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ANNUAL REPORT 2023
**REHABILITATION
CENTRE FOR YOUTH
EDUCATION PROGRAMME
MONGOLIA**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

Public school number 110, Bayanzurkh District, Khonkhor Urtuu

BACKGROUND

Upon her arrival to Mongolia, CNCF Founder Christina Noble worked relentlessly and tirelessly alongside key forward-thinking members of the government and spearheaded the creation of Official School 110 within the walls of the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth (formerly known as Ulaanbaatar’s Boys’ Prison), which later expanded to accommodate girls, who live and study completely separately from the boys. CNCF’s Rehabilitation Centre For Youth Education Programme provides a supportive environment for educational and social development, facilitating a fresh start for vulnerable young people at the Centre who have mostly committed poverty-driven petty theft crimes. The programme plays an important role in the fundamental shift of a penal system from an exclusive focus on punishment and condemnation to a more empowering and progressive system of education and rehabilitation

BENEFICIARIES

Children and young adults serving a sentence at the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth

**LOCAL
PARTNERS**

Rehabilitation Centre for Youth, General Executive Agency of Court Decision, 110th Secondary School, Hanns-Seidel Foundation (HSF) Mongolia, Arts Council of Mongolia, Misheel Kids Foundation, Nalaikh Polytechnical College, Embassy of Canada – Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI), Practical Training Centre – National University of Mongolia (law clinic), Human Rights Commission, National University of Mongolia – Law School, Mongolian Bar Association, International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), German Sparkassenstiftung Mongolia, Women’s Political Leadership Programme (WPLP) 2023 cohort, Artist Ginjin

**CNCF
ACCOUNTABILITY**

CNCF is fully responsible for funding, implementation and management of the education programme including vocational and life skills training

**MONITORING AND
EVALUATION**

Regular meetings with the Country Director are held for project discussion. Government inspections are conducted by the Human Rights Commission. Monthly reports are provided and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders

OUR YEAR

In 2023, the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Education Programme continued providing comprehensive services to foster the intellectual, emotional, and social growth of our students, in addition to providing reintegration services.

Recognising the pivotal role that education plays in the long-term development of each individual, and as many young people entering the juvenile justice system with significant educational deficits, the programme provided access to quality educational resources, vocational training, and a wide range of extracurricular classes. Along with life skills-based training, healthcare, and psychosocial care services, students are able to cultivate the essential tools to navigate the challenges of life and emerge as productive and engaged members of society.



Since inception,

1,368 YOUNG PEOPLE have been supported by the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Education Programme (formerly named Boys' Prison Education Programme)

In 2023,
84 YOUNG PEOPLE
(82 Boys and 02 Girls)
lived at the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth



15 years old



16 years old



17 years old



18 years old



19 years old



21 years old



41 STUDENTS remained at the Rehabilitation Centre at the end of 2023



15 years old



16 years old



17 years old



18 years old



19 years old



21 years old

OUR YEAR

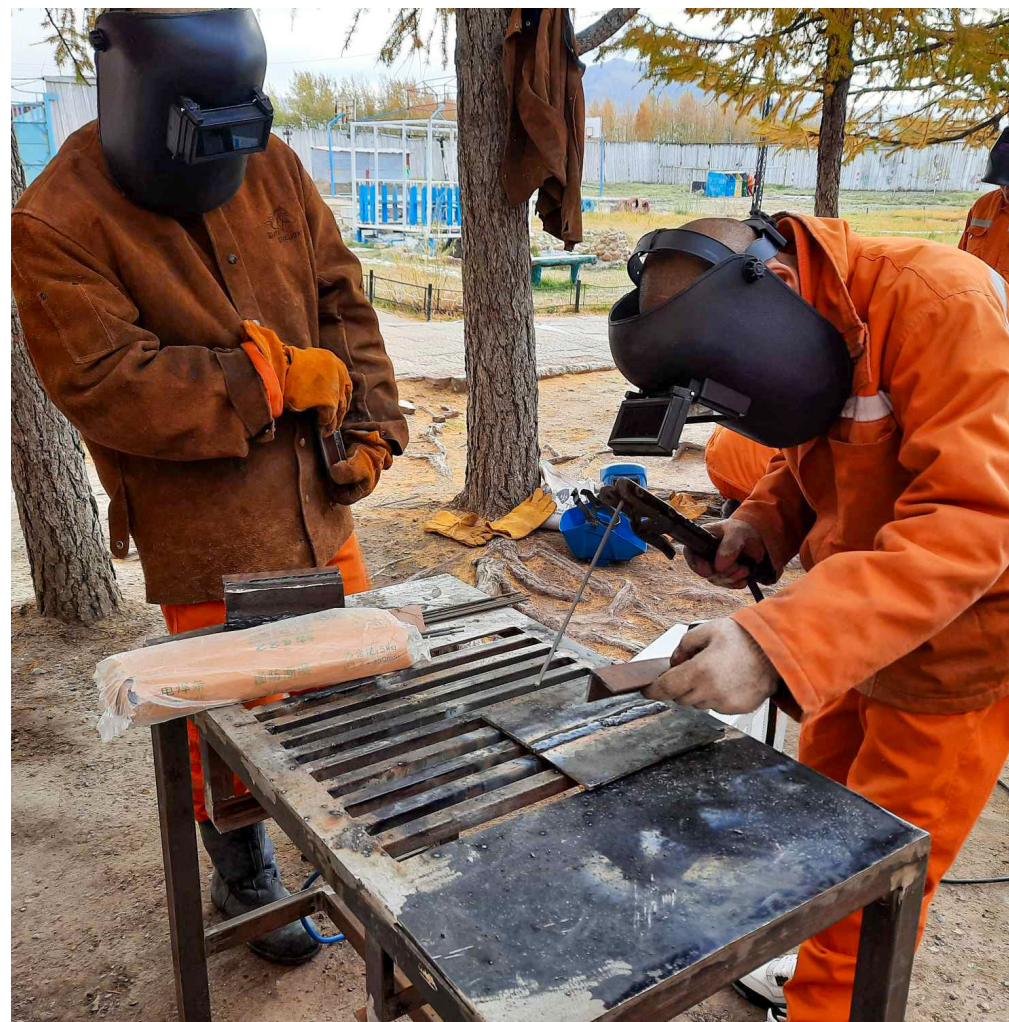
Opportunity Builders: Empowering Juvenile Offenders through Vocational Education and Soft Skills Training

This project, funded by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFL) through the Canadian Embassy in Mongolia, aimed to enhance the employment prospects of young offenders by providing high-quality vocational education and comprehensive soft skills training. The project focused on personal development, job application techniques, and referral services. Targeting youth aged 14-18 who are serving sentences at the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth (RCFY), CNCF provided vocational training in four key fields: electrical welding, cooking, construction decoration, and felt-making, partnering with Nalaikh Polytechnical College, renowned for its high-quality vocational training and experienced trainers, and conveniently located near RCFY.

By equipping young offenders with marketable skills aligned with job market demands, we aim to enhance their employability and facilitate their transition back into society. The expected long-term outcomes include a reduction in recidivism rates through the provision of essential skills and support necessary for securing sustainable employment. This initiative not only fosters individual rehabilitation but also contributes to community safety and alleviates the burden on the justice system. In addition, by improving the socio-economic conditions of young offenders, CNCF aims to create better employment opportunities, leading to increased financial stability and independence, positively impacting their families and communities.

In 2023, CNCF successfully completed the first two components of the project: vocational training in the four designated fields and soft skills workshops, conducted from September to December. The final component, the publication of the “Reintegration Handbook” for the youth of RCFY and other

young adults, including girls, in adult correctional facilities across Mongolia, is scheduled for completion in February 2024. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, the Embassy of Canada in Mongolia, Nalaikh Polytechnical College, and the RCFY administration for their invaluable support.



OUR YEAR

Promoting Human Rights and Legal Awareness Workshop

Co-organised by the Hanns-Seidel Foundation (HSF) Mongolia, CNCF facilitated two series of workshops on “Promoting Human Rights and Legal Awareness” in March and December at the RCFY. CNCF’s collaboration with HSF dates back to the early 2000s, when we engaged graduate students from the National University of Mongolia’s School of Law to teach basic legal concepts to RCFY children, alongside CNCF-led felt-making classes. In 2023, we renewed our partnership with a focus on human rights and legal education.

