



To the IFEX Outreach Programme Globe International NGO

Increasing Distribution of Mongolian Free Expression News

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- Онц байдал тогтоох тухай Ерөнхийлөгчийн зарлигаар МҮОНРТ-ээс бусад радио, телевизийн бүх сүлжийн үйл ажиллагааг 4 хоног зогсоосон.
- Онц байдал үеэр МҮОНРТ-д төрийн цэнхэр тогтоосон.
- 6 сэтгүүм гянтан бүртсэн.
- Телевизийн хэд хэдэн камер, МҮОНРТ-ийн нууцлал станц задарсан.
- "Глобалний сонин", "Хүмүүс", "Хүмүүсийн амьдрал" сонинны редакцийн байр шатаж нөцөр үйлдэгдсэн.
- 7 FM радиогийн станц их бага хэмжээгээр хохирол амсан, 107,5, 102,5 FM радио үйл ажиллагаа сууцлах боломжгүй болсон.
- www.oifoo.mn и-мэй сайтын үйл ажиллагаа 48 цаг зогссон.



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Introduction

Globe International has completed the Free Expression Violation Monitoring project which is supported by OSI Media Network Programme and the IFEX in October 2009. The IFEX financed the activities aimed at increasing distribution of Mongolian free expression news is a part of the project and it has started in September 2008.

Globe International received 2,500USD from the IFEX to carry out the following activities:

Activity 1:

- The information on Mongolian free expression situation has been distributed through our main web site at www.globeinter.org.mn and www.monitoring.mn. Globe International plans to increase the quality of English content.

Activity 2:

- Productions of six issues of webzines: Globe News in English and in Mongolian and develop the e-mailing list

Activity 3:

- At the end of the project Globe International will produce 2008 Free Expression Report in both Mongolian and English that will be distributed through e-mailing lists and web sites.

The project achieved its objectives and carried out all the activities planned by the project even though the project period delayed. The IFEX grant was a partial funding of GI Free Expression Monitoring and Supporting the Rights of Independent Media programme.

1. What is the freedom of expression situation in your country? How has your project had an impact, if any?

Freedom of expression in the country remains challenging. Censorship is still high and the journalists' professional rights are often violated.

- GI saved health of B. Byamba-Ochir, photo journalist of daily newspaper Onoodor (Today) through the fundraising for his second surgery in Seoul, Korea. He suffered from the July 1 riot while reporting on the event. CJFE has donated 1,500CND along with other organizations as the IFJ, Danish Union of Journalists and Norwegian Journalists' Union, and local Mongolian community
- GI saved D.Javsansuren, a female reporter from the provincial newspaper Ovorkhangain Medee from imprisonment. She was accused in criminal defamation case for her article criticized

Ovorkhangai province authorities in unfair bids for the government's school lunch programme. The case won at the Supreme Court.

- GI protested decision of the Citizens' Representative Meeting of Bayan-Olgii province, in the far western Kazakh province of Mongolia, for issuing a non-competence decision that makes the normal operation of public media unstable. At the Citizens' Representative Meeting's meeting in Bayan-Olgii Aimag on December 24, 2008, a decision was made in regard to public radio and television ownership. This decision infringes the Law on Press Freedom and the Law on Public Radio and Television. Therefore, the Globe International sent a demand addressed to Kh. Bayan, Head of the Citizens' Representative Meeting in Bayan-Olgii Aimag, and to S. Haval, Governor of the Aimag, to invalidate its Non-competence Decision # 128 of 2008 and requesting them not to meddle in local radio and television activities. Globe International leader interviewed by the Mongolian National Public Television. The action stopped.
- GI defended the Zavkhan newspaper and won the civil defamation case at the Supreme Court. Newspaper published a letter of reader who criticized the public officials for misuse of the public resources
- GI protested a contract of the State Police Department signed with some media outlets. GI thinks the contract is attempt to censor the media. According to the contract media outlets must report on the mass disorder basing only on the police information source and the police will protect only those reporters whose working outlets signed the contract

1. What major results has your project achieved or contributed to?

- We have received 15 alerts from the local monitors and our lawyer worked on the cases. All the alerts were about election coverage on the 2009 Parliamentarian Election. The complains mostly affected by publications and programs paid by the political parties or candidates, so we did not send it to the IFEX Alerts Network. The news were distributed through the national network.
- App. one in third of the Mongolian journalists and media professionals received the news and informed in free expression violation in Mongolia and abroad, GI activities, journalism training and other events, new publication on media and journalism and legal and practical tips for journalists through six issues of Mongolian and English webzines produced and distributed through e-mailing list. We have signed the contract with General Lights- e-marketing company to distribute the webzines. Webzines included news and information on E-mailing has been developed and it contains 1,804 in total. The English e-mailing list contains 779 and Mongolian 1,025 individuals and organizations. There are 815 Mongolian journalists.
- The 2007 Media Freedom Report produced in Mongolian and English in assistance of a team of journalism teachers and media experts and distributed through the e-mailing list and posted at GI website.

