

# GGGI Mongolia: Fact Sheet

#### Transition to Green Development

## Challenges

Mongolia's economic transformation over the past 20 years has been driven in large part by the extraction of its vast mineral resources. However, Mongolia's reliance on the energy sector for growth has not only left it vulnerable to fluctuations in global mineral prices, but has created considerable strain on natural resources and exacerbated environmental degradation. Sustaining recent development gains in Mongolia will face the following challenges:

- Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions as a result of increasing energy demands
- Water scarcity and resource management
- Increasing urbanization
- Degradation of grasslands that support the agricultural sector
- Rising health issues due to dust levels increasing as a result of logistical infrastructure development in support of mineral extraction

- Reducing the mix of fossil fuels in Mongolia's energy mix in order to cut environment degradation and sustain the ecosystem's carrying capacity
- Increasing investment in natural capital, human development and clean technology
- Catalyzing green development through synergies between human and institutional capacity building and technology innovation

### **Overall Objectives**

 Develop Action Plans that are aligned with the National Green Development Policy

## **Implementing Partners**

- Ministry of Environment and Green Development
- Ministry of Energy

#### **Activities**

The Government of Mongolia (GoM) has made it a key development goal to diversify its natural resource-driven economy and address the associated environmental challenges. A key step towards Mongolia's green growth pathway has been the adoption of the National Green Development Policy (NGDP). GGGI is partnering with key Mongolian ministries to achieve the county's sustainable growth goals though the Transition to Green Development project, which is:

- Developing strategies and actions plans in support of NGDP objectives
- Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns through the efficient use of national resources, low GHG emissions, and low waste generation

#### Results to Date

- Completed technical analysis of green energy scenarios
- Conducted provincial-level and non-governmental multi-stakeholder consultative workshops on the localization of national green growth plans
- Drafted sectoral action plans for the implementation of the strategic objectives of the NGDP
- Conducted capacity building and baseline analysis of the government's environmental information collection and proposed specific changes to statistical forms aimed at improving the measurement of green growth