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ABOUT US

Globe International Center (GIC) is a non-profit, non-membership NGO founded in 1999 and based in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. GIC is the most active organization in the country working on media freedom and the rights of freedom of expression, information and transparency.

Our work includes: advocacy to improve the media legal environment and promote anti-corruption legislation and monitoring for free expression violations and violations of journalists' professional rights. GIC educates journalists and the public on good governance, transparency and social accountability and encourages civic participation through innovative events and awareness-raising activities.

GIC is a member of IFEX, Forum Asia, the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) and World Bank GPSA (Global Partnership for Social Accountability).

MISSION

To sustain Mongolian democracy and civil society by spreading the power of information and knowledge

VISION

To establish a democratic culture and develop informed and empowered citizens

MOTTO

Knowledge is power

VALUES

Independence
Fairness
Democratic
Non-discrimination
Corruption free

STRATEGIC MESSAGE

Informed people are powerful

OUR PROGRAMS

PROGRAM I

SUPPORTING THE RIGHTS OF INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Our goal is to assist building a powerful media that will have greater freedom to play a leading role in the development of democracy and society.

PROGRAM II

PROMOTING GOOD AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE

We are helping to improve governance and accountability, so that public institutions are able to provide a truly good public service.

PROGRAM III

EMPOWERING THE PUBLIC THROUGH INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND ARTS

Our goal is to raise public awareness and social issues using information communication and arts as educational tools.

Highlights of 2017



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PROJECTS



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EVENTS



1426
PARTICIPANTS



5
TRAININGS

Media Freedom Award 2017



GIC's annual Media Freedom Award "For the Truth!" presented to Mr. Lkhagva Erdene, journalist and executive producer of Mongol TV. In 2016, he has worked with International Consortium of Investigative Journalists on Panama Papers and brought for the first time issues of involved Mongolian politicians to the public. After his coverage, he had many pressures and legal proceedings.

GIC launched the Media Freedom Award in 2009. First winners of the Award were eight journalists and reporters who were attacked and injured during coverage from the post-election riot in July 1, 2008. Since 2009, GIC's Media Freedom Award to be presented annually to those journalists and media professionals who contribute to advancing media freedom, serve in the public interest and face pressure, intimidation and legal proceedings in line with their duty.

Media Freedom Report 2016



The Media Freedom Report 2016 was launched on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2017 with the support of UNESCO Beijing Office. The Report informs on the legal development, civil and criminal defamation cases against media and journalists and other breaches of the journalists' professional rights in 2017.

GIC has been monitoring violations of freedom of expression and journalists' professional rights since October 2005.

Up to January 2017, we have registered 519 violations of free expression in total, and 57.4 per cent of those who violated freedom of expression and journalists' rights were authorities, high-ranking public officials or government organizations.

The Report is aimed at providing an overview of media freedom in Mongolia by analyzing media environment for the Mongolian journalists to exercise their professional rights in order to fulfill their duties and responsibilities to serve the public and challenges they face in it.

In 2016, Mongolia is in the 69th place out of 180 world countries, dropping down 9 places (in 2015 it ranked on 60th) and it is still the country is with notable problems of press freedom. Mongolia still remains as a country with partial press freedom in accordance with the Freedom House.

Free Expression Campaign



The main activity on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day (WPDF) 2017 held by GIC was the event “Critical Minds for Critical Times: Media’s role in advancing peaceful, just and inclusive societies” in cooperation with Mongolian Open Society Forum and Confederation of Mongolian Journalists (CMJ) under the support of UNESCO Beijing Office.

GIC carried out the following activities within the World Press Freedom Day:



A total of 48 journalism and law students participated in the essay competition on themes such as freedom of expression, decriminalizing defamation, investigative journalism against corruption, journalistic sources, protection of whistle-blowers, children’s’ right to free expression, digital freedoms, right to know, online ethics, and online privacy.

Supporting the right of independent media

- ✓ On 28 April 2017 GIC in cooperation with Mongolian Website Association (MWA) and CMJ held training for news and information websites' journalists on media accountability, ethics, role of the media in fostering SDGs, safety of journalists' digital security.
- ✓ TV debate on the occasion of the WPFD was organized on 3 May 2017 via Mongolian National Broadcaster. It involved representatives from GIC, CMJ, MWA and journalism lecturers and students.
- ✓ The WPFD event was organized on May 3 and involved more than 80 stakeholders representing media and journalists, journalism students and their lecturers, embassies and international organizations in UB, the Parliament and government agencies, lawyers, academicians and civil society.

