



ANNUAL REPORT 2021
**CHILD SPONSORSHIP
PROGRAMME
MONGOLIA**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

The nine districts of Ulaanbaatar City (Bayanzurkh, Songinokhairkhan, Chingeltei, Khan-Uul, Sukhbaatar, Bayangol, Nalaikh, Baga-Khangai, and Baganuur); Orkhon Province; Darkhan-Uul Province; the four soums of Bulgan Province (Bulgan, Khishig-Undur, Gurvanbulag and Dashinchilen); Mandal soum of Selenge Province; Argalant and Bayanchandmani soum of Tuv Province

BACKGROUND

The Child Sponsorship Programme in Mongolia was established as an emergency response to the extreme poverty and hardship that engulfed the nation following the withdrawal of the Soviet Union in 1990 and its consequential drastic socioeconomic changes, which left thousands of children and their families struggling for safety and survival. Child sponsorship empowers children and their communities to lift themselves out of poverty by alleviating financial pressure that enable students to continue and further their education as well as affording their essential needs and creating greater employment opportunities. The Programme connects vulnerable children and their families to people from around the world who want to be part of a rewarding journey to create lasting change in the lives of those most in need, by providing them with the means to access basic necessities.

BENEFICIARIES

Vulnerable children living in extreme poverty, who are orphaned or abandoned children, children who come from single-parent families, families with significant financial hardship or those who have parents with physical disabilities, an elderly primary caregiver or both parents who are unemployed or engaged in low-income work

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Mongolia; The Family Child and Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City; The Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Orkhon Province, Selenge Province, and Bulgan Province; The International Development Law Organization; Urguu Rotary Club Mongolia; Australian Embassy Mongolia; The Family, Child and Youth Development Agency, and its branches in the 9 districts of Ulaanbaatar; 157th khoroo authority (social workers and officials of the khoroo); Governor's office of Mandal Soum; 108 Child Detention centre (108 nationwide helplines for children); "Unur Bul" government orphanage; "Donbosko" orphanage; National Police Agency- Domestic Violence Division; Mongolian State University of Science and Technology; "Strong Boys" NGO; "Princess Center" NGO; "Motivation Khelkhee" LLC- Motivation Club; "Barimtat sonsdog nom" NGO- Unlock podcast, and Zorig Foundation

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for programme funding, management, monitoring and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF Social Workers conduct annual home visits to Child Sponsorship Programme children and their families to assess their needs, challenges and living conditions. Updates are also provided at sponsorship distribution days. Reports on the progress of the sponsored child are sent to each sponsor along with a letter written by their child. Internal meetings are conducted for CNCF staff to discuss programme related challenges and updates. A monthly report is completed by our CNCF Project Manager and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders.

OUR YEAR

In 2021, CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) continued to provide financial and social support to children and their families living in extreme poverty. The monthly financial sponsorship covers the costs of education including tuition fees, school supplies, uniforms and transportation to and from school as well as food, clothes, and extracurricular activities when needed. Children and their families also received medical and psychological assistance as well as additional self-development support.

Due to the loss of income-generating opportunities during lockdowns, many children and families faced extreme financial hardships and struggled to afford food and daily essentials. CNCF Social Workers remained attentive to the needs of our children and their families through the provision of emergency relief packages including food, clean water, firewood and coal, medical treatment and supplements. Our team also made regular home visits to at-risk families and remained in close contact with the children via phone calls for monitoring and progress updates, ensuring their safety and eliminating the risks of child abuse and violence.

Since inception, **25,738 CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS** have been supported to remain in school and further their education through the provision of monthly financial sponsorship and services through CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme.



In 2021,
857
CHILDREN

were supported through CNCF's
Child Sponsorship Programme in Mongolia



787

CHILDREN

resided in Ulaanbaatar

70

CHILDREN

resided in the countryside

1,853
CHILDREN

(aged 21 or below)

1,491
ADULTS

(aged 22 or above)

living in the same household as the sponsored child
were indirectly impacted by the Programme

