

## **Progress Report**

**Country: Mongolia**

**CSO Name: Globe International**

**Project Title: Transparency Campaigning at Local Government to Curb Corruption**

**Progress Report as of May 05, 2011<sup>1</sup>**

### **I. Summary of Progress**

Globe International, a Mongolian NGO has started 12-month project “Transparency Campaigning” at Local Government to Curb Corruption from August 15, 2010 under the funding of the Partnership for Transparency Fund ([www.ptf.org](http://www.ptf.org)). The project is aimed at improving the transparency of the local public organizations to curb corruption.

The project is implemented by Globe International staff consisting of the following persons:

- Kh.Naranjargal, Project Leader
- Ch. Munkhzul, Project Coordinator
- Ch.Enkhbayar, Project Assistant
- J.Enkhjargal, Accountant

The project’s target groups citizens and public officials of the following soums:

- Bagh No 2 of Guchin Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag (Central region, 550 km from Ulaanbaatar)
- Bagh No 2 of Bayanhutag soum of Khentii aimag (Northern region, 353 km from Ulaanbaatar)

The first progress report was submitted to the PTF in January 2011 and the present report covers the project activities carried out from January 1,2011 to May 4,2011.

Globe International completed the activities scheduled and no serious barriers have occurred in this implementation period. One problem is that we had to invite the Bayankhutag monitoring team to assist them to analyze the data they collected and write the report. In general, we learnt that one-day monitoring training is not enough to obtain proper skills, so in the future the trainers should work with the teams at least three days and one day should be used for practices.

After the submission of the first progress report, we completed the monitoring report and corruption perception report. The reports presented to the round tables that involved in total 85 citizens and public officials. The events were covered by the local media and national television channel TV9. Monitoring reports translated into English and English reports of the corruption perception surveys will be ready soon.

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<sup>1</sup> Date submitted; it does not necessarily have to be last day of a month.

We printed “How to?” handbook in 500 copies and delivered to the relevant stakeholders as well as to the local communities and public libraries. Audios and videos were distributed to the NGOs, public libraries and were aired by 8 local radios of Ovorkhangai, Khentii, Hovsgol, South Gobi, Darkhan-Uul, Dornod, Gobi-Altai and Khovd aimags.

Transparency actions started at the two targeted soums and four information boards were installed in the governors’ offices. The project also launched web sites and paid for the domain names and hosting for one-year, and computers with modems that will be used by bagh governors to distribute information to the herders where mobile phone access is available. The bagh governors also will directly post the comments or requests of herders to the soum governors and express their opinions online. This is a start of attempt to use Moving Internet. English pages will be available soon.

The local citizens are able to get information on the soums’ activities, budget and finance. human resources and procurements from information boards and websites. Information of different public services is also available.

For the remaining period, we will translate the corruption perception reports, hold the training for the soums how to update their websites in accordance with guidelines of DreamLime company which designed websites, conduct post-evaluation and organize the evaluation meetings. The soums’ administrations will adopt the policy documents to continue the transparency activities.

## **II. Basic Project Data**

1. Date Project grant signed: August 15, 2010
2. Date Project implementation commenced: July 15, 2010
3. Expected Date of Project completion:
  - A. Original: July 15, 2011
  - B. Planned: July 15, 2011
4. Summary of project objectives:

The project planned to achieve the following objectives:

- a. After 12 months, awareness of the local communities and the public officials on the public’s right to access information held by local public organizations and transparent governance and corruption raised
- b. After 12 months, issues transparency and corruption at local level exposed through the monitoring and public organizations received the recommendations from their communities for better transparency and better public service
- c. After 12 months, the soum administrations approved a document Transparency in Action and the local citizens will be able to obtain information on the activities, finance and resources of the soum administrations and other public organizations
- d. After 12 months, facts of corruption exposed and local communities are capable to control corruption

**From the start of the project up to date, we achieved the following results:**

1. In total, 36 herders of two soums educated on ideas and concept of access to public information and role of freedom of information in curbing corruption and importance of transparent and good governance through two community workshops. As outputs of the workshops, the check list of the information need of the soums' citizens and identified the effective information channels that the citizens prefer receiving information. See the first progress report)
2. In total, 57 public officials of the two targeted soums gained knowledge on their duties to open up public information and how to best respond to the citizens' requests. The public officials developed the check list of information to make accessible to the public and information channels that they prefer distributing to the citizens. See the first progress report)
3. 500 copies of the "How to?" manual printed and distributed to the participants of the two targeted soums and Ulaanbaatar NGOs. It also will be distributed to other aimag administrations.

