**MONGOLIA**

INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS LIVING IN POVERTY IN PUBLIC POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES

Background

The Law on Social Welfare was re-enacted in January 2012 and became effective in July 2012. The Government of Mongolia adopted the National Program to Support Household Development on 4 January 2012 (the English translation of the program is attached hereto).

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| Questions | Answers |
| 1. What is the subject and main aim of the program or policy in question? | “National program on household development”   * The aim of the “National program on household development” is to enable vulnerable and poor households to develop themselves with a support of a social worker beyond allowance and grants provided by the Government. Local social workers initiate a development plan with participation of the members of the selected households listed in the ISDB\*. * Participants will be involved in this program from the beginning of their selection. Social workers of suom/khoroo (smallest administrative unit) will receive the list of potential citizens from the MPDSP and evaluate their need with assessment format provided by the MPDSP. If the household falls under the eligible category, it will be included in the program. After the evaluation, the social worker will work with the household members regarding their specific needs such as job mediation, children’s immunization, safe living environment, etc. |
| 2. How is the participatory process structured and managed and what are its desired outcomes? | The desired outcome of the program is to continiously develop livelihood of households based on their request, needs and initiatives through delivering services such as education, health, social welfare, psychology, and employment.  The following ministries and agencies are responsible for the implementation of the program:   * Ministry of Population Development and Social Protection as the leading organization * General Department of Social Welfare and Service * Ministry of Health * Ministry of Labour |

\* The Ministry of Population Development and Social Protection (MPDSP) has been compiling an inter-sectoral database (ISDB) which contains information on 440 thousand households collected through a survey done by Proxy Means Testing method since 2008. The new Law on Social Welfare has a specific provision on administrative process of the ISDB. The aim of this database is to identify vulnerable groups who need assistance in terms of social welfare, education, health, etc.