810

CHILDREN

were enrolled on the Child Sponsorship
Programme by the end of 2021



OUR YEAR

Demographic Data

412 CHILDREN
come from single-parent families

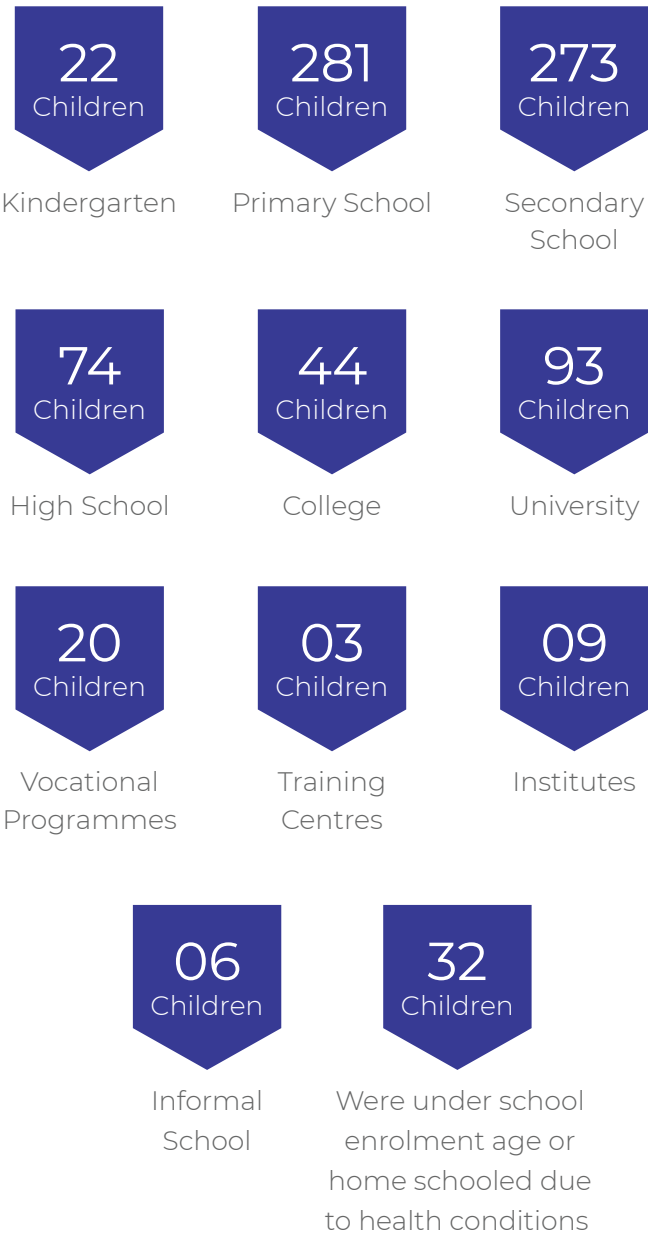
04 CHILDREN
come from ethnic minorities

Age Group

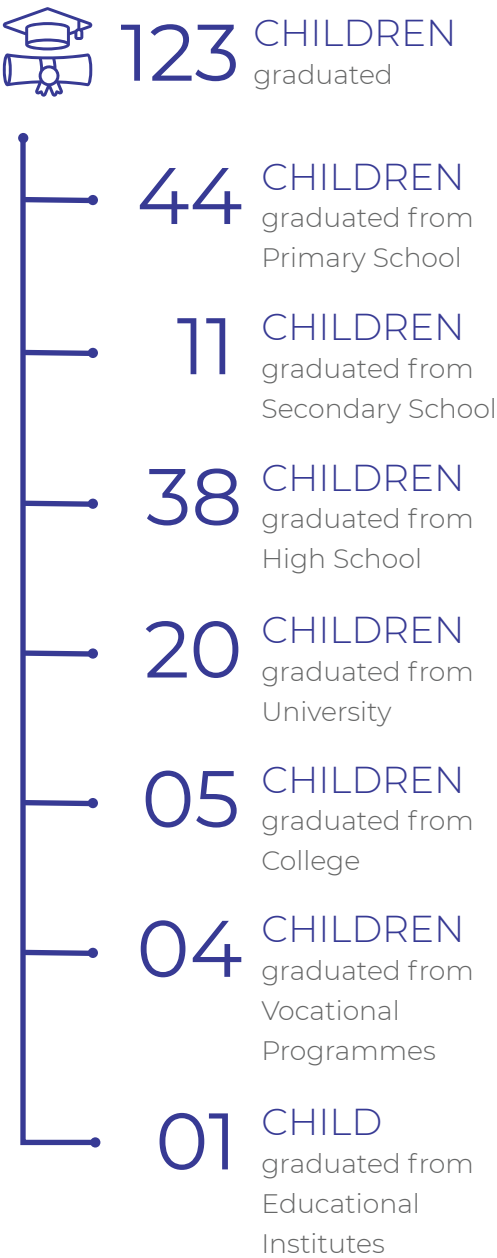


Education

Education Level



Education Outcomes



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OUR YEAR

Education

Education Outcomes

320 CHILDREN
achieved - 'Excellent' School performance

317 CHILDREN
achieved - 'Good' School performance

15 CHILDREN
were accepted into Universities and
Colleges

Extracurricular Activities

28 CHILDREN
enrolled on CNCF's Blue Skies
Arts & Music Programme



23 CHILDREN
attended Art Therapy



05 CHILDREN
attended Crafts classes



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Home Visits



913 HOME VISITS were conducted to CSP children, their families and new programme applicants for home assessment

Psychological Support



08 CHILDREN received psychological support from CNCF Psychologists



22 PSYCHOLOGICAL SESSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS were conducted for children



01 ONE-ON-ONE COUNSELLING SESSION was conducted for **a parent in need**

Life Skill Training & Workshops



09 TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS were organised with the participation of **285 children**

Additional Support



138 LETTERS & POSTCARDS from sponsors were delivered to the children. **839 APPRECIATION MESSAGES AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** from our children were sent to their sponsors



