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BADRAKH ENERGY LLC RESOLVES HEATING PROBLEM OF ZUUNBAYAN BAGH OF SAINSHAND SOM, DORNOGОВI AIMAG

In accordance to the Cooperation Agreement* concluded between Badrakh Energy LLC, Ulaanbadrakh som and the Zuunbayan bagh Governors in 2018, in April of 2024, the company purchased from the People's Republic of China, and delivered a new boiler for the steam heating station of Zuunbayan bagh of Sainshand som of Dornogovi aimag, to replace the old broken-down boiler.

During the last winter in 2023, a breakdown occurred at the steam heating station of Zuunbayan bagh of Sainshand som. Over 80 percent of Zuunbayan's over 1,800 residents live in apartments heated by a public heating system. The bagh's health center, general education school and kindergarten are also connected to this public heating system.

Maintenance overhaul for the steam heating station will be completed within 2024, which was previously never carried out ever since its commissioning in 2013. Thus, as a result of consultation between the Governor of Dornogovi aimag and relevant authorities, it was decided that Badrakh Energy LLC is to urgently purchase and transport a new steam boiler. The aimag's local

company Chandmani Ilch has been selected to carry out the assembly of the boiler.

This project is a demonstration of one example where Badrakh Energy's work is consistent with local development goals and working in coordination with aimag administration and local residents to solve critical issues in an optimal manner.

*In 2018, Badrakh Energy entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the Ulaanbadrakh som and the Zuunbayan bagh. A key objective of this agreement is to ensure the contribution of the company to the development of societal projects in the following domains: human health, livestock health, education, culture and sport, water supply, access to energy and economic and infrastructure development. This agreement has been renewed in 2021 and in 2023. According to the Agreement the company will invest 1 billion MNT per year locally until the start of the industrial phase of the Zuuvch Ovoo project.



Photos 1-2: Steam heating station of Zuunbayan bagh of Sainshand soum of Dornogovi aimag before replacement



Photos 3: Delivery of new boilers to be installed in steam heating station of Zuunbayan bagh of Sainshand soum of Dornogovi aimag



CONSEQUENTLY, THE CORPORATE SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF BARLOWORLD MONGOLIA COMPANY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOOD NEIGHBORS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, HAS EQUIPPED A DOCTOR'S OFFICE AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL 'ERDEM' IN BAYANKHONGOR PROVINCE TO SATISFY THE NECESSARY STANDARDS.

According to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Law on Children's Rights in Mongolia, every child is entitled to an education in a secure and healthy environment and to be afforded equal opportunities.

In remote provinces and districts, the rights and opportunities mentioned above are inadequate. Consequently, the Corporate Social Investment Committee of Barloworld Mongolia Company, in partnership with the Good Neighbors International Organization, has equipped a doctor's office at the secondary school 'Erdem' in Bayankhongor province to satisfy the necessary standards. In 2009, the 'Erdem' school in Bayankhongor province was established. During the 2023-2024 academic year, it serving 1,276 pupils in grades 1 through 12.

Representatives from the school's administration, teachers, and parents, as well as members of the Department of Social Policy from the Office of the Governor

of Bayankhongor province, attended the opening ceremony of the recently transferred hospital room, which was attended by over 600 individuals. Head of the Corporate Social Investment Committee N. Udaanjargal led talks and shared her professional background with students in the 12th grade.

Children of herdsman, who reside autonomously in the school's dormitory, comprise forty-five percent of the school's student body.

The education manager underscored the importance of the school doctor's office services in fostering hygiene practices among students and providing healthcare.

The provincial education department expert expressed her appreciation, stating that the furnished room has set a good example for other schools in the province.

We are deeply appreciative of the exceptional efforts of the personnel of "Erdem" Secondary School in Bayankhongor Province and Good Neighbours Mongolia in organizing the recent event.

The students, teachers, and personnel of Erdem School are greatly benefited by the beautification work, which is essential for the cultivation of a safe and healthy environment. It not only improves the physical environment but also assists in the provision of primary medical and public health care services. Furthermore, it facilitates the coordination of advertising campaigns and training sessions that are designed to inform students about appropriate sanitation practices and behaviors'.

The total investment in the beautification project was 37,523,897 MNT, and it was conducted between January 8 and April 12, 2024.



STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS WIN THE 2024 J. PETER MORROW BANKING OLYMPIAD

The 11th J. Peter Morrow Banking Olympiad was held on Friday, May 3, for junior and senior-year university students studying banking and finance. Over 60 students from seven state and private universities competed in the individual and team categories.

