

## **SPECIFIC COORDINATION DETAILS WITH THE LOCAL EMBASSY OF JAPAN AND JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY**

### **A. Stakeholder Consultations**

1. During project preparation, the project design team held extensive stakeholder consultations that included representatives of the national government ministries, development partners, the Embassy of Japan (EOJ), and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) office in Mongolia.

2. The project team and the stakeholders discussed the project scope, design, implementation arrangements, and opportunities for collaboration, and partnership in strengthening capacity of the health care systems of Mongolia. The stakeholder observations have been incorporated into the project design.

### **B. Consultation with the Embassy of Japan in Mongolia and Japan International Cooperation Agency–Project Processing**

3. The project team held virtual consultation meetings with Mr. Hiromichi Miyashita, First Secretary, EOJ in Mongolia and Ms. Eri Fujita, in charge of health sector in the JICA office in Mongolia during the project design process. The mission briefed the embassy and JICA on the proposed project. The embassy gave its no objection to proceed with project development and JICA expressed its support to the project.

### **C. Coordination with the Embassy of Japan in Mongolia and Japan International Cooperation Agency–Upon Approval of the Proposal**

4. Once the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Japan have approved the proposal, the project officer will inform EOJ and JICA about the approval. The project team will organize a signing ceremony and/or launching ceremony for the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction grant with the attendance of EOJ officials.

5. In coordination with the Mongolia Resident Mission (MNRM), the project officer will inform EOJ and the ADB's Partner Funds Division—which will alert the Japanese authorities in Tokyo—at least 10 working days in advance of the signing ceremony. The project team will also draft news release in consultation with ADB's Department of Communications and coordinate arrangements for MNRM to invite local and international press to the ceremony.

### **D. Coordination with the Embassy of Japan in Mongolia and Japan International Cooperation Agency–During Implementation and upon Completion**

6. The project team will regularly update EOJ and JICA about project progress and milestones, especially if major changes in scope and objectives are required. Throughout the project, the project team will answer inquiries from EOJ and JICA and discuss where necessary. EOJ and JICA officials may also wish to join review missions to see project results and interact with project beneficiaries. The project team will share information on the grant outcomes and lessons with EOJ and JICA to enable both sides to explore and seek potential collaboration.

**E. Role of ADB's Mongolia Resident Mission and Partner Funds Division**

7. Communications with EOJ and JICA will be copied to MNRM and ADB Partner Funds Division. MNRM may support meeting arrangements with EOJ and JICA, if needed. MNRM will also play a key role in arranging the grant agreement signing event and coordinating and managing the relationship with EOJ and JICA. The grant's deputy team leader, based at MNRM, will support, and coordinate communication, updates, and events such as grant agreement signing and field visits to project sites.