Link: <http://globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&id=863&menuid=363> /Mongolian/

4. 12 citizens of the two targeted soums gained skills in monitoring the implementation of the Government's Resolution No 143 on transparency indicators and public service at three public organizations in each soum. The monitoring team members in two soums completed the monitoring on the local administration transparency conducted in December 2010 and January 2011 and reports presented to total 76 citizens in the two soums through round tables.

Mongolian and English reports available at:

Monitoring of transparency of government services in Bayankhutag soum of Khentii aimag: <http://globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&id=872&menuid=370>

Monitoring of transparency of government services in Guchin-Us soum of Uvurkhangaï aimag : <http://globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&id=868&menuid=370>

5. 1000 copies of audio series "Your Right to Know" educates on nature and principles of freedom of information and direct public participation and its role in curbing corruption and government transparency.  
Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/uprmongolia2010>
6. 1000 copies of video series "Curb Corruption!" features the types of corruption covered by the Mongolian laws and the UN Anti-corruption Declaration.  
Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/uprmongolia2010>
7. 120 citizens of the two targeted soums involved to the corruption perception surveys conducted by the two aimag NGOs: Local Initiative and Women for Social Progress. The reports were presented to 76 participants of the round tables held in April 2011.

- Report presented by M.Dulamsuren, Local Initiative, Ovorkhangai NGO

<http://globeinter.org.mn/images/upld/AvilgaUvurxangai.pdf> (Mongolian)

- Report presented by Ts.Altantuya, Women for Social Progress, Khentii NGO

<http://globeinter.org.mn/images/upld/khentiiavilga.pdf> (Mongolian)

News on the events posted at Globe International web site in English:

<http://www.globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&menuid=370>

8. In total 85 participants represented citizens, public officials, local media and Globe International, precisely 20 in Guchin-Us and 58 in Bayankhutag attended the round tables. The round tables were held in the Meeting Room of The Citizens' Representative Khurals in Guchin-Us soum of Ovotkhangai aimag on 11 April 2011 and in the Cultural center of Bayankhutag soum of Khentii aimag on 25 April 2011.
9. In total 76 herders and public officials trained on project proposal writing upon request of the soums administrations in
10. In total more than 5,000 local citizens of two soums are, now, able to get Information on the soums' activities, human resources, budget and finance and procurement, and public services from information boards and websites of the two targeted soums launched by the project: [www.guchin-us.mn](http://www.guchin-us.mn) and [www.bayankhutag.mn](http://www.bayankhutag.mn). In the soums, names, telephones and job descriptions of the public officials along with the photos of the employees posted the doors of their offices located in the building of the soums governors' offices

#### Attachments to the progress report:

- Round Table Program
- List of participants of the round tables

### III. Implementation Progress

| Planned Activity <sup>2</sup>  | Brief Description of Progress, Emerging Problems and Remedial Actions <sup>3</sup>   | Description of any major change in the activity with reason <sup>4</sup> |
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| 1. Preparatory and paper works | <i>The following paper works carried out by the project team:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Detailed Work Plan approved</li><li>• Legislative framework. The project staff collected</li></ul> | As planned   |

<sup>2</sup> These activities are as listed in the Project Proposal and should correspond to the log-frame. Feel free to elaborate as necessary.

<sup>3</sup> Briefly describe the progress or lack thereof during the quarter being reported as well as cumulative as of the end of the period. Also, discuss concisely any significant problems encountered and action taken to overcome them. For activities not yet initiated, say, "Not yet started".

<sup>4</sup> No need for any comment if there is no change, say, "As planned".