"The media's voice is every citizen's voice. For their rights, welfare and freedoms to be defended and advanced, for this generation and those to come, we must protect our press."

Ms. Beate Trankmann, Resident Coordinator, United Nations, Mongolia



- ✓ A Media Coalition to promote media freedom and to advocate for UNESCO and UPR recommendations was established. It involved eight media organizations including GIC, CMJ, Mongolian Media Council, Mongolian Website Association, Mongolian National Public Broadcaster, Eagle TV, Mongol TV and Provincial Media Association.

Campaign dedicated to International Day to End Impunity for Crimes Against Journalists



GIC ran a seven-month campaign from October 2016 until May 2017 dedicated to the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists. Its aim was two-fold, to strengthen local capacity to conduct joint advocacy and lobby for legal reform for the protection of journalists, and to address impunity issues.

A discussion dedicated to the IDEI with the motto “Aidasgui Hamgaalagdsan Ayulgui! – For the Creation of a Safe, Protected and No Fear Environment for Journalists,” organized on November 2nd. The event involved more than 50 representatives of relevant government agencies and law enforcement authorities, media and journalism communities, civil society, journalism and law students.

GIC President Kh.Naranjargal, Deputy Minister for Justice and Home Affairs B.Enkhbayar and President of the Confederation of Mongolian Journalists B.Galaarid delivered opening remarks for the discussion.

Deputy Minister for Justice and Home Affairs B.Enkhbayar in his opening speech, informed the audience that the Ministry closely cooperates with civil society organizations including Open Society Forum and Globe International on implementation of human rights treaties and conventions. He emphasized that the new Government fully decriminalized defamation provisions of the Election Law in May this year, and this step was applauded by the UN Human Rights Committee.



From left, Deputy Minister for Justice and Home Affairs B.Enkhbayar and the President of the Confederation of Mongolian Journalists B.Galaarid

In his opening remarks, the President of the Confederation of Mongolian Journalists B.Galaarid explained that journalism isn't a popularity contest, and he called for ethical and responsible journalistic practices.

Media Monitoring of Presidential Election Coverage

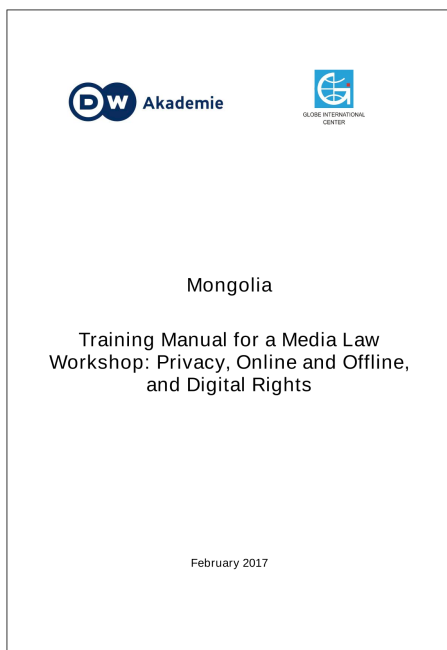


Monitoring of national television stations including MNB, UBS, MN25, TV9 and C1 conducted May 15- August 15, 2017 that consists of two main phases. A total of 3 political parties' candidates contested in the election, which was held first ever run-off between two leading candidates due to no outright victory in the first round. It was unprecedented incident in Mongolian history since the country became democratic country. GIC team has monitored in a total of 1691:13:42 seconds program on five of the nationwide TV stations.

The monitoring result indicates that news programs of the all TVs were biased or under the influence of certain political party which leads to increase the circulation of unprofessional, unethical and subliminal advertising contents during the campaign.

But lack of adequate regulation of campaign advertising makes unfair competition in terms of news coverage, which gives more advantages to the ruling parties, especially when the Election Day was approaching.

Media Law Workshop: Privacy, Online and Offline, and Digital Rights



The event brought together three experts and 21 participants, including lawyers, judges, prosecutors and media professionals from around Mongolia, to discuss issues of privacy and freedom of expression in an increasingly digital world.

The third annual training session, initiated and supported by the Deutsche Welle Akademie, was facilitated by visiting Canadian Executive Director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, Toby Mendel.

