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UNFPA signs agreement with Government partners to implement its next Country Programme for 2023-2027

UNFPA Mongolia Country Office signed agreements with government implementing partners to collaborate in the implementation of its 7th Country Programme from 2023-2027.

UNFPA Mongolia's 7th Country Programme builds on the success of the previous programme and is aligned with the Government's Vision 2050, the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2023-2027, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, ICPD Programme of Action, the International Conference on Population and Development 25 voluntary national commitments, and UNFPA's Strategic Plan.

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UNFPA Mongolia encourages everyone in Mongolia – men and women - to recognize their role in ending GBV by PROTECTING ALL THAT IS PRECIOUS TO YOU and under the global banner UNITE! Join us in the Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls!

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Combatting gender-based violence: 16-day Campaign achieves 13 million views

The 2022 *16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence* campaign was carried out from November 25 to December 10 under the slogan "Protect all that is precious to you – Yourself, Your family, Your community".

The campaign was coordinated by UNFPA and the National Committee for Gender Equality with the participation of all UN agencies in Mongolia, as well as international development organizations, embassies, civil society and the private sector.

More than 34,000 people from over 260 international, public and private organizations joined this year's campaign to carry out various activities towards ending harmful gender stereotypes.

The content and messages of the campaign achieved over **13.2 million views** on social media and mass media throughout the 16 days of its roll-out.

The National Committee for Gender Equality provided information about the campaign and offered workshops on gender issues to 1,600 employees of more than 30 organizations by invitation. More than 3,200 participants of events organized by the National Committee for Gender Equality wore white ribbons as part of the White Ribbon campaign to end violence against women.

UNFPA thanks all participating agencies for their support, engagement, technical expertise, participation, promotion and financial contribution throughout the campaign, which enabled the widespread reach of the campaign

messages through multiple channels.

[Joint Statement of the UN in Mongolia on 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)



Preventing gender-based violence through comprehensive sexuality education

UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office is working together with Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety Limited to conduct a situational analysis of Mongolia's Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) programme for the purposes of gender-based violence prevention.

UNFPA Mongolia is conducting a situational assessment and initiated the data collection for the situational analysis in Bayan-Ulgii and Sukhbaatar provinces of Mongolia.

The situation analysis will inform the design of an adapted intervention package

that strengthens secondary school CSE programmes for gender-based violence prevention in Mongolia.

UNFPA promotes volunteerism among youth

To promote volunteerism in Mongolia, and in commemoration of the *16 Days Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign*, a digital outreach event was organised on 28 November 2022.

The main objectives of the outreach event were to highlight the role of volunteerism in addressing gender-based violence, and promote volunteerism among youth to help ensure the meaningful participation of young people in the community and issues affecting their lives.

The event was organised by the UN Volunteers Regional Office for Asia-Pacific, the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and UNFPA Mongolia.



Strengthening multi-disciplinary response to gender-based violence

The 5th National Forum of the Multi-disciplinary Teams (MDT) to combat domestic violence was successfully held at the State Palace on 14 November 2022.

Mr. Nyambaatar, Minister of Justice and Home Affairs, Mr. Ayursaikhan,

Minister of Labour and Social Protection, and Dr. Khalid Sharifi, Head of the UNFPA Mongolia, delivered opening speeches at the forum. Member of Parliament B. Bayarsaikhan, Member of Parliament B. Jargalmaa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Mongolia Ms. Catherine Elizabeth Ivkoff, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to Mongolia Ms. Axelle Nicaise, Chairman of the Ulaanbaatar City Council and Chairman of the Metropolitan Coordination Council for Crime Prevention J. Batbayasgalan participated in the forum.

More than 800 representatives of 735 MDTs operating nationwide participated in the 5th National Forum to strengthen inter-sectoral cooperation, improve MDTs' activities and cooperation, and resolve financial issues.

The inputs and comments received from the MDT members were compiled and submitted to the relevant ministries and ministers to make amendments to relevant laws and legislations, resolve financial issues of MDTs, and reflect those works in the Government Action Plan of 2023.

