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PROJECT LESSONS-LEARNED REPORT

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Project Title:	**COVID-19 Socio-Economic Assessment**
Country:	Mongolia
Related CPAP Outcome	
Project Description and Key Lessons-Learned	
Brief description of context	Please give a brief description of the country context. o What were the main challenges being faced at the start of the project? *No major challenges apart from strict lockdown of Covid-19 pandemic. Strict lockdown imposed nationwide hindered face-to-face meetings and actions required for collecting data and qualitative surveys, etc.*
Brief description of project	A short description of the project should be provided here. o What were the issues the project tried to address? *The objective of this assessment is to understand the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on the poor and the vulnerable groups, looking at the situation of women and youth, and inform targeted service measures by the government to mitigate the effects and increase community resilience.* o What solutions the project tried to offer? What were its major outputs? *The project tried to offer bunch of measures that can be done by the Government and private sectors to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 pandemic and increase community resilience.* *UNDP Mongolia conducted a rapid socio-economic assessment on the impact of COVID-19 prevention measures on vulnerable groups and value chains in Mongolia and in partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the National Committee on Gender Equality of Mongolia (NCGE), conducted impact assessment of the COVID-19 pandemic on women and girls in Mongolia. These were the major outputs of this project.*
Key project successes	Please describe what has worked well. o What have been the key successes of this project? *The project assisted the Government in developing a recovery strategy with targeted mitigation measures to increase community resilience. Both assessments provide necessary Covid-19 Prevention Measures for businesses and the Government in short, medium, and long terms. These assessments became one of the bases of evidence-based policy recommendations to the government to develop their 4-year action plan.* o What factors supported this success? *Two assessments, namely Rapid Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Covid-19 Prevention Measures on Vulnerable Groups and Value Chains in Mongolia and Covid-19 Impact on Women and Girls in Mongolia were developed in timely manner to understand the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on the poor and the vulnerable groups, looking at the situation of women and youth, and inform targeted service measures by the government to mitigate the effects and increase community resilience.*

Project shortcomings and solutions	Please describe what have been the main challenges of this project?
	o What have been the main challenges/ shortcomings/ unforeseen circumstances of this project?
	No major challenges except strict lockdown of Covid-19 pandemic. Strict lockdown imposed nationwide hindered face-to-face meetings and actions required for collecting data and qualitative surveys, etc. Although the lockdown was suspended, it was still in orange level, where the consultants' team was not able to carry out meetings and interviews. Moreover, access to some places, particularly, accessing to major cities in the country was limited.
	o How were they overcome (if they were).
	UNDP CO immediately shifted to digital workplace and conducted the assessment every possible way to carry on the rapid assessment without breaking the lockdown and restriction procedures, such as having efficient meetings online.
	o Were the project results attained? If not, what changes need to be made to achieve these results in the future?
	The project achieved its targeted results.
Lessons learned	Please think about and describe the key lesson(s) learned from this project.
	o What could have been done differently/ better?
	o What would you recommend to improve future programming or for other similar projects elsewhere
	o What mistakes should be avoided if the initiative were to be replicated?
	o How easy would it be to replicate the successes in a different context/ country?
	Timely coordination and close partnership with all counterparts were the key to success.
Follow-up Actions	Based on the Final Project Review, include a brief record of decisions and conclusions related to follow-up actions
	NA

Project Information	
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