Facilitator, Toby Mendel, stressed: “The online world has completely changed our definition of privacy. Thousands of years ago in Mongolia, instead of using money, people would trade things. These days we are trading our privacy – we give entities like Facebook our privacy and they provide a service to us. But this is not a fair trade. Most people don’t understand what the terms of the deal are and that their personal information is being collected and sold.”

Canadian Executive Director of the Centre for Law and Democracy, Toby Mendel had also produced a training manual on the subject comprising of five different modules.

Consideration of the Sixth periodic report of Mongolia on the ICCPR



Naranjargal Khashkhuu, President and CEO of GIC attended the 120th session of the Human Rights Committee: Consideration of the Sixth periodic report of Mongolia on the ICCPR2017.

The sixth periodic report of Mongolia on the ICCPR was reviewed by the Human Rights Committee on 6th and 7th July 2017 at its 120th session held at the Palais Wilson, Geneva. The delegation of Mongolia was composed of 7 members and led by Mr. B.Enkhbayar, Deputy Minister of Justice and Home Affairs.

GIC has reached its objective to retain attention of the Human Rights Committee on issues and concerns on freedom of expression in Mongolia, particularly issues such as need for legal reform, full decriminalization defamation, harassment of journalists and their safety, and impunity through:



Five-minute Oral Statement presented at the Formal NGO briefing held on 3rd July 2017; and



Answers to the questions of the six Committee members at one-hour informal NGO Briefing held on 6th July 2017 before the Mongolia's review.

Engagement of GIC with the ICCPR process was a great opportunity to address the Committee on freedom of expression issues towards a more effective implementation of the Article 19 of the ICCPR in the country. The Human Rights Committee expressed concern about a number of issues on freedom of expression, media freedom and harassment against journalists as well as freedom of expression of the LGBTI.

The attendance has contributed to the organizations' goal to advance freedoms of expression and information in Mongolia and Concluding observations will serve the main reference document in advocacy and lobbying activities of GIC.

"Transparency and Accountability in Mongolian Education" project



Under this Program, GIC has been implementing Transparency and Accountability in Mongolian Education (TAME) for the third year successfully. The main partners of TAME project are “All for Education!” National Civil Society Coalition (Mongolian NGO working towards the sustainable nation-wide changes in education policy and system) and Partnership for Transparency Fund (NGO based in USA). This four-year project is funded by Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA), World Bank.

TAME project aims to strengthen the civic engagement in the education sector to improve transparency of budgeting and procurement processes for the delivery of better quality education services in western and central Mongolia. The citizens are envisioned to voice their needs and share their ideas with the government officials to improve the quality of and access to education by applying the project’s Social Accountability Tools: Budget Trust Tool, Good School Support Tool and Parent Teacher Association.

Training on social accountability tools in Bayan-Olgii, Khovd and Uvs aimags



Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Good School Support Tool (GSST)

In March–May, the project partner “All for Education!” organized two-day training in the target 10 schools. More than 160 teachers and parents from the target 10 schools were trained on how to assess their school’s governance, physical conditions and psychological environment, to share the findings with the public officials to address those challenges at school level that affect the quality of educational services.



Budget Trust Tool (BTT)

In April, a total of 65 participants (including three aimag NGOs selected by TAME project) gained skills to monitor the education budget and procurement processes at the aimag level, improve the transparency in budget expenditure, and increase citizen participation in budgeting processes through 16 hours of training.

1872 stakeholder representatives engaged in 48 events organized by TAME project in **2017**



960
PARENTS



536
TEACHERS



234
PUBLIC
OFFICIALS



130
NGO
REPRESENTATIVES



12
MEDIA
REPRESENTATIVES

Learning together



The regional Peer-Learning workshops for TAME project were held on October 24–25 in Erdenebulgan soum of Arkhangai aimag, and on November 13–14 in Olgii soum of Bayan-Olgii aimag. Over 130 attendees including teachers, parents, NGO representatives, Heads of Education Department of Arkhangai, Bayan-Olgii, Bulgan, Khovd, Khuvsgul and Uvs aimags, and school principals) shared the experiences and discussions were held to develop recommendations on increasing civil participation in the educational sector and how to eliminate obstacles occurring in citizens' participation.

Representatives of the established PTAs, GSST conducting teams and aimag NGOs from the target six aimags gathered together to present the main findings on the implementation of social accountability tools, challenges, best practices, and lessons learnt through the presentations and an “information market.”

During the Peer-Learning Workshops, the school principals highlighted that even though they were hesitant to accept PTA as a potential partner, now they have realized and accepted the power of constructive engagement and the benefits to be realized through community engagement in the education process.