Honorary professors from the Human Rights Commission, human rights experts, and representatives from the National University of Mongolia, including the Practical Training Centre and the Centre for Ecological Education, contributed to the workshops, providing essential insights into human rights, criminal law, and ecological law for RCFY staff and youth. Additionally, CNCF shared information on the various types of support and services available to children upon their release, highlighting effective strategies for successful reintegration into society.

A noteworthy highlight of CNCF’s collaboration is the scholarship awarded to a long-standing CNCF beneficiary and RCFY graduate by HSF. This scholarship will enable him to conduct comparative research on the legal environments surrounding the rehabilitation and reintegration of juvenile offenders in Germany and Mongolia, with the findings expected to be published in both English and German in 2024. We sincerely thank HSF Mongolia for their ongoing support, collaboration, and generous contributions to the children.



OUR YEAR

Academic Education

Education Level

77 STUDENTS
attended curriculum-based schooling



enrolled in
Secondary
education



enrolled in
High School
education

Grade	Number of students
6	05
7	03
8	06
9	05
10	31
11	16
12	11

By the end of 2023,

34 STUDENTS
attended curriculum-based schooling

08 STUDENTS
enrolled in Secondary education

26 STUDENTS
enrolled in High School education

Education Outcomes

01 STUDENT
released from the Centre received a
CNCF Noble Education Scholarship and
is currently studying Law at university

07 STUDENTS
passed their university entrance exams

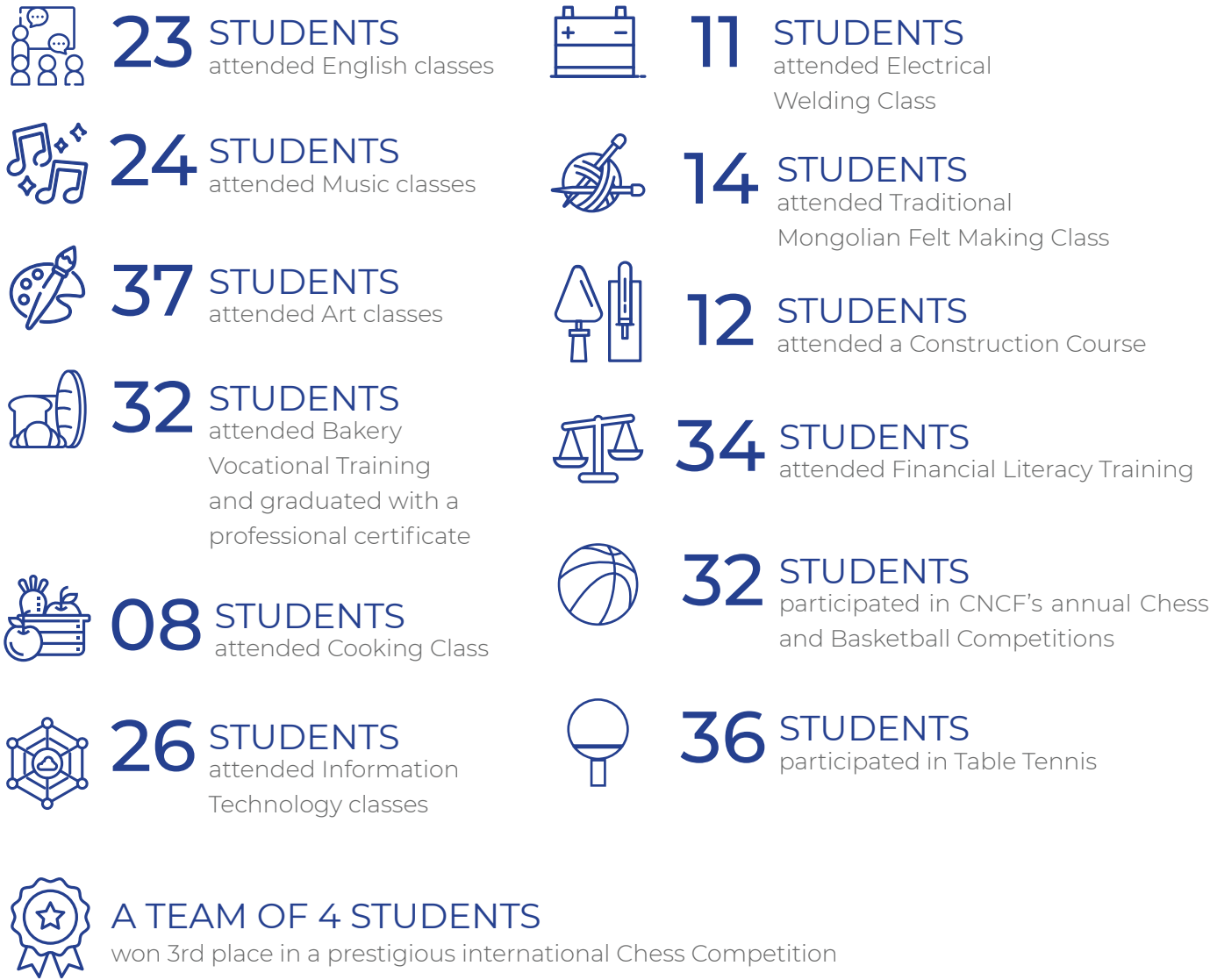
32 STUDENTS
received Vocational Certificates through
the “Opportunity Builders” Project

