



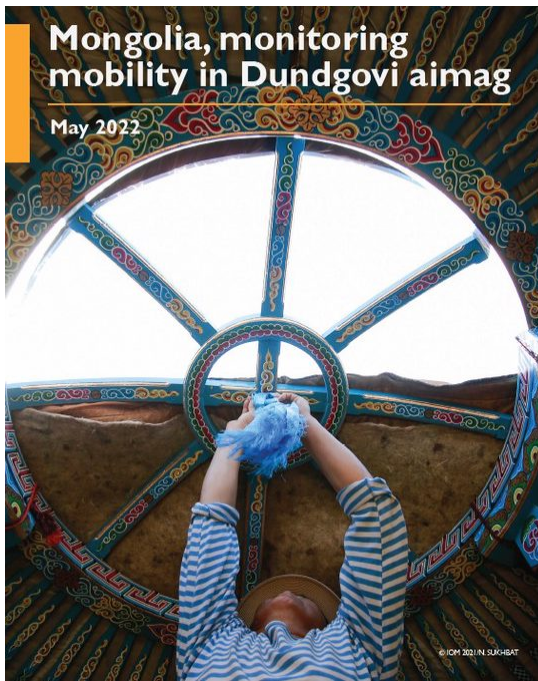
INTERNAL MIGRATION

Migration Data

IOM Mongolia staff, alongside Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Protection, Deputy Chairman of the National Statistics Office, Deputy chairman of the Agency for land administration and management, geodesy, and cartography conducted a field mission to Umnugovi aimag on April 18-20, 2022 to introduce findings from the past four months of DTM Mobility Tracking in Umnugovi and meet the Governors of Umnugovi aimag and Khanbogd soum to discuss opportunities for further collaboration to build the capacity of bagh governors. During the field mission, participants met representatives from Oyu Tolgoi LLC to discuss local development, and conducted a border checkpoint observation alongside officials from the General Authority for Border Protection and Mongolian Immigration Agency.

Nationwide mobility tracking

IOM has also developed final reports from Umnugovi and Dundgovi DTM Mobility Tracking assessments. The main recommendation from four rounds of data collection was to expand the assessment nationwide to acquire a full-scale image of population movements in a short span of time. Nationwide DTM



Mobility Tracking is planned for fall 2022 in cooperation with the National Statistics Office, due to increased seasonal movement during this period.

IOM is also working with the MUB to conduct the first round of DMT MT data collection in the nine districts of Ulaanbaatar to capture extensive population data of all of Mongolia, in a relatively short time, while at the same time increasing the capacity of bagh/kheseq leaders to collect data.

Migration Governance

In cooperation with the Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, and Ministry of Economy and Development, IOM is **mainstreaming migration dimensions into mid-term development policies**, particularly the Seven targeted programs with special focus on Human Development Targeted Program, Regional Development Targeted Program and Social Development Targeted Program.



National migration and land allocation workshop

Over the past six months, IOM has conducted a study on the intersection between migration and land management. To discuss and validate the results of the study, IOM, in cooperation with the Agency for Land Management, Geodesy and Cartography, held a [validation workshop](#) with the heads and key personnel from land agencies in all 21 aimags and nine districts of Ulaanbaatar city on April 21, 2022. In addition, Minister of Construction and Urban Development Mr. Munkhbaatar Begzjav and Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection Mr. Zulpkhar Sarkhad have attended the workshop and delivered speeches to the participants, highlighting the importance of the workshop as well as IOM activities. During the second half of the workshop, IOM experts have shared international experiences and practices related to land management, ownership, and possession.



Information and services for internal migrants

IOM is working with 13 NGOs in nine aimags and Ulaanbaatar in 2022 to implement the second phase of local NGO projects. Within the month of April, the NGOs organized **training** to more than 120 individuals, supported the **documentation** of more than 60 individuals, provided **legal advice** to 100 individuals and **psyco-social support** to 20 individuals.

