

Progress Report

Country: Mongolia

CSO Name: Globe International

Project Title: Transparency Campaigning at Local Government to Curb Corruption

Progress Report as of December 31, 2010¹

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). 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)

In order to achieve the objectives of the project, Globe International sent letters to the Government Office and the Independent Authority Against Corruption (IAAC). The Government Office sent the letters to the Aimag Governors’ Offices and we had good support from the aimags for the activities carried out in the soums. Upon our letter to the IAAC, we agreed its Research Department will be fully involved to the project activities. All the activities carried out during the reported period, including developments of contents of audio and video productions and handbook for the public officials, workshop and training curriculums and development of pre-testing questionnaires and monitoring methodology. Mr. B.Batzorig, Head of Research Department worked as trainer along with Globe International trainers.

The following preparatory/paper works completed prior to the start of the activities in the two soums.

- *Legislative framework.* The project staff collected all the laws and legal acts promoting the government transparency
- *Model* of monitoring methodology, monitoring guidelines and scope of monitoring developed in cooperation with Mr. G. Batzorig, Head of the ACA Research Department
- *Corruption perception survey questionnaires*

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

- *Contracts* with the monitoring team leaders.
- *Code of Ethics* for the monitoring team members

The project carried out all the activities scheduled in the first round and it directly involved 93 herders and public officials to the two planned trainings on the freedom of information, transparency and anti-corruption.

Participants of the community workshops selected six members of the monitoring teams in each soum and they were trained. The monitoring on transparency of the local administrations and public services started and it will be finished in March.

The project produced ten audios and ten videos educating the people on their right to know and types of corruption covered by the Anti-corruption Law of Mongolia and the UN Anti-corruption Conventions of which Mongolia is a part.

The two aimag NGOs conducted corruption perception surveys in the two targeted aimags among in total 120 residents.

The project leader approved the Detailed Work Schedule and strictly followed it. No difficulties and problems occurred during the reported period.

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

During the reported period, we have 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.
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.
3. Content of the "How to?" manual developed and it will be printed and distributed in the second round of activities.
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
5. The monitoring on the local administration transparency started in the two soums. The contracts with the monitoring team leaders signed. The Code of Ethics accepted by each member of the monitoring team
6. 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>
7. 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>
8. Corruption perception survey among 120 citizens of the two targeted soums conducted by the two aimag NGOs and the reports will be available in February 2011 and presented to the round tables in March 2011.

Information on the project activities posted at Globe International web site:
<http://www.globeinter.org.mn/?cmd=Record&menuid=370>

Attachments to the progress report:

- Workshop program
- Training program
- Program of the monitoring skill building training
- List of participants
- Check list of information
- List of the monitoring teams
- Code of Ethics

III. Implementation Progress

Planned Activity ²	Brief Description of Progress, Emerging Problems and Remedial Actions ³	Description of any major change in the activity with reason ⁴
1. Preparatory and paper works	Cumulative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Detailed Work Plan</i> approved <i>Legislative framework.</i> The project staff collected all the laws and legal acts concerning the government transparency <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 <i>Contracts</i> with the monitoring team leaders. <i>Code of Ethics</i> for the monitoring team members Letters to the Government Office and the IAAC <i>Corruption perception survey questionnaires</i> 	As planned
2. Community workshops	Cumulative: Two community workshops held in two targeted soums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Guchin-Uus soum, of Ovorkhangai aimag on 5-6 December 2010. It involved 16 herders In Bayankhstag soum of Khentii aimag on 13-14 December 2010 and it involved 20 herders 	As planned
3 Training for public officials	Cumulative: Two trainings for the public officials held in two targeted soums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Guchin Uus soum, of Ovorkhangai aimag on 4-5 December 2010 and it involved 27 public officials In Bayankhstag soum of Khentii aimag on 14-15 December 2010 and it involved 30 public officials 	As planned

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

³ 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".

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

4. Video and Audio Handbooks and distributions	<p>During this Period:</p> <p>2000 copies of audio and video handbooks produced. Handbooks distributed to the workshop and training participants</p> <p>Cumulative:</p> <p>The handbooks will be aired by the local radio and television stations.</p>	As planned
5. Monitoring training	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.	As planned
6. Monitoring	<p>During this Period:</p> <p>Monitoring started in Guchin-Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag and on 16 December and it started in on 8 December in Guchin-Us soum of Ovorkhangai aimag</p> <p>Cumulative:</p> <p>The monitoring will be finished in early March 2011. The reports will be presented to the round tables and also will be translated into English and posted at Globe International website.</p>	As planned
7. Corruption perception survey	<p>During this Period:</p> <p>Two NGOs based in the aimags conducted corruption perception surveys among 120 citizens of two targeted soums.</p> <p>Cumulative:</p> <p>The reports will produced and presented to the round tables.</p>	As planned
8. Handbook for public officials	<p>During this Period:</p> <p>Content of manual was developed by the project team in cooperation with Mr. Batzorig, Head of the ACA Research Department and it was published and distributed to the training participants.</p> <p>Cumulative:</p> <p>The handbook will be printed and distributed to other soums and aimags, and NGOs</p>	As planned
9. Round tables to present the monitoring reports	Not yet started	As planned
10. Transparency Actions: Approval of Policy Papers	Not yet started	As planned
11. Transparency Actions: launch of web site	Not yet started	