107 FAMILY MEMBERS
were informed about reintegration
processes and the services provided
by CNCF

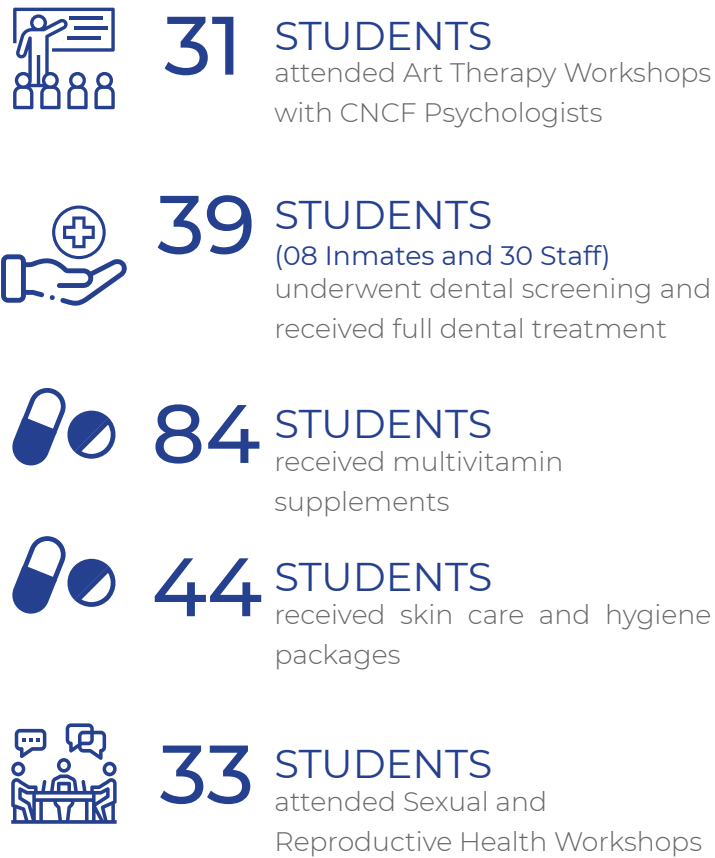


OUR YEAR

Extracurricular Classes & Vocational Training



Healthcare



OUR YEAR

Personal Development Training

55 STUDENTS
attended 92 trainings and workshops
(vocational and personal development)



14 STUDENTS
participated in 03 Drawing and
Painting competitions.
01 Student won an award in a
district-level art competition

Staff Training



30 CENTRE STAFF
attended 06 trainings and
workshops organised by CNCF
staff



15 CENTRE STAFF
received regular English classes
from CNCF



02 CNCF STAFF TRAININGS
AND WORKSHOPS
were organised for 02 Programme
Staff



OUR STORIES

From the Streets to Success – Altansukh’s Journey

Altansukh*, a 17-year-old from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, grew up in a troubled household as one of six family members. His mother, Enkhe, struggled with unemployment and was trapped in an abusive relationship, which created a difficult and violent environment at home. On top of that, Enkhe battled alcohol abuse and frequently lashed out at her children. Feeling unsafe and overwhelmed, Altansukh ran away from home, dropping out of school and joining other boys on the streets, where he became involved in delinquent activities.