IOM organized **two** 3-day regional capacity building trainings in **Orkhon** and **Zavkhan** aimags on April 13-15th and April 26th-29th, 2022 for MigNet NGOs and LPA officials from Orkhon, Khuvsgul, Darkhan-Uul, Ulaanbaatar, Uvs, Zavkhan, Bayan-Ulgii, Arkhangai, Bayankhongor, Govi-Altai aimags. The training consisted of both theoretical knowledge and group work, and included sessions on leadership, organizational development, project development, fundraising, and MigNet.

Information Days will be organized in nine aimags and Ulaanbaatar city through the NGOs in respective locations with the objective to encourage migrants to better inform themselves on internal migration targeting prospective and urban migrants. The Information Days will take place in June in cooperation with the MLSP, GASR and local authorities.



IOM Mongolia at the Mongolian Economic Forum

IOM Mongolia has participated in the Mongolian Economic Forum 2022: Urban Rural Recovery, the biggest economic forum that took place since the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the key objectives of The New Revival Policy launched recently by the Government of Mongolia is aimed at promoting urban-to-rural migration to contribute to the development of rural areas and deconcentrating efforts of the capital. IOM Mongolia Programme manager, Victor Lutenco, highlighted that aside from huge investments to the infrastructure development in rural areas, Mongolia should focus on the human capital. Moreover, he presented IOM's recent [research findings](#) and emphasized the importance of investing in the urbanization of province capitals and the integration of internal migrants to support regional development and ultimately, reverse migration. Lutenco joined the panel alongside representatives from the highest level of government, including the Deputy Prime Minister of Mongolia, Members of Parliament, and the Mayor of Ulaanbaatar.

Cooperation with Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry

The internal migration team has met with President of the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Amartuvshin Otgondavaa, to discuss potential areas of cooperation. During the meeting, it was established that IOM will provide technical assistance for System analysis at local level, in Bulgan aimag, and will be reflected to Mongolia-wide and the research should be in a more applicative and practical. It was agreed that Mr. Amartuvshin will be a member of the Steering Committee of the Understanding and Managing Internal Migration in Mongolia project, funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and will co-organize Bulgan aimag's local forum in June 2022.

Supporting Reverse Migration

IOM will cooperate with authorities in Darkhan-uul aimag to develop a welcoming portal that provides all necessary information and guidance to newcomers – both individuals and businesses. Because aimags lack targeted information and services for newcomers, IOM, supporting the Vision 2050 and New Revival Policy, initiated the intervention in cooperation with Darkhan administration. IOM plans to deliver the portal to Darkhan-Uul aimag within 2022.

Building the capacity of public officials on migration-related public services

Capacity building trainings on "The importance of public services in understanding and managing internal migration" for municipal officials who provide basic public services to migrants have started in April. Strengthening

the capacity of khoroo, kheseeg, and One Stop Center officials who provide direct services to migrants will improve the quality and accessibility of migration-related public services, while these trainings are also providing an opportunity for the officials to better understand the real needs of migrants and learn from each other's experiences. The trainings, which are being implemented in cooperation with the Municipality of Ulaanbaatar, will build the capacity of more than 1,800 municipal officials this year.

Supporting “Digital Arkhangai” to curb educational migration

IOM will support the local administration of Arkhangai aimag in implementing a comprehensive program to digitize the services at the local level, including putting some of the school courses online in the aimag center with the purpose of tempering down the internal migration caused by discrepancies in the quality of education. Initial discussions and consultations have taken place in April and both sides are working on conceptualizing the interventions.

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Counter-Trafficking

IOM Mongolia in cooperation with the Coordination Council of Crimes Prevention and Border Protection Authority organized a one-day training on the “Identification and referral of victims of human trafficking for the heads of unit border checkpoints of Mongolia” in Ulaanbaatar on 1 April 2022. This was the first in-person training targeting border officials since the outbreak of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted on international and internal mobility in Mongolia. It is difficult to predict how international mobility could look like in the coming years. Nevertheless, beyond the evident negative impacts brought about by the pandemic in terms of economic loss and disrupted mobility patters, the diminished pressure on border checkpoints is offering an unparalleled chance to increase the capacity of a broader number of border officials to victim identification prior to the full border reopening.