12. Transparency Actions: Launch of other information dissemination channels	Not yet started	
13. Evaluation: Pre-testing	<p>During this period: Pre-testing on understanding corruption and its types conducted among the workshop and Training participants</p> <p>Cumulative: 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

- 1.PTF grant amount: **30,000 USD**
- 2.PTF grant received so far: **12,000 USD**
- 3.PTF grant spent so far: **1,480USD**
- 4.PTF grant remaining to be disbursed: **15,000USD (1 USD= 1280MNT)**
- 5.Expected date PTF will be requested to make next tranche disbursement: **15 Jan 2011**
- 6.Financial Report (Table below):

01.09.2010, 1 USD= 1300 MNT, Trade & Development Bank exchange rate						
Budget Category*		Budget (USD)	Actual Expenses (MNT)	Sources of Funding Used		
				PTF		Other donor [CI]
				(Exchange rate)	(USD)	MNT
A	Audio and video production					
1	Audio: Research and scriptwriting					390000
2	Audio: Production including copying	1000	1438000	1300	1106	
3	Audio: Supplies, documentation, copying etc					520000
4	Audio: Payments for local radio stations, 8 stations	800				
5	Video: Scriptwriting	500	650000	1300	500	
6	Video: Production including shooting, editing, voice over	1820	2380000	1300	1831	
	Total A	4120	4468000		3437	910000
B	Monitoring in two souns:					
1	Data gathering and entering	400				
2	Data analysis	240				
3	Report preparation	300				
4	Round table to present reports: room rent, refreshment etc	200				

	5	Supplies, documentation etc	200	256580	1300	197	
	6	Local trips	1200	808735	1300	622	
	7	Per dimes for aimag NGOs, 2 per. x 7 days x 20\$	280	210000	1300	162	
	8	Fees for aimag NGO representatives	140				
	9	Translation of reports	500				
		Total B	3460	1275315		981	
C		How to? Training and manual for soum and aimag officials					
	1	Training for the public official at three soums	400	511200	1300	393	
	2	Manual preparation: Content development					520000
	3	Editing, proof reading, design					325000
	4	Printing and distribution	800	1100000	1300	846	
	5	Transparency Action related costs	2,200				
	6	Total C	3400	1611200		1239	845000
D		Training on monitoring and community workshops, 2 soums					
	1	Trainers' travels, 3 trainers	1800	1171000	1300	901	
	2	Per diems(hotel, meals), 3 persons x 20\$ x 14 days	840	750000	1300	577	
	3	Training rooms at baghs and soums	360	544000	1300	418	
	4	Technique hiring, 10\$ x 8 hrs x 3 days x 2 soums					624000
	5	Meals and refreshments, 58 per. x 8\$ x 2 times	928	1078800	1300	830	
	6	Supplies, documentation etc	100	187390	1300	144	
	7	Translation of the educational materials	0				
	8	Preparation of background materials					650000
	9	Trainers' fees					780000
		Total D	4028	3731190		2870	2054000
E		Labor fees					
	1	Project leader, 12 months x 350\$ (50%)	4200	2056830	1300	1582	
	2	Project coordinator, 12 months x 400\$ (100%)	4800	2348760	1300	1807	
	3	Project assistant, 12 months x 200\$	2400	1178820	1300	907	
	4	Accountant, 12 months x 100\$	1200	782550	1300	602	
	5	Total D	12600	6366960		4898	
F		Administration					
	1	Rentals(1/3), 500\$ x 4 months					2600000
	2	Postal and communication, 200\$x 12months	1200	931793.9	1300	717	658895
	3	Supplies, 100\$ x 12 months	1200	823260	1300	633	
	4	Evaluation, auditing and reporting					
	5	Bank charge		35100	1300	27	
		Total E	2400	1791531		1377	3258895
G		Contingencies, 10%					
	1	Contingencies, 10%					
		Total F	0				
		Total (A+B+C+D+E+F+G)	30008	19242819		14802	7067895