The number and ranking of participants have increased annually, and the prize fund also increased this year to match expectations and active participation.

This year's topics covered bank management, credit risk analysis, data analysis, comprehensive accounting policy, risk management, and banking law. In the individual category, M.Nomin-Erdene, on team Hocus Pocus from the University of Finance and Economics, took first place. In second place was N.Munkhmandakh, on team Diamond from the University of Finance and Economics, and G.Oyunbileg, on team Assetify from the National University of Mongolia, placed third.

N.Munkhmandakh, a 3rd-year student at the University of Finance and Economics, achieved

the highest individual score and received the Best Student award. The first five place winners received a certificate, a cash prize, and an invitation to work for Khan Bank.

Team Diamond from the University of Finance and Economics took first place in the team category, receiving a prize of three million MNT, a certificate, and trophy. Assetify from the National University of Mongolia took second place, receiving 2 million MNT, a certificate, and a trophy. The University of Finance and Economics' teams lead the overall individual and team results.

The Olympiad organizing committee was composed of former Olympiad grand finalists who now work at Khan Bank's Head Office, and the judge's panel consisted of Khan Bank management committee directors and department heads. Growing Together - Khan Bank





KHAN BANK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2024-2025

The Khan Bank Scholarship Program, which has been implemented for the last 18th years, provided scholarship to 100 students. The Khan Bank Foundation launched the program in 2007 as part of the 4th goal of Sustainable Development Goals "Quality education". The scholarship program was divided into two categories in 2024.

New student scholarship program provided scholarships to 60 leading high school graduates from Mongolia's 21 provinces, Zamiin-Uud, Zuunkharaa Sum, and Baganuur District of Ulaanbaatar City. In this year, 40 students who had previously earned scholarships in the past were given ongoing support and granted scholarship by the Khan Bank Foundation.

A total 2260 students were granted with MNT 2.3 billion since 2007.





LORINET FOUNDATION AND ONE SKY ARE ENHANCING THE RESPONSIVE CAREGIVING PRACTICES OF MONGOLIAN PARENTS.

Lorinet Foundation is a private family foundation dedicated to enabling positive and sustainable impact on the lives of children, youth, and families living in vulnerable communities in Mongolia.

Our social investment thematic priorities:

- **Early Childhood Care and Education** – Young children are nurtured and learning at age appropriate levels

- **Youth Employment** – Youth have sustainable employment and improved income and quality of life

Our approach:

- We deliver impact by granting financial and non-financial support to a portfolio of carefully selected organizations and through a number of initiatives that aim at promoting social innovation in Mongolia.

- With the objective of accelerating and amplifying our impact, we aim to partner with other foundations, corporates, and philanthropists to raise and direct increased social investments within and towards Mongolia.



As part of our Early Childhood Care and Education country programme, we support OneSky's "Building Better Futures" programme in Mongolia. OneSky is an international non-profit organisation that partners with governments and communities in Asia to provide responsive care and safe learning environments so that marginalised young children can thrive.

The problem:

Young children living in the peripheral ger districts of Ulaanbaatar lack access to affordable childcare services and do not have opportunities to play and learn due to overcrowded living spaces, poverty, and dearth of safe public playgrounds. Parents and caregivers often struggle with knowledge and skills to advance their children's development; a lack of parenting training programmes further exacerbate the problem. All these limitations cause young children to miss interactive and joyful learning experiences to advance their social, emotional, and gross motor development.



The intervention:

1

OneSky's parenting training provides knowledge of early childhood development and education practices so they can become engaged and nurturing caregivers for their children:

The evidence-based Family Skills educational programme is designed to equip parents who have children aged 0-3 with practical tools and strategies to advance their children's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, and build positive relationships through quality responsive care.

2

Community engagement creates a nurturing network of support for the families at-risk:

The OneSky Family Centre provides an opportunity for parents to link with other parents and become part of a supportive network. In the event that a family member is feeling stressed or overwhelmed, this sense of community enables them to reach out to other caregivers and neighbours for help, ensuring the continuity of care for their children.

3

Access to safe play spaces provides children an opportunity to learn and play:

All of the families participating in the training are encouraged to play at the Centre before and after training sessions. OneSky Trainers oversee children and their caregivers in play areas and provide examples of play-based interventions, focused communication, and other skills to enhance the interactions between parents and their children.

