



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

One. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Youth employment and start-up support program was approved by the National Employment Council in 2017 and was successfully piloted in 8 aimags and 2 districts. The program was replicated for nationwide implementation in 2018.

Youth employment related policy recommendations developed by the project were reflected in Youth development support law and Government "Three pillar development policy".

As a result of project interventions to support local initiatives, strategies and partnerships to reduce unemployment, project target **7** aimags developed and are implementing **Youth employment support local sub-programs** locally.

The project focused on building the capacity of social partners to enhance employment supportive governance and management mechanism, which resulted in development and approval of **criterion for measuring results of employment promotion activities** by the National Employment Council for further implementation..

Based on a review on youth employment support conducted by the project, proposals for draft amendments and changes for Labor Code and Occupational safety and health law was developed and submitted to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection.

Two. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Youth Employment Service (YES) Desks were established in 4 aimags and 2 districts with total funding of over **190** million MNT for procurement of furniture and IT equipment. Among youth who received YES Desk new employment services (Profiling, Individual Employment Pathway Planning, Youth Collaboration Support), **55%** were mediated to jobs or self-employed.

A comprehensive set of methodological guidelines, training materials and YES Desk handbook was developed for implementation of **new tools and approaches**, which facilitated the training and capacity building of staff and managers of local public employment offices, and private labor exchange offices. In total **14** master trainers in employment new services were trained.

Local labor market demand survey was conducted in **5** aimags, with total project contribution of **65** million MNT. As a result, local labor market demand is identified by economic sectors and specializations local research team capacity was strengthened in qualitative and quantitative research methodology.

Three. YOUTH INNOVATIVE START-UP BUSINESS

Within the Youth Employment and Start-up Support Program, in total **26** start-up teams selected from **8** aimags and **2** districts and received financial support from the project with the total funds of **256** million MNT. Start-up teams that participated in the program were involved in entrepreneurship training and pitch event, the winner start-ups received accelerator training and mentoring services. **95%** of start-ups that received financial support from the project are running their business with profit, **54%** were registered as business entity, and created employment for **124** youth in total.

In the scope of Capacity building of business development institutions, the total of **30** start-up mentors, **10** mentoring co-ordinators, and **18** Master trainers were trained to provide business development services to local youth. A start-up platform – an integrated online database was developed.



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