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MONGOLIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

Since its peaceful democratic transition in 1991, Mongolia’s political system now reflects the diversity of its citizens; however, its undiversified economy risks diminishing once notable economic gains. The United States has partnered with Mongolia for three decades and continues to fight diseases like COVID-19, combat climate change, promote democratic governance, foster the next generation of democratic leaders, empower women, strengthen the rule of law and encourage sustainable, private sector-led growth.

With nearly 60 percent of the population under 30 years old, Mongolia’s rising leaders play a significant role in Mongolia’s future as an independent, self-reliant democracy. USAID partners to support Mongolia’s continued democratic development, facilitate sustainable, inclusive economic growth and solidify its path to greater independence and self-reliance.

OUR WORK

Mongolia is located between China and Russia, with approximately half of its 3.2 million people living in the capital, and the other half dispersed over an area the size of Western Europe. Expanding democratic principles across the region, USAID programs focus on empowering Mongolia’s emerging democratic leaders and boosting economic development.

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DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

The influence of Mongolia's authoritarian neighbors coupled with relatively new democratic institutions significantly threaten the country's democratic future. USAID helps sustain hard-won democratic gains by supporting interventions that build more effective, accountable and responsive government. To help fortify a self-reliant Mongolia, USAID partners to build a network of young democracy champions who promote effective, accountable governance across the country. More than 130 young Mongolians from government, academia, media, civil society and the private sector participate in USAID's leadership programs, becoming equipped with the knowledge and skills to constructively propel Mongolia's democratic trajectory forward in a volatile region. Advancing democratic values beyond borders, young Mongolians mentor peers from Burma, Bhutan and the Kyrgyz Republic, thereby promoting regional stability and connectivity.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Mongolia's dependence on extractive industries and its underdeveloped manufacturing and services sectors leave the economy vulnerable to global price fluctuations. To diversify the economy and make growth more inclusive and sustainable, USAID has helped small- and medium-sized enterprises improve their access to credit and has facilitated linkages between financial institutions and 750 borrowers, multiplying their investments 20 times over and creating more than 600 new jobs. USAID builds on these gains by providing over 500 groups and cooperatives with technical assistance that helps improve incomes, livelihoods and food security.



With USAID support, emerging leaders are raising awareness of the social and institutional barriers young people face.

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USAID training in operations management is helping farmers increase their harvest size by up to 500 percent.

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