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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION PROJECT

FACTS

Project name:

Youth Employment Promotion Project

Duration:

2016 – 2018

Budget:

CHF 2.4 million

Target group:

Young men and women in transition to the workforce, residing in rural areas and peri-urban settlements

Target area:

Ulaanbaatar:

- Bayangol district
- Khan-Uul district

Eight aimags:

- Uvs
- Zavkhan
- Bayan-Ulgii
- Khovd
- Gobi-Altai
- Bayankhongor
- Darkhan-Uul
- Umnugovi



Students at practice in the fruits and vegetable processing workshop at the Polytechnic College in Khovd.

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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.

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.

SDC's Strategic Goal:

To contribute to equitable and sustainable social and economic development in Mongolia

PROJECT ACTIVITIES:



1. **Macro level:** Assists in refining and improving policies for youth employment.



2. **Meso level:** Promotes the improvement of employment services directed at local youth.



3. **Micro level:** Supports the development of start-up businesses led by innovative young entrepreneurs.

EXPECTED PROJECT RESULTS

 <p>National policies and programmes are conducive for youth employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth employment policies are formulated and submitted for approval. The employment promotion programme for youth is optimised. Steering mechanisms used for the implementation of youth policies and program are result-oriented. 	 <p>Effective employment support services are provided to young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach, processes and instruments of employment services are optimised. Staff capacities in delivering employment services are optimised. Local cooperation and private sector partnerships are strengthened. 	 <p>Young people operate innovative start-ups with growth potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support schemes for selected start-ups are piloted. Business development service providers deliver quality services to selected start-ups. Mentoring and alumni networks support the young start-ups.
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MAIN RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE:

Policy support to the MoLSP:

- Ministry was advised in the formulation of the National Youth Employment Promotion Programme.
- The Youth Start-up Support Programme, drafted by the project, was finalised by the Ministry and approved by the National Employment Council.

Improving employment services for youth:

- Formulated approaches, processes and instruments for Model Youth Employment services to be provided at selected departments/divisions of Labour and Welfare Services.
- Local government staff capacities are enhanced for conducting labour market demand surveys and delivering effective employment services based on national standards (such as professional mediation/placement and job orientation service).

Private sector integration:

- Local Employment Councils and local parliaments (Citizens' Khurals) establish platforms for cooperation among the private and public sectors.
- Mongolian National Employers' Federation (MONEF) increases capacities of provincial employment councils to synchronize its activities with the Governor's Offices and Trade Unions.

Youth Start-ups:

- The start-up landscape in the country has become more dynamic, and youth involvement in target provinces has increased.
- Useful glossaries and guidelines related to start-up activities were developed.
- Young innovative start-ups in target regions have access to up-to-date business training, coaching and funding schemes.

Partner organisations:

- Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
- General Office for Labor and Welfare Services
- Local labour and welfare service offices/departments
- Mongolian National Employer's Federation (MONEF)
- Youth NGOs
- Youth start-ups
- Business development service providers

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N.Uuganbaatar, local start-up entrepreneur is presenting his business idea at the Start-up Pitch event in Darkhan-Uul province, February 10, 2017