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|   | <p>all the laws and legal acts concerning the government transparency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Model</i> of monitoring methodology, monitoring guidelines and scope of monitoring developed in cooperation with Mr. G. Batzorig, Head of the ACA Research Department</li> <li>• <i>Contracts</i> with the monitoring team leaders.</li> <li>• <i>Code of Ethics</i> for the monitoring team members</li> <li>• Letters to the Government Office and the IAAC</li> <li>• <i>Corruption perception survey questionnaires</i></li> </ul> |            |
| 2. Community workshops                            | <p>Two community workshops held in two targeted soums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Guchin-Us soum, of Ovorkhangai aimag on 5-6 December 2010. It involved 16 herders</li> <li>• In Bayankhtag soum of Khantii aimag on 13-14 December 2010 and it involved 20 herders</li> </ul>   | As planned |
| 3 Training for public officials                   | <p>Two trainings for the public officials held in two targeted soums:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Guchin Us soum, of Ovorkhangai aimag on 4-5 December 2010 and it involved 27 public officials</li> <li>• In Bayankhtag soum of Khentii aimag on 14-15 December 2010 and it involved 30 public officials</li> </ul>   | As planned |
| 4. Video and Audio Handbooks and distributions    | <p>2000 copies of audio and video handbooks produced. Handbooks distributed to the workshop and training participants</p> <p>The handbooks were aired by the following local radio and television stations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dolgoon Kherlen in Khentii aimag</li> <li>• Noyon-Uul regional radio in Ovorkhangai aimag</li> </ul>  | As planned |
| 5. Monitoring training                            | <p>Two monitoring trainings for total 12 monitoring team members held on 7 December in Guchin-Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag and on 16 December in Bayankhutag soum of Khentii aimag.</p>  | As planned |
| 6. Monitoring                                     | <p>The monitorings started in Guchin-Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag and on 16 December and on 8 December in Guchin-Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag completed now and the reports released in Mongolian and English. The reports are available at Globe International website.</p>   | As planned |
| 7. Corruption perception survey                   | <p>Two NGOs based in the aimags conducted corruption perception surveys among 120 citizens of two targeted soums. The reports were translated into English and available at Globe International web site.</p>  | As planned |
| 8. Handbook for public officials                  | <p>Content of handbook was developed by the project team in cooperation with Mr. Batzorig, Head of the ACA Research Department and it is printed in 500 copies and distributed to the round table participants, public libraries of the soums and aimags and Ulaanbaatar-based NGOs.</p>   | As planned |
| 9. Round tables to present the monitoring reports | <p>Two round tables held.</p> <p>Round table in Guchin-us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag was held on April 11, 2011 at the Meeting Room of the Soum Citizens' Representatives Khurals. In total 26 persons represented the soum citizens and public</p>   | As planned |

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|  | <p>officials attended.</p> <p>Round table in Bayankhutag soum Khentii aimag was held on April 25, 2001 at the Cultural Center and it involved in total 50 participants represented the local citizens and public officials.</p> <p>The round tables in two soums were covered by the local media: Dolgoon Kherlen radio, Noyon-Ull regional radio and Khentti TV and national television channel TV9.</p> |            |
| 10. Transparency Actions: Approval of Policy Papers                          | Not yet started   | As planned |
| 11. Transparency Actions: launch of web site                                 | <a href="http://www.guchin-us.mn">www.guchin-us.mn</a> and <a href="http://www.bayankhutag.mn">www.bayankhutag.mn</a>   |            |
| 12. Transparency Actions: Launch of other information dissemination channels | Transparency actions have started in a both soums. In both soums, the information boards installed and the citizens are able to get information on the soums' administrations' activities, human resources, budget and finance and procurements. Information on the public services is also available.  |            |
| 13. Evaluation: Pre-testing  | <p><b><i>During this period:</i></b></p> <p>Pre-testing on understanding corruption and its types conducted among the workshop and Training participants</p> <p><b><i>Cumulative:</i></b></p> <p>Results will be compared with post-testing and reported in the completion report.</p>  | As planned |
| 14. Evaluation: Post-testing   | Not yet started   |            |
| 15. Evaluation Meeting   | Not yet started   |            |

#### IV. Financial Report (Second Installment)

1. PTF grant amount: **30,000 USD**
2. PTF grant received so far: **15,000 USD**
3. PTF grant spent so far: **13,009USD**
4. PTF grant remaining to be disbursed: **3,000 USD (1 USD= 1250 MNT)**
5. Expected date PTF will be requested to make next tranche disbursement: **15 August 2011**
6. Financial Report (Table below):

