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CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME MONGOLIA

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

The eight districts of Ulaanbaatar City (Bayanzurkh, Songinokhairkhan, Chingeltei, Khan-Uul, Sukhbaatar, Bayangol, Nalaikh, and Bagakhangai); Bayan-Under soum of Orkhon Province; Darkhan soum of Darkhan-Uul Province; the four soums of Bulgan Province (Bulgan, Khishig-Uundur, Gurvanbulag, and Dashinchilen); Mandal soum of Selenge Province; and the three soums of Tuv Province (Erdene, Argalant, and Bayanchandmani)

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

Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Mongolia; Family, Child and Youth Development Department of Ulaanbaatar City; Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Orkhon Province; Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Selenge Province; Family, Child and Youth Development Agency of Bulgan Province; Family, Child and Youth Development Agency, and its branches in the 8 districts of Ulaanbaatar; The International Development Law Organisation; Australian Embassy Mongolia; 204 Sub-district Authority (social workers and officials); Governor's Office of Mandal Soum; 108 Child Detention Centre (108 Nationwide Helplines For Children); Unur Bul Government Orphanage; Complex Centre for Children and Youth of Ulaanbaatar; National Police Agency - Domestic Violence Division; Mongolian State University of Science and Technology; Motivation Khelkhee LLC - Motivation Club; Zorig Foundation; Desert Rose NGO; International Children's Camp Nairamdal; National Centre Against Violence; Policy Centre; and Mongolian Barbers' Association

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 2022, CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) continued providing financial and social assistance to families living in with abject 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 receive healthcare, psychological support, and personal development opportunities.

The ongoing challenges posed by the rising costs of consumer goods continue to affect the lives of numerous vulnerable communities in Mongolia. As many families struggle to afford basic necessities such as food and daily essentials due to their financial strains, CNCF remains unwavering in our commitment to addressing these fundamental needs. During this period, our compassionate sponsors have played a crucial role in alleviating the immediate needs of these families. We extend our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the hundreds of children we serve.

Since inception,

 **26,632 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 2022,
 **894 CHILDREN**
 were supported through CNCF's
 Child Sponsorship Programme in Mongolia

 **495**
 GIRLS  **399**
 BOYS

2,028 CHILDREN
 (aged 21 or below) **1,497 ADULTS**
 (aged 22 or above)
 living in the same household as the
 sponsored child were indirectly impacted
 by the Programme

780 CHILDREN
 were enrolled on the Child Sponsorship
 Programme by the end of 2022



OUR YEAR

Demographic Data

464 CHILDREN
come from single-parent families

04 CHILDREN
come from ethnic minorities

112 CHILDREN
lost both of their parents or were abandoned
by their parents

832 CHILDREN
resided in Ulaanbaatar

62 CHILDREN
resided in the countryside

Age Group

Age	0 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 22	Over 22
Number of children	14	226	283	180	176	15

Education

Education Level

14
Children

Kindergarten

240
Children

Primary School

272
Children

Secondary School

127
Children

High School

68
Children

College

116
Children

University

14
Children

Vocational
Training Centres

06
Children

Informal
School

37 CHILDREN
were under school
enrolment age

Education Outcomes



218 CHILDREN
graduated

24
Children

Kindergarten

56
Children

Primary School

64
Children

Secondary School

31
Children

High School

12
Children

College

28
Children

University

02
Children

Vocational
Training Centres

01
Child

Completed
Military Service

OUR YEAR

Education

Education Outcomes

332

Children

achieved -
'Excellent'
performance

56

Children

achieved -
'Good'
performance

24

Children

were accepted
into
Universities

27

Children

were accepted
into Colleges
and Vocational
Training Centres

Extracurricular Activities



47

CHILDREN

enrolled on CNCF's Blue Skies Arts & Music
Programme



20

CHILDREN

attended Art Therapy



27

CHILDREN

attended Crafts classes



11

CHILDREN

enrolled on CNCF's Blue Skies Sports Programme



OUR YEAR

Home Visits

 **964**
HOME VISITS

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

Psychological Support

 **31**
CHILDREN

attended **56 counselling sessions** conducted by a CNCF Psychologist

 **20** CHILDREN & 09 PARENTS

attended **18 Art Therapy sessions** facilitated by a CNCF Psychologist


Life Skills Training

 **10** TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS
were organised with the participation of **542 children**

Staff Training

 **11** TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS
were conducted with the participation of **10 CSP staff**

Special Assistance Fund

 **18** CHILDREN (aged 21 or below) & 50 ADULTS (aged 22 or above) were supported by CNCF's Special Assistance Fund Programme