How you can contribute:

If you would like to find out how you can partner with OneSky, please contact Zena Collins, OneSky's Director of Grants and Partnerships, at Zena@onesky.org, or Munkhtuul Togooch, OneSky's Mongolia Country Director at Munkhtuul.Togooch@onesky.org. A generous American funder has offered to match donations from Mongolian funders up until 30 June, so please do get in touch before then to find out how you can double the impact of your donation.

If you would like to get involved in Lorinet Foundation's work or find out more, please get in touch with us at info@lorinetfoundation.org or visit our website at <https://www.lorinetfoundation.org/>.



NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT EDUCATION



At Transwest Mongolia, we are committed to our social responsibility, especially in nurturing the well-being and education of the younger generation. This year, we are launching the “Education Support Program” aimed at assisting high school students in remote district schools across Mongolia. Our goal is to foster personal development, impart essential life skills, promote ethical education, and cultivate active participation in society among these students.

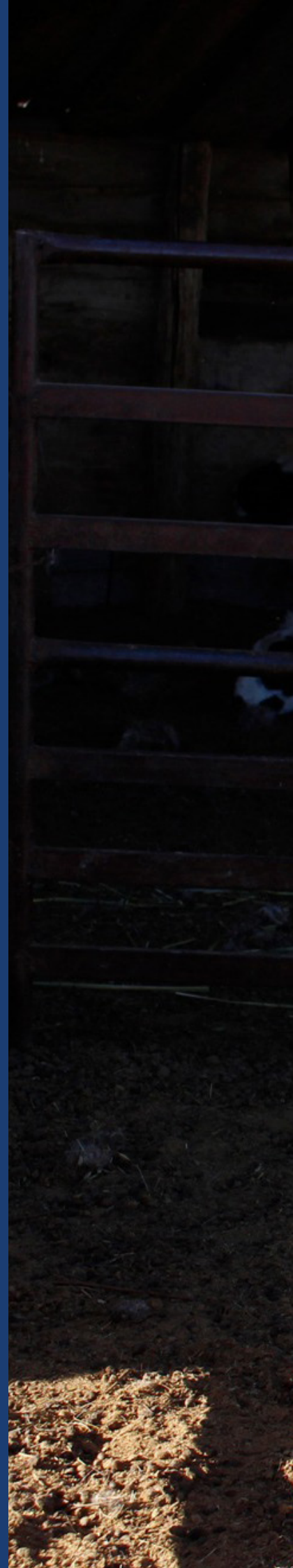


Under this program, G. Chinzorig, the Training and Development Manager of Transwest Mongolia, delivered an engaging lesson on personal development, encompassing both soft and hard skills, to the students of Songino Khaikhan District No. 76 School.

We are dedicated to continuing our efforts in educating the youth and shaping our next generation. Our talented team will persist in disseminating knowledge on various subjects including personal development, safety, psychological well-being, education, and positive attitudes. Together, let's empower the future leaders of Mongolia.

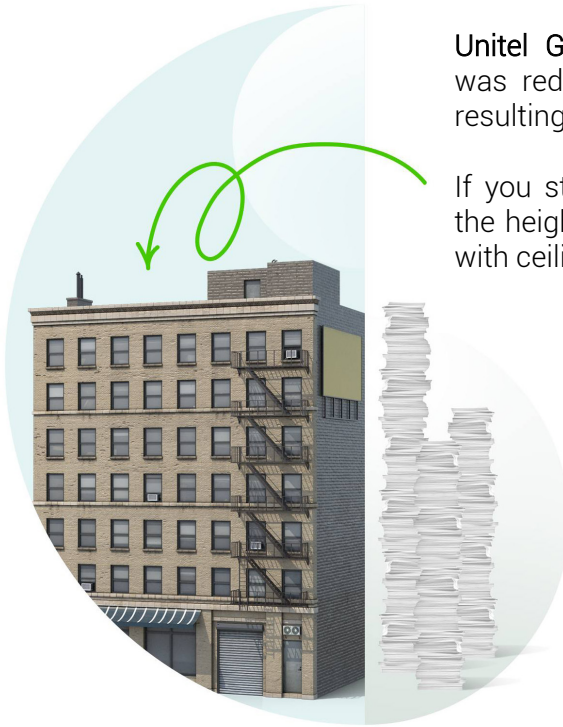
TRANSWEST MONGOLIA'S "WARM WISHES" RELIEF CAMPAIGN FOR HERDERS

Transwest Mongolia company organized a donation campaign to assist herders affected by harsh winter conditions. We delivered approximately 7 tons of fodder to 50 herder families in Alag Undur Bagh, Deren Soum, Dundgobi Province.