When Altansukh arrived at the Centre, he was far behind in his education, having missed three years of school. However, with the help and support of CNCF and his teachers, Altansukh began catching up on his studies.

As he progressed, his talents in art, sports, and baking began to emerge. Previously shy and hesitant due to his low self-confidence, Altansukh initially avoided participating in art competitions. But thanks to the encouragement of CNCF’s art teacher, who recognised his potential, he decided to compete in the “Children’s World” national competition organised by the Mongolian Children’s Palace. To his great surprise, he won third place, which came with a full scholarship to study at the Mongolian Academy of Fine Arts.

This accomplishment became a turning point for Altansukh. Encouraged by his success, he began participating in more competitions and exhibitions, winning several awards. The prize money he earned gave him immense pride, as he was able to provide financial support to his family, helping ease their burden.

Through CNCF’s Art Programme, Altansukh not only developed his creative abilities but also grew in confidence and improved his relationships with others. His passion for art flourished, and his dream is now to become a renowned anime artist. He hopes to launch his own manga series, titled “Father’s Words,” which will be inspired by his life experiences and the hardships he has overcome. Most recently, he received a professional cooking certificate through CNCF’s

vocational project at the centre in partnership with the Embassy of Canada. His story of transformation, from a boy struggling on the streets to a young man full of hope and ambition, serves as a powerful example of resilience and the life-changing impact of support and opportunity.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy



OUR YEAR

Tsogt's Journey – From Adversity to Aspiring Architect

Tsogt* faced significant adversity early in life. His father succumbed to alcohol addiction and violence before abandoning the family, leaving Tsogt to be raised by his mother, grandmother, and sister. Despite these hardships, Tsogt thrived academically and in sports, even winning first place in the National Scout Club Championship. However, family separation and financial difficulties eventually led him down a troubled path, resulting in delinquent activities and his arrest.

After being sent to the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth, Tsogt seized the opportunity to turn his life around. Through the support of CNCF and its extracurricular programmes, he discovered new passions in music, baking, and art. These creative outlets helped him refocus his life, and he began to rebuild his future with a renewed sense of purpose.

Despite his difficult past, Tsogt excelled in his university entrance exams and chose to pursue a degree in architecture. With the support of CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme, he secured a scholarship and continued to grow academically. He also became an active member of CNCF's Noble Club, engaging in community service to give back to others.

Tsogt's dedication to his personal and academic growth did not go unnoticed. In 2023, he received an additional scholarship from CNCF, further solidifying his commitment to success. He is now preparing for a highly competitive architecture drawing competition at his university, while continuing to volunteer in his spare time.

Tsogt's journey, from overcoming family struggles and delinquency to thriving as an architecture student, is a testament to his resilience, determination, and the transformative power of education and support. He continues to rise above his past, striving for success in his academic career and giving back to his community.

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REPORT 2023

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operation cost of the Rehabilitation Centre for Youth Education Programme in 2023 was

\$26,041 USD

Heartfelt thanks to those Anonymous donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to the many kind individuals not mentioned for their additional support which enables us to keep our costs down.

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











REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2023

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Education Expenses & Supplies	896.05
Festive / Birthday Parties	749.69
Clothes/ Uniforms/ Shoes	287.33
Psychological Development	202.57
Staff Salaries (6 Staff)	19,137.12
Staff Social Insurance	1,611.13
Office Stationery, Equipment & Items	840.18
Staff Training, Public & Staff Relations	71.50
Miscellaneous / Others / Depreciation	2,245.59
TOTAL COST	26,041.16



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