



PROJECT LESSONS-LEARNED REPORT

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Project Title:	Business and Human Rights
Country:	Mongolia
Related CPAP Outcome	
Project Description and Key Lessons-Learned	
Brief description of context	<p>Please give a brief description of the country context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the main challenges being faced at the start of the project? <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Brief description of project	<p>A short description of the project should be provided here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the issues the project tried to address? ○ What solutions the project tried to offer? What were its major outputs? <p>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.</p>
Key project successes	<p>Please describe what has worked well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What have been the key successes of this project? ○ What factors supported this success? <p>In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UNDP assisted the Government of Mongolia in development of the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, 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 awareness raising and advocacy materials,</p>

	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.
Project shortcomings and solutions	<p>Please describe what have been the main challenges of this project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What have been the main challenges/ shortcomings/ unforeseen circumstances of this project? ○ How were they overcome (if they were). ○ Were the project results attained? If not, what changes need to be made to achieve these results in the future? <p>Since the BHR is an emerging/new issue, there had been extensive lack of expertise and technical knowledge among all national stakeholders. The timeframe was comparatively short. The project achieved the targeted results through the close partnership with the national counterparts and the collaboration with the technical experts of the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub.</p>
Lessons learned	<p>Please think about and describe the key lesson(s) learned from this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What could have been done differently/ better? ○ What would you recommend to improve future programming or for other similar projects elsewhere ○ What mistakes should be avoided if the initiative were to be replicated? ○ How easy would it be to replicate the successes in a different context/ country? <p>Provide any other relevant information</p> <p>The good partnership was a key to success. With the limited resource and expertise in the field, the UNDP Mongolia achieved the project target through timely coordination and close partnership with the all counterparts.</p>
Follow-up Actions	<p>Based on the Final Project Review, include a brief record of decisions and conclusions related to follow-up actions</p> <p>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.</p>

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