IPDCtalks Mongolia 2017



Ms. S.Uyanga, Secretary General of the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO

GIC and the Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO commemorated the International Day for Universal Access to information (IDUAI) with a national conference on September 28 in Ulaanbaatar. The conference was organized with the support of the IPDC and UNESCO Office in Beijing.

We brought together over 90 participants from Mongolia. 30 guest speakers (media professionals and CSO representatives) discussed the SDC implementation and monitoring, and shared best practices on how to hold the government accountable for achieving the SDGs in Mongolia. All presentations and speeches disseminated through social media.

Youth empowerment: Promoting the right to know



GIC implemented "Promoting the right to know" project with the support of the Asia Foundation between August 2016 and April 2017.

In 2017, GIC accomplished the following results:



The Facebook campaign called "Let's break the chain of corruption" ran for three months. A total of 19 posts were produced, which reached 85,739 people.



A total of four videos and five posters were produced in collaboration with professional teams on the topics of 'the right to know' and 'conflict of interest'.

Ашиг сонирхлын зөрчил гэж юу вэ?



A poster "What is conflict of interest?"

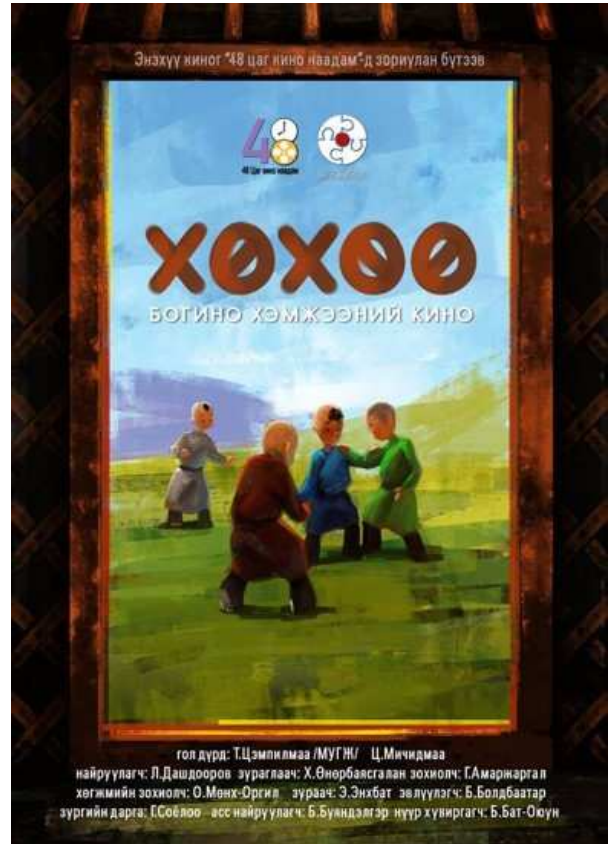


Peer-learning workshops to facilitate a dialogue and experience-sharing were conducted at seven different schools, which gathered 66 university students and 100 high-school students.



"Reflection" workshop to share the project results was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Culture, Science and Sports. A total of 59 participants representing the education sector, high-school and university students and public officials attended.

48 Hours Short Film Festival



The GIC team successfully organized “48 hours Mongolia – 2017” short film festival for the 8th consecutive year in Ulaanbaatar. The festival was huge success in 2017, attracting 437 budding film makers of 29 teams which indicate that festival has become one of the most desirable events in Mongolian film industry.

The award ceremony of the Festival was held on October 7, 2017 at the Black box Theatre which gathered representatives from movie makers, sponsor organizations, embassies, international organizations and civil society.

After the judges' team evaluation the short film called “Cuckoo” was awarded the Grand Prix of 48 hour Mongolia, created by “Bid hed negdel” team. Winning team was invited to participate in 2018 International festival in Paris, France and won the right to compete with the best international films.

Promoting Human and Labour Rights



Starting from December 2017, GIC with the support of the Democracy Reporting International (DRI) is implementing the project on “Promoting Human and Labor Rights through GSP+” in Mongolia. The project is implemented within the EU-funded “Promoting Human and Labor Rights through GSP+” global project, which DRI implements in nine beneficiary countries of the GSP+: Armenia, Bolivia, Cabo Verde, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Paraguay, the Philippines, and Sri Lanka.

