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## Mongolia: Managing the Risks of Food Insecurity in Mongolia during the COVID-19 Crisis

### Project Name

Managing the Risks of Food Insecurity in Mongolia during the COVID-19 Crisis

### Project Number

54317-001

### Country / Economy

- Mongolia

### Project Status

Closed

### Project Type / Modality of Assistance

- Technical Assistance

### Source of Funding / Amount

TA 6584-MON: Managing the Risk of Food Insecurity in Mongolia During COVID-19 Crisis

| <b>Source</b>                     | <b>Amount</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 400,000.00 |

TA 6584-MON: Managing the Risks of Food Insecurity in Mongolia during the COVID-19 Crisis (Supplementary)

| <b>Source</b>                     | <b>Amount</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Technical Assistance Special Fund | US\$ 300,000.00 |

### Operational Priorities

- OP1: Addressing remaining poverty and reducing inequalities
- OP5: Promoting rural development and food security
- OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity

### Sector / Subsector

- **Agriculture, natural resources and rural development** / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Agricultural production - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade
- **Industry and trade** / Small and medium enterprise development

### Gender

No gender elements

### Description

Impact: Adverse impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and other food insecurity risks in

Mongolia reduced

Outcome: Opportunities to strengthen the resilience of food supply chains to food insecurity risks identified

Output 1: Vulnerability of the food supply chain in Mongolia assessed. This output will support (i) monitoring of price along food supply chains from production inputs, production, processing, to retail; (ii) assessment of COVID-19 pandemic impacts on food supply chain disruptions; (iii) holistic assessment of vulnerability in food supply chains against a range of food insecurity risks; (iv) assessment of access to financial services for the participants along the food supply chains; and (v) identification of opportunities for public and private partnership to apply digital technologies to monitor prices along food supply chains and to strengthen the resilience of food supply chains.

Output 2: Strategy and action plan to strengthen the resilience of food supply chains to food insecurity risks in Mongolia prepared. This output will support (i) preparation of rapid response plan to address food insecurity risk during the COVID-19 pandemic, including strengthening social assistance system and credit provision to working capitals through food supply chains; (ii) preparation of policy strategy and action plan including the policy recommendations and investment opportunities to establish more resilient food supply chains against a range of food insecurity risks such as the improvement of logistics and storage systems, strengthening food safety and bio-security arrangement, sustainable use of natural resources and managing climate risk, and policy coordination mechanisms between different agencies of the government; (iii) preparation of feasibility study to establish price monitoring system along food supply chains and emergency stock systems; and (iv) a knowledge sharing event among public and private stakeholders to form coordinated actions to build more resilient food supply chains in Mongolia.

Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy  
Impact

Adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and other food insecurity risks in Mongolia reduced

## **Project Outcome**

Description of Outcome

Opportunities to strengthen the resilience of food supply chains to food insecurity risks identified

Progress Toward Outcome

On track to achieve outcome.

## **Implementation Progress**

Description of Project Outputs

## Vulnerabilities of Mongolia's food supply chains assessed

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

TA final report submitted and approved as of 9 August 2023, with discussions from the final review mission on 6 July 2023 incorporated. Workshops/trainings/seminars have been conducted, with the remaining capacity building and knowledge sharing activities to be completed before TA completion date.

Completion date extended until 30 September 2023 which will allow completion of all the additional activities of the TA and increase in TA amount of \$300,000 approved as of 9 September 2022. Onsite review mission conducted on July 2022, and interim review mission conducted on 13 December 2021.

Geographical Location  
Nation-wide

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects  
Involuntary Resettlement  
Indigenous Peoples

## Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design  
Consultation with stakeholders.  
During Project Implementation  
Consultation and knowledge sharing with stakeholders.

## Business Opportunities

### Consulting Services

The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will be carried out by a core team of international and national experts with an estimated input of 36.0 person-months. To ensure consistency in due diligence and capacity strengthening, a consulting firm will be recruited to deliver the TA outputs. The consulting firm will be recruited using the quality-and cost-based selection method, using a qualitycost ratio of 90:10 by submitting a biodata technical proposal following the Asian Development Bank Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. The successful firm should have prior experience and demonstrated expertise in the food and agriculture sector with specific experience in food supply chain management. Experience working in Mongolia is preferred and highly desirable. All national consultants hired as part of this TA must be fluent in written and spoken English and possess graduate degrees or equivalent experience relevant to this TA. International specialists should have prior experience working in Mongolia, an understanding of the country context, and familiarity with concerned government institutions. All consultants will provide inputs to the reports, coordinated by the team leader who will provide overall supervision, oversight, and quality-control.

## Procurement

ADB will engage a consulting firm and/or individual consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions using a simplified technical proposal and the quality- and cost-based selection method. The quality-cost ratio will be 90:10 because of the high technical complexity of the consulting assignment.

## Contact

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Executing Agencies

*Ministry of Food, Agriculture, and Light Industry (MOFALI)*

## Timetable

Concept Clearance

18 Jun 2020

Fact Finding

17 Aug 2020 to 17 Aug 2020

MRM

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Approval

27 Oct 2020

Last Review Mission

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Last PDS Update

28 Sep 2023

## Funding

### TA 6584-MON

#### Milestones

| <b>Approval</b> | <b>Signing Date</b> | <b>Effectivity Date</b> | <b>Closing</b>  |                |               |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                 |                     |                         | <b>Original</b> | <b>Revised</b> | <b>Actual</b> |
| 27 Oct 2020     | -                   | 27 Oct 2020             | 30 Apr 2022     | 31 Oct 2023    | 13 Dec 2023   |

#### Financing Plan/TA Utilization

| <b>ADB</b> | <b>Cofinancing</b> | <b>Counterpart</b> |                      |                        |               | <b>Total</b> |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|            |                    | <b>Gov</b>         | <b>Beneficiaries</b> | <b>Project Sponsor</b> | <b>Others</b> |              |
| 700,000.00 | 0.00               | 0.00               | 0.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00          | 700,000.00   |

#### Cumulative Disbursements

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 09 Jan 2024 | 667,214.80    |

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