

FINAL PROJECT REVIEW REPORT**2021****United Nations Development Programme****Project title: Business and Human Rights Mongolia**

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Project ID:	00120928
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Brief project description (possibly from Project Document):

In 2011, the United Nations Human Rights Council endorsed the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, a set of guidelines for the member states and businesses to prevent, address and remedy adverse impacts of business activities on human rights. The three key pillars of the principles included State duty to protect human rights, business responsibility to respect human rights and access to remedy. The Principles are now being widely adopted by nations around the world.

The business and human rights agenda is comparatively new to Mongolia and for the last years, however measures have been taken by the Mongolian Government and the National Human Rights Commission to adopt policy commitments to respect human rights as well as to conduct human rights due diligence. Efforts have been made by the government to develop a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAPBHR) where a national working group comprising of representatives of all the relevant national stakeholders led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) was established in April 2019 to develop the NAPBHR Mongolia. Development of the NAPBHR would be instrumental towards establishing the necessary legal and policy framework to ensure that businesses in the country play their part and honor their responsibility to respect and safeguard human rights as well as to put in place the appropriate mechanisms for remedial actions when human rights violations by businesses occur.

Project objective

The aim of this intervention was to support the MFA to develop and implement NAPBHR Mongolia in accordance with the UNGPs with the multi-stakeholder participation and commitments and carry out preparatory actions for Mongolia to join the Business and Human Rights Asia

Programme: Enabling Sustainable Economic Growth through the Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework funded by the European Union Partnership Instrument.

The BHR programme in Mongolia was implemented through SDG and Governance Programme at the UNDP Mongolia Country Office. The main national counterparts were the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and the National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia (NHRCM) alongside Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations (CSOs and NGOs) and businesses. The technical advice for the development of the NAPBHR in Mongolia aimed to help to identify the pressing human rights issues and the gaps that could hinder the effective implementation of the Action Plans. Since the business and human rights is an emerging issue in the country, there is an urgent need to raise knowledge on it among all stakeholders, including the NAPBHR working group members, sectoral representatives as well as public in Mongolia.

- **Section 1:**

- Actual Outcomes: Are actual outcomes (the describable and/ or measurable changes or results): the same as intended Outcomes? If not, what key changes/ results have been realized at the end of the project?

In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UNDP assisted the Government of Mongolia in development of the NAPBHR, providing technical advice, capacity building, and awareness raising support. These include support to draft a National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights, organization of the first ever national stakeholders training on business and human rights involving over 110 participants, development of the training and advocacy materials and initiation of the sectoral consultation platforms. Based on this initiative, Mongolia has been included in the 2020-2024 Business and Human Rights Asia Programme: Enabling Sustainable Economic Growth through the Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework funded by the European Union Partnership Instrument.

- Analysis: If the outcomes were met, what were the contributing factors that permitted this? If the outcomes were different than expected, what challenges explain that difference?

The outcomes were met, and the good coordination by the UNDP and the effective collaboration with both national and international counterparts were the main contributing factors.

- Stakeholder and Beneficiary Contribution: Please state the stakeholders and beneficiaries' contribution to and involvement in the Project.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs significantly contributed to implementation of the project, including leadership over the working group consists of 60 members representing all relevant sectors of business and human rights.

- Integration of crosscutting areas (Gender, ICT4D, HIV/AIDS): Please, state how cross-cutting areas were taken into consideration when designing, implementing and evaluating the Project.

The programme supported development of the NAPBHR following the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights endorsed by the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2011, the world's most authoritative, and normative framework for promoting responsible business practices, and to provide a way forward. Moreover, the key experts from the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and Business and Human Rights Asia from Bangkok Regional Office provided training and guidance on the NAP development roadmap. The development of the NAP would be an instrumental step toward establishing the necessary legal and policy framework setting a clear guideline for businesses to follow and implement in respect to human rights and appropriate remedy mechanisms.