350 CHILDREN received guidance on career aspirations and educational pathways from CSP Staff



304 CHILDREN received extra financial support for medical treatment, extra tuition and emergency needs from their sponsors



108 CHILDREN received Christmas and Birthday presents from their sponsors



155 CHILDREN received a new school uniform



614 CHILDREN & FAMILIES received vitamin supplements including vitamin D and multivitamins



1,300 DONATED ITEMS including clothes, shoes, blankets, knitted sweaters, and masks were distributed to children and families in need



\$30,705 USD extra financial support was provided to sponsored children

OUR YEAR

Additional Support



109 EMERGENCY SUPPORT PACKAGES

were delivered through CNCF's Emergency Relief Fund benefitting **309 CHILDREN** and **166 ADULTS** in desperate need



80 FAMILIES

have financially improved and can now self-support themselves

Special Assistance Fund



18 CHILDREN (aged 21 or below) and **50 ADULTS** (aged 22 or above)

were supported by CNCF's Special Assistance Fund Programme

Staff Training



11 TRAININGS

were conducted with the participation of **10 CSP staff**





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OUR STORIES

A Life Changed Through Sponsorship

Dulam* first enrolled onto CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in 2010 when she was 12 years old, living with her family in a small and dilapidated ger (a traditional Mongolian home). Dulam's alcoholic and abusive father was the family's breadwinner, working as a welder whilst her mother stayed at home to take care of the children. At the time, Dulam was the victim of a hit-and-run accident and consequently suffered from a severe brain injury. Her health was critical but the family did not have the financial means to afford her treatment. Fortunately, a nurse referred Dulam to CNCF for emergency assistance. Our team worked around the clock to find a kind-hearted Child Sponsor, who provided generous financial support that enabled Dulam to receive much-needed treatment for cerebral edema. As her physical health began to improve, Dulam often felt insecure and anxious due to the traumatic event. CNCF Social Workers then provided psychological support that inspired Dulam to heal whilst her Sponsor would travel half way around the world to visit Dulam every year.

The financial sponsorship of CSP along with the constant encouragement and empowerment of CNCF and her Sponsor became Dulam's motivation to overcome her varied life challenges and nurture her dream of becoming a Teacher. Dulam held a keen passion for self-development and often took part in CNCF social and life skills training sessions. Thriving in her academic education, she received excellent grades and was accepted into a leading University to read Teaching. Through the tuition fee support of CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme, Dulam was able to focus on her studies and blossom into an incredibly talented and confident young woman, and an active member of CNCF's Noble Club, a community service group made up of young people who are currently, or formerly, enrolled in CNCF programmes with an aim to give back to the community.

Upon her graduation this year, Dulam was thrilled to accept a Teacher role at one of the most renowned schools in Mongolia. Despite the many challenges in her early years, Dulam has never once given up on enriching herself and achieving her dream. Dulam's remarkable achievement is testament to the talent and potential that lies within all children if given the right encouragement, support and guidance.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

Thank You From A Graduate

"It has been almost 11 years since I became part of the CNCF Family through the Child Sponsorship Programme. I used to live with my mother and twin brother in a rented ger (a traditional Mongolian home) on the outskirts of Ulaanbaatar city. Having just arrived from the countryside, my mother could not secure a stable job and we did not have enough food and warm clothes.

It was in our darkest days that CNCF came into our lives. Our living situations quickly began to improve thanks to the monthly sponsorship; we were able to afford daily essentials and focus on learning. A few years ago, my mother could not continue her employment due to her declining health. As we struggled to cover the rental fees each month, CNCF provided us with a new ger through the Give-A-Ger Programme. Having a safe, warm and comfortable home of our own gave us a sense of security and optimism for the future and we no longer had to pay rent, we had our very own home of our own for the first time. Over the course of my sponsorship, CNCF Social Workers have become my family who always encourage my studies and empower me to explore my potential through numerous extracurricular activities. It was love and care that brought us together and I will always be grateful for their much-needed support and human connection.

Thanks to the on-going educational assistance of CNCF, I was able to further my education and recently graduated from university. Upon graduation, I accepted an offer to work at a film production company which enables me to travel to different places and work with many inspiring people. There are simply no words to express my gratitude to CNCF for always being there for me and my family. I couldn't have become who I am today without CNCF's support and encouragement. I wish the Foundation all the best and I know that many more vulnerable children will be given a brighter future through your work. Thank you."

– A Child Sponsorship Programme Graduate –

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of the Child Sponsorship Programme in Mongolia in 2021 was:

Sponsorship Distribution Amount: **\$294,799 USD**

Special Assistance: **\$842 USD**

Additional Child Services and
Project Running Costs: **\$79,986 USD**

Heartfelt thanks to our kind sponsors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to those who generously support with gift and time in-kind which enables us to keep our costs down.

Our audits can be found [here](#).











CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME IN MONGOLIA EXPENDITURES IN 2021

Description	Amount (USD)
Sponsorship Distribution Amount	294,799
Special Assistance	842
Additional Child Services and Project Running Costs	79,986
TOTAL COST	375,627



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