A total of 55 participants attended the training, out of which 38 were heads of all 38 border checkpoints throughout the Mongolian border units bordering with China and Russia. It was a great opportunity to gather all heads of border checkpoints in Ulaanbaatar to provide updated information on current conditions, trends and routes of human trafficking in Mongolia, and to equip them with knowledge and skills in identifying, interviewing, and assisting possible victims of trafficking while crossing borders. IOM is currently implementing the “Strengthening Mongolia’s Efforts to Prevent and Respond to Human Trafficking” project in Mongolia with the support of the Government of the Netherlands.



Awareness raising campaign on Human-trafficking

In cooperation with the Karl Popper Debates Association of Mongolia, IOM is implementing a **"School Debate Project to Raise Awareness on Human Trafficking among Mongolia's High School Students"** from February to June 2022. In April, the 1st phase of the project was implemented by establishing new debate clubs in 46 schools selected in Bayangol, Bayanzurkh, Sukhbaatar, Chingeltei, Songinokhairkhan and Khan-Uul districts of Ulaanbaatar. Karl Popper Debate Association members visited each school and introduced the project to school administrations. A total of 1000 students will join as members of the debate clubs and will be trained on the awareness issues on human trafficking and learn debate techniques through specifically developed sessions to participate National Debate Competition, which will be organized in June 2022.



Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration

IOM not only assists the return of migrants, but also supports financially their medical, accommodational, educational, psychological, and income-generating activities related needs. In April 2022, IOM organized two briefing sessions with the 60 Mongolian Nationals who returned home from abroad. During sessions, returnees were briefed on how to receive reintegration assistance and access social services (health, education, employment, and public safety).

A total of 40 beneficiaries of AVRR received a full reintegration grant in April. Currently, our procurement unit is working with 50 returnees to deliver their priority needs; at the same time, caseworkers are providing information

and conducting needs assessments on 60 beneficiaries to develop reintegration plans.



Understanding the Mongolian Diaspora workshop

IOM has successfully organized the “**Understanding the Mongolian Diaspora**” workshop where more than 40 representatives from government and non-government organizations have joined. There are over 180 thousand Mongolians living abroad, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Mongolian diaspora, sending home 536.2 million USD in remittances in 2020, has become socially and economically significant in Mongolia.

Within this framework, IOM has conducted the “Survey on the past and current situation of COVID-19 returnees, focusing on employment” and “Quick mapping of diaspora associations” in 2021 and presented the preliminary results of the studies and received valuable inputs from the participants. Starting from September 2022, IOM will implement series of interventions dedicated for understanding and engaging Mongolian diaspora and will co-organize the **National Diaspora Workshop** in July 2022 in cooperation with the **President’s office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Council of Mongolians Abroad**.



COVID-19 response

Return of stranded migrants:

IOM Mongolia ensured the safe return of 1276, the most vulnerable migrants since the COVID-19 pandemic. Out of which, 174 (75M/99F) migrants returned through the Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration program in 2022.

IOM covered the costs for travel and flight tickets of the returnees. After arrival, they are also eligible for reintegration grants to support their livelihood and successful reintegration.

Highlights for activities planned for May 2022:

- *Capacity building training for municipal public servants on internal migration*
- *Finalize full-scale DTM MT in Ulaanbaatar*
- *Finalize full-scale population assessment using DTM MT in Umnugovi and Dundgovi*
- *Launch Migration Manual*
- *Disseminate the Baseline Assessment Report of CT and organize launch event*
- *Capacity building for border officials on identification of victims of trafficking has been postponed due to high rate of Covid-19 infection in the country*
- *Monitoring and evaluation visits for AVRR beneficiaries in Darkhan, Erdenet, Bulgan, Khentii, Dornod and Tuv provinces.*
- *Promote the e-training content to migrants and partner organizations*
- *Develop a short video for AVRR returnees to provide information on their pre-departure orientation.*
- *Develop mobile and web-based platform for AVRR returnees.*
- *Organize training in cooperation with CCCP on identification, referral and provision of assistance to victims of trafficking for One Stop Service Center staff.*
- *Launch of School Debate Competition on raising awareness on human trafficking, identifying risk and prevention methods among high school students and their teachers.*

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