- **Section 2: Project Implementation**

- Updated Project Risks
- Updated Project Issues

- **Section 3: Project Performance (per output)**

- Deliverable Description
- Quality Criteria
- Results of Activities

1. The first National Baseline Assessment on Business and Human Rights was developed and the key experts from the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights and Business and Human Rights Asia provided guidance and recommendations on the NAP development roadmap.
2. A first ever large-scale stakeholders' training on business and human rights was conducted involving over 100 stakeholder representatives.
3. Sectoral platforms, specifically on mining, agriculture, law and justice, civil society, trade union, gender and bank and finance had been started that focus efforts towards developing and implementing the NAPBHR in Mongolia.
4. UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Mongolian language was published: <https://bit.ly/3cm0DPn>
5. Business and Human Rights awareness raising videos in Mongolian language were produced: <https://bit.ly/2ScyqBe>
6. Mongolia is included in the 2020-2024 Business and Human Rights Asia Programme: Enabling Sustainable Economic Growth through the Protect, Respect and Remedy Framework funded by the European Union Partnership Instrument.

- **Section 4: Lessons Learned**

- What are the key lessons that can be captured from the Project cycle?:

Partnership would be an instrumental for effective implementation of a programme.

Section 5: FINANCIAL STATUS AND UTILISATION

The funding received from the UNDP TRAC1 fund (Atlas fund code 04000; donor code 00012).

Financial Overview


Donor	Committed	Received (US\$)	Expenditure (US\$)	Remaining Funds (US\$) i.e. (Received total exp)
UNDP TRAC1 fund	37,500.00	37,500.00	30,647.05	6,852.95
Total				

Financial report by account

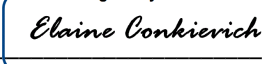
Donor	Description	Expenditure (US\$) in 2020
UNDP TRAC1 fund	Local Consult. -Sht Term-Tech	12,698.19
	Local Consult-Security	486.47
	Daily Subsistence Allow-Intl	2,420.76
	Daily Subsistence Allow-Local	73.48
	Travel - Other	43.70
	Svc Co-Natural Resources & Env	8,326.67
	Printing and Publications	340.10
	Other Media Costs	621.16
	Services to projects -GOE	32.40
	Learning costs	4,845.71
	Learning – subsistence allowan	158.26
	Realized Loss	4.38
	Realized Gain	-109.59
	Total	29,941.69


Donor	Description	Expenditure (US\$) in 2021
UNDP TRAC1 fund	Local Consult. -Sht Term-Tech	153.07
	Service Contracts-Individuals	0.00
	MAIP Premium SC	0.00
	Contribution to Security SC	0.00
	Natl Personnel Srvc Agreement	83.69
	Electronic Media	15.00
	Services to projects -GOE	453.60
	Total	705.36

Checklist of Project closure				
Ref	Task	YES	NO	Notes
1.	There is no pending PDR related to this project	Yes		
2.	No Outstanding Commitment such as office rental, maintenance bills, or any disputed invoice. Also please confirm all commitment outside ATLAS is resolved	Yes		
3.	Please confirm that all pre-financing activities have been recovered and/or reimbursed (If any)	Yes		
4.	All assets and inventory transferred/disposed please confirm that there are no uncapitalized assets that need to be cleared off for this project (if any)		NA	Project hadn't any asset and inventory
5.	Project Bank Account is fully reconciled and closed, if applicable, the confirmation to be attached in Atlas attachment tab.		NA	Project hadn't any bank account under project name
6.	Final LPAC / Steering committee minutes are available, and All audit observations are closed if applicable, supporting documents to be uploaded into Atlas Project Management (Grants > Project Mgt. > Approved Projects > Monitoring/ Attachments Tabs.		NA	Project hadn't LPAC and steering committee members.
7.	All donor reports, as established in the Cost Sharing agreement, submitted, and acknowledged receipt by the donor representative (Supporting documents if any should be uploaded to Atlas Project Closure Workbench (Attachments Tab) (if any).	Yes		CDR and Final Project Review report, Lessons Learned report are uploaded into Atlas Project Closure Workbench (Attachment tab)

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