



## Project Data Sheet

Project 51423-001

Project Name	Vegetable Production and Irrigated Agriculture	
Project Number	51423-001	
Country / Economy	Mongolia	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	<b><u>TA 9607-MON: Vegetable Production and Irrigated Agriculture</u></b>	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 850,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	<b>Agriculture, natural resources and rural development /</b> Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade - Irrigation	
Gender	Effective gender mainstreaming	
Description	The Government of Mongolia, during the country programming mission held in Ulaanbaatar in March 2018, requested the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide a lending support to prepare the Vegetable Production and Irrigated Agriculture Project. The ensuing loan is included in ADB's country operations business plan for Mongolia and the proposed transaction technical assistance (TA) is included in ADB's non-lending pipeline for 2018.	

Project Rationale and  
Linkage to  
Country/Regional  
Strategy

Farming remains an underdeveloped sector in Mongolia, despite high potential for growth and livelihood opportunities, particularly in the country's central region, spanning Darkhan-Uul, Selenge, and Tuv aimags. In line with the government's focus to promote livelihood opportunities outside traditional livestock herding and mining, agriculture (including smallholder vegetable farming) has fast become a priority for growth. Mongolia has made strides over the past decade to become self-sufficient in and mechanized cereal and potato production, but vegetable farming has been neglected and is not yet very productive. This perpetuates low income for vegetable farmers and high reliance on imported products, which in turn threatens national food security.

The project aims to increase income and employment opportunities for rural households by implementing a community farming model, providing a sustainable irrigation system, securing access to value chain support services and infrastructure, and improving farm-to-market linkages. The project will: (i) rehabilitate irrigation systems and integrate farming groups into inclusive agriculture value chains in up to six aimags; (ii) set up cold storage, packaging, and wholesale trading capacity in Ulaanbaatar; and (iii) strengthen institutional capacity and coordination to enable sustainable and inclusive use of project supported irrigation systems and value chain facilities, including strengthening of farmer capacity on proper use of chemicals and fertilizers (e.g. integrated pest management and good agriculture practice). The ensuing project is estimated to cost \$42.4 million. ADB is requested to finance \$40 million largely for investment and capacity building through a loan. A \$2.0 million cofinanced grant<sup>4</sup> will be processed in parallel with the loan. Central and local governments will provide in-kind contribution equivalent to \$0.4 million.

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**Project Outcome**

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Description of Outcome

Progress Toward Outcome

**Implementation Progress**

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Description of Project Outputs

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

**Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**

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Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

**Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation**

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During Project Design

During Project Implementation

**Business Opportunities**

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Consulting Services A consulting firm will be engaged in accordance with ADB' Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

Procurement Procurement of goods and services will follow ADB' Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

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### Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	05 Oct 2018
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	26 Sep 2019

### TA 9607-MON

#### Milestones

Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
05 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2018	31 Oct 2018	30 Sep 2019	30 Jun 2020	01 Sep 2020

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart		Project Sponsor	Others	Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries					
850,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	850,000.00	17 Jun 2022	817,505.35

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