Increasing organizational and social innovations through the “Health Equity Champions” project in Mongolia to decrease health inequities and barriers to services in rural areas

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“HEALTH EQUITY CHAMPION” PROJECT

“ЭРҮҮҮЛ МЭНДИЙН ТЭГШ БАЙДЛЫН МАНЛАЙЛАГЧИД” ТӨСӨЛ
Selected provinces

• Songinokhairkhan and Bayanzurkh districts’ FHC (Ulaanbaatar city)
• Dornod province Bayan-Uul soum health center
• Bayankhongor province Bayanlig soum health center
• Bulgan province “Emiin tsetseglen” FHC
• Khovd province “Rashaant Urkh” FHC
• Khuvsgul province Tsagaan-uul soum health center
• Orkhon province “Munkhsundrel” FHC
• Uvs province “Bat urjikhui” FHC
Target groups

- Non-registered people
- Non-insured people
- Remote area herders
- Border guards and their family
- Mobile population
- Disability people
Action plan, which derived from the centers focused on solution of real needs of the target population based on health equity lens including

- Health examination for non-registered, non-insured, mobile population
- Covid vaccination for target groups
- Mobile ambulatory services and home visits
- Developed an application for target group to reach unreached
- Provided health services information and improved health education
- Supported by intersectoral collaboration
Results

**Bulgan**
- 210 vulnerable group people
- Health check-up in 336 people (78 remote area people, 26 people without insurance, 6 disability people)

**Khuvsugul**
- NCD check-ups - 2980
- Liver cancer screening 389
- TB screening - 1178

**Uvs**
- 1163 people knowledge about PHC increased
- Health care volunteers’ participation, collaboration improved

**Bayanzurkh**
- 200 residents of the public dormitories
- 11 children and 46 adults receive healthcare

**Bayankhongor**
- Parents and caregivers of 300 children received information about PHC

**Dornod**
- 156 people (non-registered border area) of 82 households receive PHC
Conclusion

• Needs assessment and adhere local needs - All projects based on local needs and aimed at better solution

• Inter-sectoral cooperation to address and influence issues facing vulnerable groups is improved - geographical barriers, lack of information and education on health, unregistered and underinsured problem was addressed.

• Access and quality to health services especially among target groups were improved – based on needs assessment, PHC providers delivered health care services using mobile technology, mobile application (preventive examination, covid-test and Immunization, improved health education and health seeking behavior among vulnerable people).

• Awareness and attitude of Family group practitioners on gender, human rights and equity in PHC is improved.
Link to the six ‘Health Equity Champions’ Projects video:

- https://youtu.be/ppAkcAKqAxQ
- https://youtu.be/1JsfqHnFZ3w
- https://youtu.be/0qjpJA_6NGU
- https://youtu.be/MTfUfU-Vi9A
- https://youtu.be/U-m98e1PVdc
- https://youtu.be/IOnb-ewYL-4
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