OUR YEAR

Additional Support



250 CHILDREN are members of CNCF's Noble Club, a community service group made up of young people enrolled in CNCF's Programmes with an aim to give back to the community and contribute to the development of Mongolia



106 LETTERS & POSTCARDS from sponsors were delivered to the children. **970 APPRECIATION MESSAGES & CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** from our children were sent to their sponsors



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



539 CHILDREN received a vision screening. **63 CHILDREN** diagnosed with refractive errors were referred to optometrists and received high-quality glasses



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



325 CHILDREN & **160 ADULTS** in need were provided with emergency support packages



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



63 CHILDREN received Christmas and Birthday presents from their sponsors



09 SPONSORS visited the home of **43 sponsored children and their families**



47 CHILDREN received a new school uniform



2,695 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



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OUR STORIES

A Life Transformed Through Sponsorship

Udval* was enrolled in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme when she was 6 years old. Her father battled severe alcohol addiction and was prone to domestic violence. For their safety, Udval's mother decided to leave her husband and settled as a single mother. The family faced significant hardships when Udval was diagnosed with congenital diabetes, leaving her mother with no other option but to sell their ger (a traditional Mongolian home) to afford medical treatment for Udval.

For 16 years, the monthly financial support through the Child Sponsorship Programme became the family's lifeline, enabling Udval to attend school and pursue further education, and assisting her mother in covering their basic living expenses. Understanding the family's need of a stable and reliable shelter, CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme, with the financial support of Udval's sponsor, provided them with a fully-furnished home of their own. Additionally, CNCF Social Workers recognised the importance of Udval's healthcare and connected her with an external organisation that provided funding for her diabetes treatments. Following her graduation from university, Udval embarked on her career path as a Social Worker, inspired by the kind CNCF Social Workers who had been there for her during her most challenging times, consistently providing emotional and social support that enriched her life. Today, Udval is a highly qualified professional working at one of Ulaanbaatar's most reputable orphanages, bringing hope and inspiring dreams to the lives of many vulnerable children.

"When I started working and gave my first month's salary to my mother, she cried tears of joy, reminding me that my success was only made possible by the trust and support of a group of kind people. If it wasn't for the assistance of CNCF and my sponsor, I would not have become who I am today. Thank you for becoming my guiding light." - Udval

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

Rising Above Challenges

"My name is Nomin*, and I am 20 years old, currently living with my grandparents and aunt. I joined CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme in 2010 when my family was facing extremely challenging conditions. At that time, my grandfather earned a meagre income by collecting scraps from a dumpsite, while my grandmother was unemployed, and my aunt couldn't work due to her intellectual condition. I was still in elementary school.

Through the Child Sponsorship Programme, our burdens were alleviated, and I was able to realise and pursue my dreams. The monthly sponsorship funds helped to cover the costs of my education, healthcare, and personal development opportunities. I began participating in school activities and competitions, earning recognition such as the "Talented Student" gold medal from the city during my senior high school year. After successfully graduating from high school, with the continued support of CNCF through the Educational Scholarship Programme, I received tuition fees assistance to study Security and Law Enforcement at a university. I have been working hard and have consistently been acknowledged as one of the top students in my faculty.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to my generous sponsor and the Foundation's dedicated team who have supported me throughout the years. You have shone a bright light to my life and made a significant impact that has transformed me from a shy and scared child into a confident and determined individual. Thank you."

- A Child Sponsorship Programme Child -

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of the Child Sponsorship Programme in Mongolia in 2022 was:

Sponsorship Distribution Amount: **\$213,337 USD**

Special Assistance: **\$2,355 USD**

Additional Child Services and
Project Running Costs: **\$81,666 USD**

Heartfelt thanks to each and every Child Sponsor and the donors 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 2022

Description	Amount (USD)
Sponsorship Distribution Amount	213,337
Special Assistance	2,355
Additional Child Services and Projectt Running Costs	81,666
TOTAL COST	297,358



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