| 01.19 .2011, 1 USD= 1235.5 MNT, Trade & Development Bank exchange rate |   |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Budget Category*   |   | Budget<br>(USD) | Actual<br>Expenses<br>(MNT) | Sources of Funding Used |             |                        |
|  |   |                 |                             | PTF                     |             | Other<br>donor<br>[CI] |
|  |   |                 |                             | (Exchange<br>rate)      | (USD)       | MNT                    |
| <b>A</b>   | <b>Audio and video production</b>                               |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 1  | Audio: Research and scriptwriting                               |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 2  | Audio: Production including copying                             | 1000            |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 3  | Audio: Supplies, documentation, copying etc                     |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 4  | Audio: Payments for local radio stations, 8 stations            | 800             | 800000                      | 1235.5                  | 648         |                        |
| 5  | Video: Scriptwriting  | 500             |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 6  | Video: Production including shooting, editing, voice over       | 1820            |                             |                         |             |                        |
|  | <b>Total A</b>  | <b>4120</b>     | <b>800000</b>               |                         | <b>648</b>  | <b>0</b>               |
| <b>B</b>   | <b>Monitoring in two soums:</b>                                 |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 1  | Data gathering and entering                                     | 400             | 710400                      | 1235.5                  | 575         |                        |
| 2  | Data analysis   | 240             | 177600                      | 1235.5                  | 144         |                        |
| 3  | Report preparation  | 300             | 266400                      | 1235.5                  | 216         |                        |
| 4  | Round table to present reports: room rent, refreshment etc      | 200             | 281870                      | 1235.5                  | 228         |                        |
| 5  | Supplies, documentation etc                                     | 200             |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 6  | Local trips   | 1200            | 241000                      | 1235.5                  | 195         |                        |
| 7  | Per dimes for aimag NGOs, 2 per. x 7 days x 20\$                | 280             | 201000                      | 1235.5                  | 163         |                        |
| 8  | Fees for aimag NGO representatives                              | 140             | 400000                      | 1235.5                  | 324         |                        |
| 9  | Translation of reports  | 500             | 351648                      | 1235.5                  | 285         |                        |
|  | <b>Total B</b>  | <b>3460</b>     | <b>2629918</b>              |                         | <b>2129</b> |                        |
| <b>C</b>   | <b>How to? Training and manual for soum and aimag officials</b> |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 1  | Training for the public officials at three soums                | 400             |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 2  | Manual preparation: Content development                         |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 3  | Editing, proof reading, design                                  |                 |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 4  | Printing and distribution                                       | 800             |                             |                         |             |                        |
| 5  | Transparency Action related costs                               | 2,200           | 2779950                     | 1235.5                  | 2250        |                        |
| 6  | <b>Total C</b>  | <b>3400</b>     | <b>2779950</b>              |                         | <b>2250</b> | <b>0</b>               |

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| <b>D</b> | <b>Training on monitoring and community workshops, 2 soums</b> |   |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 1  | Trainers' travels, 3 trainers                       | 1800         | 904702          | 1235.5 | 732          |                |
|          | 2  | Per diems(hotel, meals), 3 persons x 20\$ x 14 days | 840          | 360000          | 1235.5 | 291          |                |
|          | 3  | Training rooms at baghs and soums                   | 360          |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 4  | Technique hiring, 10\$ x 8 hrs x 3 days x 2 soums   |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 5  | Meals and refreshments, 58 per. x 8\$ x 2 times     | 928          |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 6  | Supplies, documentation etc                         | 100          |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 7  | Translation of the educational materials            | 0            |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 8  | Preparation of background materials                 |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 9  | Trainers' fees                                      |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          |  | <b>Total D</b>                                      | <b>4028</b>  | <b>1264702</b>  |        | <b>1024</b>  | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>E</b> | <b>Labor fees</b>  |   |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 1  | Project leader, 12 months x 350\$ (50%)             | 4200         | 2047950         | 1235.5 | 1658         |                |
|          | 2  | Project coordinator, 12 months x 400\$ (100%)       | 4800         | 3116880         | 1235.5 | 2523         |                |
|          | 3  | Project assistant, 12 months x 200\$                | 2400         | 1173825         | 1235.5 | 950          |                |
|          | 4  | Accountant, 12 months x 100\$                       | 1200         | 782550          | 1235.5 | 633          |                |
|          | 5  | <b>Total E</b>                                      | <b>12600</b> | <b>7121205</b>  |        | <b>5764</b>  |                |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Administration</b>  |   |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 1  | Rentals(1/3), 500\$ x 4 months                      |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 2  | Postal and communication, 200\$x 12months           | 1200         | 581882.4        | 1235.5 | 471          | 741300         |
|          | 3  | Supplies, 100\$ x 12 months                         | 1200         | 861007          | 1235.5 | 697          |                |
|          | 4  | Evaluation, auditing and reporting                  |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 5  | Bank charge   |              | 33358.5         | 1235.5 | 27           |                |
|          |  | <b>Total F</b>                                      | <b>2400</b>  | <b>1476248</b>  |        | <b>1195</b>  | <b>741300</b>  |
| <b>G</b> | <b>Contingencies, 10%</b>                                      |   |              |                 |        |              |                |
|          | 1  | Contingencies, 10%                                  |              |                 |        |              | 3459400        |
|          |  | <b>Total G</b>                                      | <b>0</b>     |                 |        |              | <b>3459400</b> |
|          |  | <b>Total (A+B+C+D+E+F+G)</b>                        | <b>30008</b> | <b>16072023</b> |        | <b>13009</b> | <b>4200700</b> |