Youth and Adolescent Development



Private sector partnership expanded for youth development

On 21 October 2022, UNFPA Mongolia and Unitel Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding to expand its partnership in youth development.

The partnership will particularly focus on ensuring adolescents and young people have access to knowledge and life skills needed for a healthy, productive future.

Mr. D. Jamiyansharav, Chief Consumer Business Officer of Unitel Group, signed the memorandum from Unitel Group's side and expressed satisfaction with the expanding partnership with UNFPA for youth development.

By signing the memorandum, UNFPA and Unitel Group are committing to expanding their partnership over the next five years. The partnership aims to contribute to youth development and empowerment, particularly marginalized youth in Mongolia, through improved access to accurate information and knowledge about life skills and family planning to enable youth to reach their full potential.

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Youth Development Centre staff refresh knowledge to improve service delivery

With the UNFPA's support, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection organized a five-day capacity-building training for nationwide Youth Development Centre (YDC) managers and staff in Ulaanbaatar from 24-28 October 2022.

The training was organized to improve the stability of YDC operations and boost the quality and accessibility of activities. The training introduced the newly adopted guidelines, standard operating procedures and primary data collection forms related to YDC's work.

A total of 80 managers and staff representing all 35 YDCs operating nationwide attended the training.

UN agencies offer training to Youth Development Centre staff

UNFPA Mongolia, as the lead agency of the UN Youth Working Group for 2022, developed the annual plan for capacity-building of Youth Development Centre (YDC) staff and ensured its implementation.

UNFPA coordinated with the Decent Work for Youth Network and ILO to organize a two-day training on 2-3 November 2022 on decent work and youth rights at work. Ten YDC staff participated in the training to improve their understanding of decent work and youth rights in alignment with the revised Labour law.

UNFPA facilitates experience sharing on quality health education delivery

Jointly with the Umnugobi Province Governor's Office, UNFPA has organized an experience-sharing visit to Singapore. The visit facilitated effective international health promotion programmes to apply in the local country context. Delegates learned about child and youth health promotion programmes and national screening programmes supported by the Singapore Health Promotion Board. The aim was to explore applicable models and approaches for delivering quality health education in formal and non-formal settings in Umnugobi Province.

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights



Developing the capacity of molecular biology laboratories staff

The UNFPA project for safeguarding maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and reproductive rights during the COVID-19 pandemic in Mongolia, supported by the Government of Luxemburg, was completed at the end of October.

UNFPA supported the establishment of three molecular biology laboratories in three maternity hospitals in Ulaanbaatar (*Urguu and Amgalan Maternity Hospitals and the National Center for Maternal, Newborn and Women's Health at Yarmag in Ulaanbaatar city*). The relevant laboratory equipment and furniture were handed over to the three hospitals.

The laboratory enhances the capacity of maternity hospitals to diagnose COVID-19, Sexuality Transmitted Infections, and Human Papilloma Virus. By mid-November, the three laboratories have conducted 2,964 tests, indicating a substantial increase in capacity.

UNFPA supported the training of the staff of the molecular biology laboratories. The theoretical sessions of the training saw the participation of staff of molecular biology laboratories of all provinces.



5th National Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health held

On 7-8 October 2022, the 5th National Conference on Sexual and Reproductive Health was held in Ulaanbaatar by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with UNFPA and the National Center for Maternal and Child Health.

Under the theme “Progress towards SDGs 2030 - Maternal, Newborn and Reproductive Health”, more than 180 policymakers, service providers, and development partners working in the field of Maternal and Newborn Health participated in the conference.

The participants reviewed the current progress towards the national SDG targets set within the framework of the long-term vision documents until 2030/2050 and identified key priority areas and interventions that require more investment and multisectoral responses.

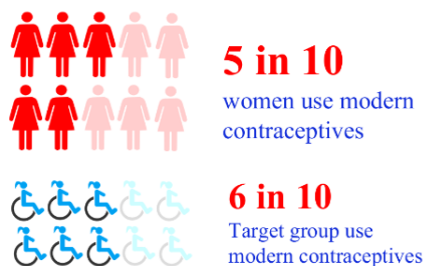
During the meeting, the preliminary findings of the investment case for maternal and reproductive health services conducted by the Burnett University were presented by Mr. Nick Scott. The findings reveal that an investment of 1 USD in family planning and antenatal and delivery care can result in a benefit of 14 USD in future.

