

GGGI Mongolia: Fact Sheet

Water-Green Growth Nexus

Challenges

Mongolia's low precipitation and high elevation create an arid climate, which has required careful use of the country's limited water resources. As a result of climate change and Mongolia's rapid development, driven by the energy intensive mining industry, the country's water resources now also face additional challenges in the form of:

- Inadequate water resources management due to the lack of quality water resources data
- Increased urbanization and energy demands
- More frequent droughts, windstorms and floods that are negatively impacting water supply and sanitation

Activities

The Government of Mongolia (GoM) recognizes that to achieve its development goals and sustain the country's recent growth, improvements in its water sector must be achieved. Ensuring that Mongolia's water sector has sufficient water resources-related data is a goal that the GoM as set in order to strengthen water policy and management systems. In support of this goal, GGGI has partnered with the Ministry of Environment and Green Development to implement the Water Green Growth Nexus project, which is:

- Assessing Mongolia's water resources and management systems
- Surveying existing water resources-related policies and projects
- Developing a comprehensive water resources database
- Designing capacity building programs for government officials to utilize a water resources database
- Collecting and sharing best water resource management practices from other countries and organizations

 Catalyzing green development through synergies between human and institutional capacity building and technology innovation

Overall Objectives

 Develop a water resources database in support of Mongolia's water resources policies and management systems

Implementing Partners

• Ministry of Environment and Green Development

Contributing Partners

- Swiss Development Cooperation Agency (SDC)
- 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG)

Results to Date

 Project plan approved and introduced to the Business Council of Mongolia