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## Community Based Development Programme

### Context

CBDP activities between Jan-  
Aug, 2009.

### National Consultation Meeting

The Community Based Development Program organized “Community Driven Development Process” National Consultation Meeting held in January 2009.



The National Consultation Meeting

Participants in the consultation meeting aimed to learn from each other, share experiences and wisdom. Community members exhibited their handicrafts to each other. Participants discussed their activities, current challenges, possible solutions, and future plans. Participants included community members from urban and rural areas. After the consultation meeting a reference handbook was published.



Ms. Purevdulam, and Ms. Bundkhorol from Uvurkhangai province with the products

### Abbreviations:

- ❖ CHRD – Centre for Human Rights and Development
- ❖ CBDP- Community Based Development Programme
- ❖ SG – Saving Groups



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### Field Visits to Thailand, and The Philippines

Community leaders and CHRD staff had a field study in Thailand to learn from Thai community leaders. Community leaders included Ms. Bolormaa from Uvurkhangai province, Ms. Batnasan from 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo, Khan-Uul District, Ulaanbaatar, and the chairperson of CHRD, G. Urantsooj, and U.Uranbileg staff of CBDP, CHRD.



Community members in the Philippines



Community members in Thailand

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### Establishing new saving groups

New community saving groups were established in Darhan-Uul province. Two new saving groups were established in the recycling factory, where some staff are low-income earners and most of them collect plastic bottles to earn money. Participants were enthusiastic about getting involved in the saving groups activities, and potentially will be improving their livelihood by doing so.



Community members in Darkhan city

### Ongoing Saving groups' activities

Saving groups and their members are getting loans to improve housing conditions and capacity building loans. As a result, saving groups' activities improve their livelihood.



Knitting machine, and the products "Sor" SG

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“Sor” SG (5<sup>th</sup> khoroo, Khan-uul) has bought 2 small knitting machines from their group’s savings, and started knitting jumpers, children’s dresses, and vests. These activities are generate income and increase their savings.

The former President Mr.Enkhbayr visited 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo, and had a brief meeting with the community. The President noted that these communities have done so much to improve their livelihood, and upgrade their living conditions with just a small amount of money.



The president Mr. Enkhbayr at the 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo

### Upgrading streets

In May, the former President initiated the “New Street” project for the urban poor. Communities in the 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo were included in this project. The project was implemented in the 10<sup>th</sup> street, 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo. There are 56 households, and a population of 205 people residing in the 10<sup>th</sup> street. Upgrading included renewing fences, installing a new pavilion for people to socialize, benches, basketball court, and every household planted a tree in their yard. Also, the community cleaned up garbage which was piled in the middle of two streets. After the completion of their project the community was recognized as “Best Managed team”, and CHRD was recognized as “Best Manager for Community Mobilization”.



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10<sup>th</sup> street: Upgraded street



11<sup>th</sup> street



10<sup>th</sup> street community



Based on the 10<sup>th</sup> street experience, resident of 11<sup>th</sup> street also initiating to upgrade the street, upgrading project planned to be done in July. In both upgrading activities local participation was high, in such activities community acted responsibly.

#### **Local Study tour: Uvurkhangai and Ulaanbaatar**

Study tour aimed at strengthening relationships within the network of saving groups in rural and urban areas by learning first hand knowledge from the local SGs, establishing Community Development Fund (CDF), and Community Saving Groups Council (SSGC), and to make a documentary of the community learning journey. The study tour funded by New Zealand Embassy, Beijing. This project had II phases, each phase

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continued for three days in Uvurkhangai and Ulaanbaatar. Participants included SG members (local communities), officials from the local government, and they discussed various issues, such as leadership, current challenges, identifying solutions, establishing CDF, and CSGC in each sites. Documentary was made about the activities of the current SGs in 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo, and Uvurkhangai province. The study tour included participation from the local government, and the community and local government made a partnership agreement where local government is going to support CSGC in every way. For example, in Uvurkhangai for the CDF local government is going to contribute ₮ 2,000,000 (USD 1500) and include communities in its business training centre free of charge, and will take off 75% from electricity and heating bills for the training room, which will be provided for free.

Living conditions of members of saving groups have improved since the establishment of the saving groups, for example, those communities established saving and credit schemes for SG members, and based on this savings communities have launched activities such as manufacturing Mongolian *gers*, making traditional clothing, farming (vegetation, livestock), tailoring/knitting, producing souvenirs, crafting, and producing dairy products. Moreover, communities have improved their housing conditions through credit from the saving groups. Although capacity building in these communities is an ongoing process, the improvements that have already been achieved will be a good example for other low-income households.



During the training (Study tour in Uvurkhangai province)

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Study tour: in Uvurkhangai Province  
Governor Mr.Togtohsuren and Deputy  
Governor Mr.Batjargal



Study tour: in Ulaanbaatr with 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo  
governor Mr.Ochir



Plantation field of all Saving Groups in  
Uvurkhangai province



Eoson-Erdene Saving Group: Small  
chicken farming

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### “Community Driven Development” consultation meeting

Members of Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) visited Mongolia, and participated in the “Community Driven Development” National Consultation meeting in June. Both international and local participants visited 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo SGs and were introduced to their current activities.



Visitor from Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) at the 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo



CHRD, ACHR, and the Community: Consultation meeting at the 5<sup>th</sup> khoroo

The consultation meeting focused on looking at implementation of the ACCA program, which includes the introduction of project proposals by local communities, and establishing ACCA National Coordinating Committee. Participants included government officials from respective provinces, local community leaders, and SG members.



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"Community driven development" consultation meeting

ACHR innovated ACCA programme since the early 2009. The aim of the ACCA programme is to bring together urban poor communities who initiates upgrading/renn\voating projects in their locations, and themselves plays major role in the whole process of it. One of the main component of the ACCA programme is to have a city development process in each city where ACCA programme is going to be implemented for the next three years. As for CHRD, Ulaanbaatar (5<sup>th</sup> khoroo, Khan-Uul district), Darkhan and Uvurkhangai have been chosen to implement the upgrading projects. CHRD has planned following activities under the City Development Process:

1. To organize the community for gathering city information
2. To support for the preparation of the upgrading projects
3. To support for the project proposals
4. Meeting, workshops on ACCA programme
5. To establish new Saving Groups, expand the Saving groups in each Community Committee
6. Monitoring of the implementation of ACCA projects

Both in Darkhan, and Uvurkhangai City Development Process has started in August, and in Ulaanbaatar yet to be started. Progressive reports of Darkhan, and Uvurkhangai can be obtained from CHRD.