Links:

For the Mongolian report: <http://www.globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&menuid=4>

For English report: <http://www.globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&menuid=204>

- Total access to website reached 24,247. The number increased by 8,628 compare to the mid-term results that was 15,619. The website was registered at <http://webstats.motigo.com/s?id=4606154> from March 12, 2009. From that date, 6,477 visitors

read 20,712 pages. We have posted 71 news and other materials. It was 40 by the mid-term report period.

- News on the launch of webzines published by two daily newspapers: Odiriin Sonin(Daily News) and Niigmiin toli (Mirror of Society)

2. Please provide a narrative explanation of how your organisation has followed through with the Appendix A workplan (refer to the indicators you used as well as the outputs achieved and activities implemented).

Outputs	Planned Activities	Timeline	Indicators	Results
Globe International has free expression violations published on website and English content improved	Correspondents signed the contracts and provided more information materials on alert writing	15/09/08-30/09/08	Number of alerts produced and posted at websites Number of capsule reports/press releases/joint actions issued and Posted at websites	Contract with the local monitors signed, but we had the limited funds to pay them. 59 cases against media and journalists in 2008 registered and 15 alerts distributed through the national network until November 2009
	Coordinate a national monitoring network	15/09/08 through 2009	Number of letters to authorities or private documents issued and posted at web sites Number of web visitors	Five protest letters sent to the authorities. Web site registered from March 12, 2009 and 6,477 visitors read 20,712 pages. http://webstats.motigo.com/s?id=4606154 Total access is 24,247 that mean an increase of visitors by 8,628 from March 12, 2009.
	Hire an English translator	15/09/08-15/03/09		
Globe International produced six issues of	GI hires a part-time publication coordinator	15/09/08-15/03/09	Number of issues of webzines List of e-mailing	Six issues of webzine produced and distributed. The e-mailing list contains 1,025 (334 –new) in Mongolian and 779 in English (24 new)

Globe News Webzines in English and Mongolian and circulated via email lists	Translation of news webzines into English	15/09/08 through 2009	list Number of subscribers Number of news provided for IFEX <i>Communiqué</i>	71 materials translated and posted
Free expression violations published 2008 Media Freedom available in English and Mongolian	Content development of the report	15/01/09-15/02/09	Number of listeners received the report Number of feedbacks	Media freedom report produced and posted at GI website and distributed through e-mailing list and presented to the WPDF event Journalism student for fair Journalism

3. For which activities was IFEX funding specifically used?

The IFEX fund used for productions of six issues of Globe News webzine, preparation of Media Freedom Report, information gathering for webzines and web site, e-mailing list development and English translations.

4. Were there other sources and/or donors involved? Please provide details.

For the free expression project, we raised 15,000USD from OSI Media Network Programme and for the WPDF campaign, we received 2,500\$ from the US Embassy and 2,500\$ from UNESCO, Beijing office.

5. If there have been any variations or revisions please provide an explanation.

WE received the IFEX finding for six months and we requested to prolong the project period until June 2009, but it delayed until October 2009 by the following reasons.

- The main problem of GI was a lack of sources to support our free expression programme. The OSI funding finished in October 2009 and since the IFEX grant is a part of the entire free expression monitoring programme, we had to adjust the period
- GI alert coordinator was sick for long time and she left her job in April 1, 2009. After five months we have managed to employ an alert coordinator in September 2009 who does not speak English. She needs more training on the alert writing.
- GI does not have a permanent communication coordinator, so it affected information gathering and production of the webzines
- Securing the funds for free expression monitoring is getting extremely difficult
- The web site www.monitoring.mn closed because we are not able to pay for the domain and hosting fees. GI is trying to make the main website more efficient

6. Please include a financial report using the form outlined in Appendix B of your project agreement with IFEX.

The financial report enclosed.

Constraints/Problems

We are requesting the IFEX to prolong the project period until June 2009 by the following reasons

- Our alert coordinator was sick for long time and she is leaving her job since April 1, 2009 and we have to employ a new person and train her/him
- We do not have a permanent communication coordinator, so it affects information gathering and production of the webzines The contract for English translation was signed with S. Batbayar, translator from MONTSAME, News Agency, but he left for India, so it also influenced to the project process.

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