Steering Committee set up for new project for maternal and child health

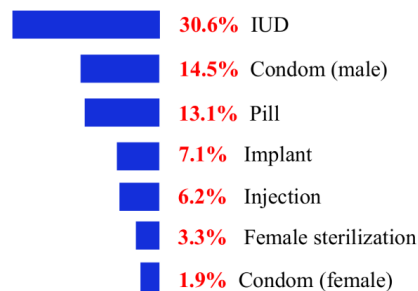
The Steering Committee for the “Accelerating the progress towards the elimination of preventable maternal and perinatal mortality” project, funded by the Government of Luxembourg, has been established by the Ministry of Health and the inaugural meeting was held on 28 November 2022.

The project aims to improve the national evidence-driven response in the next five years, aiming to eliminate preventable maternal and newborn mortality, enhance the national capacity in delivering quality maternal, newborn, sexual and reproductive health services, including newborn heart surgery and health response to gender-based violence, as well as increase the demand for quality, affordable and acceptable health services.

Contraceptive prevalence rate



Usage of contraceptive methods by types



Advocating for increased availability of contraceptives

The National Center for Maternal and Child Health has completed a survey on the Availability of Modern Contraceptives at service delivery points, supported by UNFPA, which revealed that up to 40% of public health facilities experienced stock out of modern contraceptives.

Based on the survey results, a factsheet was developed and the findings were presented at a meeting on quality maternal and newborn health care, organized by the Parliament Standing Committee on Social Policy.

UNFPA will provide technical support to the government to increase the availability of contraceptives and procurement quality.

Assessing sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights issues of students

On 15 November, the National Human Rights Commission, with UNFPA support, organized the dissemination workshop and presented the result of the rapid assessment of the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights issues among students of higher education institutions.

The assessment revealed that out of 13 rights related to sexual and reproductive health examined, three are violated more severely: the right to confidentiality, freedom from discrimination and inequality, and the right to health quality services.

The findings were discussed among the government and civil society representatives, and comments on the assessment recommendations were provided.

The findings and recommendations will be incorporated into the Status Report on Human Rights and Freedoms 2022, which will be presented to the Parliament of Mongolia in March 2023.

Empowering midwives in Mongolia

The Ministry of Health has conducted a meeting of the midwives on developing a National Midwife Development Strategy based on UNFPA's Global Midwifery Strategy 2018-2030.

UNFPA will provide technical and financial support to midwife-led family planning and adolescent health services to improve accessibility and availability of sexual and reproductive health services at the grassroots level.

Integrating sexual and reproductive health service in National Emergency Plan

The Ministry of Health organized a consultative meeting with the National Emergency Management Agency, Ulaanbaatar City Health Department and UNFPA on the inclusion of the minimum initial service package for sexual and reproductive health services in the National Health Response Plan During Emergencies.

The event participants expressed that the integration of a minimum initial service package for sexual and reproductive health services in emergency response planning is essential for protecting the health and wellbeing of vulnerable population groups such as pregnant and nursing women, children, youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Assessments conducted on the impact of the war in Ukraine on micronutrients availability for pregnant women

UNFPA has conducted two assessments on the war in Ukraine's impact on the availability of micronutrients for pregnant women and health sector readiness to respond to gender-based violence.

The assessment of the impact of the war in Ukraine on the availability of micronutrients for pregnant women indicated insufficient provision of iron and folic acid to pregnant and nursing women in Mongolia, which is further worsened by the price increases and shortages caused by logistics issues.

The assessment of the health response to gender-based violence revealed a severe shortage in the readiness to respond to gender-based violence at less than 30% compliance with international standards. Moreover, the assessment recommended revising the mandatory reporting of gender-based violence to require the victim's consent before reporting.

We thank our donors, partners, and colleagues for their continued support in our efforts to deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every young person's potential is fulfilled.



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