The project focuses on:

- 1) Awareness raising: workshop for CSOs and an awareness raising campaign;
- 2) Capacity building: trainings for NGOs and media in order to increase their knowledge on GSP+ and to empower their monitoring capacity;
- 3) Monitoring; and
- 4) Convening stakeholders: advocacy meetings with relevant stakeholders; town hall meetings to foster discussions on the GSP+ issues and obligations of the authorities; and a national forum to make the results of the monitoring and the identified recommendations public.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

Name of customer: "Globe International Center" NGO			
Statement date: 2017-12-31			
Expressed in '000 MNT			
	Description	Year	
		Unaudited	Audited
A. BALANCE SHEET			
1.1 Current assets			
1.1.1	Cash and cash equivalents	172663.1	172663.1
1.1.2	Accounts receivable	1612.7	1612.7
1.1.3	Taxes, payroll taxes receivable		
1.1.4	Other receivable		
1.1.5	Other financial assets		
1.1.6	Inventories	2963.7	2963.7
1.1.7	Prepaid expenses	400.0	7362.6
1.1.8	Other current assets		
1.1.9	Non-current assets held for sale (disposal group)		
1.1.10	Total current assets	177,639.5	184,602.1
1.2 Non current assets			
1.2.1	Tangible assets	40156.2	40156.2
1.2.2	Accumulated depreciation	-31321.2	-31321.2
1.2.3	Other assets	1607.9	1607.9
1.2.4	Accumulated depreciation	-56.0	-56.0
1.2.5	Intangible assets	3278.0	3168.8
1.2.6	Accumulated depreciation		
1.2.7	Investment and other assets		
1.2.8	Total non-current assets	13,664.9	13,555.7
1.3	TOTAL ASSETS	191,304.4	198,157.8
2.0 LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
2.1 Liabilities			
2.1.1 Short-term payable			
2.1.1.1	Accounts payable		
2.1.1.2	Payroll tax payable		
2.1.1.3	Income tax payable		
2.1.1.4	Health and social security payable		
2.1.1.5	Short-term bank loan		
2.1.1.6	Interest payable		
2.1.1.7	Dividend payable		
2.1.1.8	Unearned revenue		86165.6
2.1.1.9	Provisions /Liabilities/		
2.1.1.10	Other payable		
2.1.1.11	Liabilities related to groups of assets held for sale		
2.1.1.12	Total short-term payable	-	86,165.6
2.1.2 Long-term liabilities			
2.1.2.1	long-term loan		
2.1.2.2	Provisions /Liabilities		
2.1.2.3	Deferred tax liabilities		
2.1.2.4	Other long-term loan		

2.1.2.5	Total long-term liabilities	-	-
2.2	Total equity		86,165.6
	liabilities		
2.3	Property:		
2.3.1	-State		
2.3.2	-Private		
2.3.3	-Stock		
2.3.4	Treasury stock		
2.3.5	Additional paid-in capital		
2.3.6	Property revaluation		
2.3.7	Foreign currency translation reserve		
2.3.8	Other equity		
2.3.9	Accumulated Income	191304.4	111992.2
2.3.10	Total equity	191,304.4	111,992.2
2.4	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	191,304.4	198,157.8
B. INCOME STATEMENT			
1	Revenue	605733.5	519568.0
2	Other income	2579.6	
3	Total Revenue	608313.1	519568.0
4	Operating cost	524946.8	517602.2
5	Earning before tax	83366.3	1965.8
6	Non operating Income and expense	-962.6	1125.6
7	Net income	82403.7	3091.4
C. Statement of changes in Equity			
1	Accumulated Income	191304.5	111992.2
2	TOTAL	191305.5	111992.2
D. Cash Flow Statement			
1	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Cash Inflow	603363.4	603363.4
1.2	Cash Outflow	479840.3	479840.3
1.3	Net Cash flows from investing Operating activities	123523.1	123523.1
2	Cash flow from Financial activities		
2.1	Cash Inflow		
2.2	Cash Outflow	3278.0	3278.0
2.3	Net cash flow from investment Operations	-3278.0	-3278.0
3	Cash flow from Financial activities		
3.1	Cash Inflow		
3.2	Cash Outflow		
3.3	Net Cash flow from Financial activities	0.0	0.0
4	Exchange Difference		
4.1	Total Net Cash flow	120245.1	120245.1
5	Beginning balance of cash and cash equivalents	52418.0	52418.0
6	Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents	172663.1	172663.1

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Date: 2018-06-07

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