ESG BY NUMBERS: UNITEL GROUP



Unitel Group's office paper consumption was reduced by **26%** compared to 2023, resulting in saving around **762kg** of paper.

If you stack **61** cartons of **A4** size paper, the height will be that of a 7 story building with ceiling level of **2.5 meters**.



In **2023**, Univision recycled **739kg** worth of **old tv-devices** and produced **73,900** pieces of underpinning for construction rebars.



If you place **73,900** of these underpins, with a **30 cm** in between, you can fill up almost **90%** of a professional football pitch.



CHILD PROTECTION TRANSFORMS LIVES AND THE FUTURE!

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL MONGOLIA IS STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS OF PREVENTION, PROTECTION, AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING IN MONGOLIA THROUGH US-DOS-FUNDED CHILD PROTECTION COMPACT PROJECT AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE.



Mongolia is classified as a Tier 2 country in the Trafficking in Persons report by the U.S. Department of State (US-DOS). International reports indicate that Mongolia serves as a receiving, sending, and transit country for trafficking victims. Despite significant legal improvements, few cases are prosecuted, and many perpetrators avoid appropriate sentencing.

In April 2020, the governments of the United States and Mongolia signed the U.S.-Mongolia Child Protection Compact (CPC) Partnership, a four-year initiative to combat child trafficking. The CPC project is executed by a consortium led by World Vision International Mongolia (WVIM), with partners The Asia Foundation (TAF) and national non-governmental organizations, including Talita Asia, the Mongolian Gender Equality Center (MGECC), Unbound Mongolia, and Beautiful Hearts.

This project targets four key objectives set by the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Office: interagency coordination and collaboration, prosecution, protection, and prevention. The aim is to bolster the capacities and cooperation among government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to prosecute and convict child traffickers effectively with a victim-centered approach, provide comprehensive trauma-informed care for child victims of trafficking (VOTs), and prevent all forms of child trafficking.



"Children who have been trafficked have experienced repeated, often chronic, trauma of many different kinds in their lives. Apart from the trauma of experiencing human trafficking, child victims have often experienced many other forms of trauma, such as other forms of child abuse, witnessing violence in their families, separation from parents and caregivers, the death or abandonment of close family members, extreme poverty, and other extremely scary and distressing experiences.

It is essential for any service provider who is working with a child who has been trafficked to implement a trauma-informed approach which involves recognizing the impact of trauma on the child and engaging with the child in a way that helps them feel safe and recover.” said Laura Cordisco Tsai, an expert, and consultant for the Child Protection Compact Project. A child-friendly justice system should walk alongside children, acting as their “friend” and safeguarding their dignity and interests. Politeness and friendliness towards children are vital for their protection. Under the project, five child-friendly spaces have been established in police stations. These spaces provide initial psychological support and intervention, offering a stable and reassuring environment crucial for a child’s early recovery. Over the past two years, these rooms have been used by 300 child trafficking victims.

The Unit Head of the Investigation Department at the Metropolitan Police Department noted, “Before the establishment of child-friendly spaces, it was difficult to take testimony from children. We lacked child-friendly tools and play items that help children relax and relieve stress. The old furniture and inappropriate environment made it very challenging to prepare children for testimony. The previous testimony room often made children uncomfortable, leading to re-traumatization.” Additionally, over 50 child trafficking victims have received shelter services through the project. These services are essential for the recovery and reintegration of child victims, providing them with a safe and stable environment.

One of the project’s major goals is to develop a protection service registration software module for child trafficking victims. This module has been created in cooperation with the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection and the General Authority of Child and Family Development and Protection. Currently undergoing testing, the software is expected to be introduced to service providers in Mongolia by 2024.





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EXPLORING LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACT

Field visits to local communities
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INVITATION

AmCham Mongolia in partnership with our esteemed members Lorinet Foundation and World Vision International Mongolia, is organizing a field visit to learn about meaningful development projects implemented at grassroots communities focusing on women, children, and youths; to explore local community impact and positive change; and to discuss opportunities for collaboration and knowledge sharing and peer learning.

Should you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact us at 7000-3437, 9587-5000.

