongolia	115	300,000	0.16
2	B.Odgerel	96	250,000	0.13
3	L.Khandsuren	12	30,000	0.02
4	A.Khongorzul	365	1,000,000	0.52
	Subtotal	588	1,580,000	0.83%
	GRANDTOTAL	72,582	192,764,551	100%

2. 2019 expenditure

	Programs	USD	Total in MNT/₮/	Percent %
1	Human Rights Protection	26,580	71,752,710	33
2	Human Rights Advocacy	30,084	76,384,473	36
3	Community Based Development	14,990	40,465,505	19
4	Administrative expenditure	9,803	26,463,199	12
		81,457	215,065,887	100%

3. 2019 Balance sheet

	USD(\$)	MNT(₮)
2019 opening balance as of 1 January	15,219	39,645,449
Income	72,582	192,764,551
Expenditure	81,457	215,065,887
2019 Closing balance as of 31st December	6,344	17,344,113