

CHILD PROTECTION COMPACT



DONOR: U.S. Department of State/Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP)

LOCATION: Five districts of Ulaanbaatar: Songinokhairkhan, Bayanzurkh, Chingeltei, Bayangol, and Sukhbaatar, as well as the border area of Umnugobi province

TIME FRAME: October 2020–March 2026

PARTNER: The Asia Foundation

BY THE NUMBERS

BUDGET: \$6,500,000

PARTICIPANTS: 1,315,235



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Overview

The Child Protection Compact (CPC) project's goal is to strengthen Mongolia's efforts to prosecute and convict child traffickers with a victim-centered approach, provide comprehensive trauma-informed care for child victims of trafficking, and prevent child trafficking in all its forms. The project is targeted at building the capacity of national and local government, civil society, and private sector stakeholders engaged in counter-trafficking and child protection activities. These groups will then serve vulnerable boys and girls.

Objectives

Objective 1: Improve interagency coordination and collaboration of child trafficking investigation, prosecution, protection, and prevention efforts by establishing and maintaining an operational Multi-Disciplinary Task Force (MDTF) under the National Sub-Council on Trafficking in Persons.

Objective 2: Improve the quality of victim-centered investigations and prosecutions with the goal of increasing the number of effective prosecutions and convictions of child trafficking cases.

Objective 3: Strengthen the capacity of Mongolia and civil society to identify victims of child trafficking and provide comprehensive specialized services to victims of child sex trafficking and forced child labor.

Objective 4: Increase efforts to prevent child sex trafficking and forced child labor through school, community, and online mechanisms that educate relevant stakeholders of the risks and indicators of child trafficking and increase the capacity of public officials, civil society, and private sector stakeholders to take appropriate action.



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Achievements to date

- The MDTF was officially established on July 7, 2021, bringing together 17 members from 16 government agencies and one NGO to strengthen interagency coordination on child trafficking cases. The MDTF's Standard Operating Procedures were formally approved in December 2025, solidifying a coordinated, victim-centered framework for investigation, protection, and prevention.
- In coordination with the Sustainable Development Initiative, the CPC project conducted a comprehensive mapping and assessment of Mongolia's child protection system, strengthening evidence-based planning and system-level reforms.
- 32 MDTF members and 9 Child Rights Inspectors participated in knowledge-sharing study tours to the United States between 2022 and 2025, where they visited child advocacy centers and engaged with local multidisciplinary teams to strengthen victim-centered investigation and service delivery approaches.
- 67 unique child trafficking victims received comprehensive, trauma-informed care in short-term protection shelters, including safe accommodation, food, counseling, and basic health services.
- Through the establishment of 39 Smart Navigator, 45 Voice Up for Change, and 16 Keeping Children Safe Online children and youth clubs, a total of 2,288 children and adolescents are now participating across 39 schools and 19 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centers in Ulaanbaatar, strengthening life skills and protective capacities.
- Three comprehensive training kits were developed to support Children and Youth Clubs (CAY), strengthening standardized delivery of age-appropriate life skills and child protection curricula.
- 2,545 teachers, youth facilitators, shelter operators, and residential care staff were trained on curriculum-based, age-appropriate life skills and protective skills, strengthening implementation and sustainability of CAY Clubs across schools, universities, and TVET centers. Periodic review meetings supported quality assurance and continuous improvement.



- The project reached Mongolians with more than 6.1 million child trafficking prevention messages through targeted social media and television campaigns, significantly expanding public awareness of risks and indicators of child trafficking.
- The CPC project led the national Blue Heart Campaign under the theme “Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking,” commemorating World Day Against Trafficking in Persons and reinforcing national commitment to prevention and child protection.
- Five Child-Friendly Spaces (child testimony rooms) were established at police stations to support child-sensitive evidence collection, alongside training for 807 professionals on child-friendly investigation approaches, strengthening the quality of victim-centered investigations and prosecutions.
- Evidence generation and innovation were advanced through the publication of a peer-reviewed journal article titled “Research on Analysis of the Provisions in the Criminal Code of Mongolia Regarding Trafficking in Persons and Sexual Exploitation” in the Judicial Academy Journal, alongside the successful completion of forced labor research in FY25. In addition, a hackathon competition on the prevention of trafficking in persons was organized among university students.

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