STRENGTHENING THE MANAGEMENT OF LABOUR MIGRATION AND COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN MONGOLIA

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The ultimate goal of the project was to contribute to the strengthening of migration management systems in Mongolia, particularly in the areas of labour migration and counter-trafficking, in line with international norms and national priorities.

Through technical assistance, namely training, workshops, policy seminars and border assessments, the project opened a dialogue and facilitated policy coherence and bilateral cooperation on key issues related to migration. As part of the project, almost 150 officials attended training, seminars, and high level dialogues, three manuals and handbooks were translated into Mongolian, and an assessment of Mongolia’s labour migration law was completed.

The project provided an ideal platform for collaboration and partnerships with the Government of Mongolia.

The project’s key outcomes are:

1. Improved policy framework governing labour migration;
2. Improved legal framework governing labour migration;
3. Improved performance of immigration and border guards in identifying victims of trafficking;
5. Improved performance of Ministry of Labour in formulating bilateral labour agreements and conducting research.

PROJECT DURATION
August 2012 –February 2014

PROJECT SUPPORT
The project was supported by the IOM Development Fund.

PROJECT PARTNERS

BUDGET
100,000 USD
KEY PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

The project was implemented in close cooperation with the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Population and Social Development, the Mongolian Immigration Agency, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the General Authority for Border Protection. It provided an ideal platform for collaboration and partnerships with the Government of Mongolia.

Key achievements include:

- **A two-day labour migration management seminar** - held in Ulaanbaatar. The event was hosted by IOM Beijing and IOM Ulaanbaatar, with the support of the Division of Labour Migration and Human Development from IOM Headquarters. Forty-two senior officials from key government ministries, implementing agencies, including the Employment Promotion Centre and the Departments of Labour from Dornogobi, Umnugobi and Dornod provinces attended the event.

- IOM, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the International Labour Organization Handbook on “Establishing effective labour migration policies in countries of origin and destination” was translated, 100 copies were printed and distributed to the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Population Development and Social Protection.

- A three-day ‘training for trainers’ workshop was conducted by IOM for 35 Mongolian Immigration Agency and General Authority for Border Protection officials. The training provided selected trainers with the opportunity to understand the fundamental issues relating to smuggling, trafficking and irregular migration and with the skills to better detect fraudulent travel documents and to more effectively interview and identify victims of trafficking, smuggled migrants and vulnerable migrants.

- A half-day draft labour migration law briefing was held with the assistance of the International Migration Law Division at IOM Headquarters to discuss the results of a review of the draft law governing the immigration of foreign national workers to Mongolia. Twenty representatives participated in the workshop, 15 of whom were from the law drafting committee.

- IOM and the Mongolian Ministry of Foreign Affairs jointly conducted a half-day “High Level Dialogue preparatory National Consultation Meeting”, in Ulaanbaatar for 50 participants from the government, diplomatic missions and NGOs in preparation for Mongolia’s participation in the 2nd UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

- An “Assessment Report on Labour Migration Law, Bilateral Labour Agreements and Labour Migration Research” was produced by IOM to strengthen the capacity of officials from the Ministry of Labour.

- A handbook on “Supporting Victims of Human Trafficking” for Mongolian Embassies and consular workers around the world, on identifying and supporting victims of trafficking was translated, and over 100 copies were printed and distributed to staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mongolian Embassies and Consulates globally in July 2013.

- A training manual for front line immigration officers and border guards on identifying victims of trafficking and the UN protocols on Transnational Organised Crime was translated, and over 100 copies were printed and distributed to the Mongolian Government in December 2013.

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