



ADB Support to Education in Mongolia: New Projects Portfolio



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Overview of ADB Support To Education Sector

- ADB has partnered with Mongolia in education since 1991
- Support spans ECE, general education, higher education, and TVET
- Assistance provided during economic and financial crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic
- Total support: **\$204.0 million**
 - 8 loans (\$152.5M)
 - 8 grants (\$39.9M)
 - 21 technical assistance projects (\$11.7M)

 **Long-term partner supporting system reform and resilience**

Advancing Diversified, Inclusive, and Sustainable Growth

Promote Diversified and Inclusive Growth

- **Public Sector and Macroeconomic Management**
 - Strengthen debt management, domestic resource mobilization, sovereign wealth fund, and SOEs
- **Private Sector Development and Access to Finance**
 - Strengthen investment climate, PPP enabling environment, banking sector stability, financial regulation, and capital markets
 - Expand nonsovereign financing of MSMEs, agribusinesses, and renewable energy
 - Support critical minerals enabling environment, develop capacity, and explore investments
- **Regional and Domestic Connectivity**
 - Build national highways, including CAREC corridors, and logistics and border infrastructure

Strengthen Sustainability and Resilience

- **Climate Policy and Sustainable Finance**
 - Strengthen institutional and policy frameworks for climate action
 - Support and invest in green bonds and frameworks; provide climate finance
- **Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure**
 - Improve urban infrastructure, services, and urban public transport; develop affordable, low-carbon housing and satellite cities
 - Expand clean energy; support energy reform strategy to accelerate transition; promote decarbonization of electricity and heat; digitize and modernize the grid
- **Rural and Disaster Resilience**
 - Support sustainable agriculture, strengthen food security, and foster agribusinesses
 - Strengthen disaster preparedness and response, and disaster financing

Advance Empowerment and Opportunity

- **Highly Trained and Agile Workforce**
 - Support skills development for a green and diversified economy
 - Support inclusive foundational education
- **Access to Quality Health Services**
 - Support health sector reform, hospital governance, primary health care, and emergency care
 - Enhance rural health services with regional hospitals development
- **Adaptive Social Protection**
 - Strengthen social protection systems
 - Improve resilience and livelihoods
 - Enhance services for vulnerable groups

Crosscutting Themes:

- Enhancing Private Sector Participation
- Climate Action
- Governance, Institutional Strengthening, and Capacity Development
- Digital Transformation
- Empowering Women and Girls



Strategic Framing

- **Transforming Access, Quality, Inclusion, and Skills**
 - Safeguarding learning during economic pressures
 - Investing in future skills
 - Ensuring safe and inclusive schools
 - Strengthening skills for employment and economic growth
- ➔ **Supporting the full education-to-employment pathway**



Why It Matters

- Rapid population growth → overcrowded schools
- Persistent access gaps (urban vs rural)
- Weak learning outcomes and skills mismatch
- High prevalence of gender-based violence impacting students

 **Education system at a critical transformation point**



ADB New Projects in Education

1. Sustaining Access to and Quality of Education During Economic Difficulties – Second Additional Financing (SAF) (\$130m): Infrastructure + system upgrade
2. Innovation in Science & Technology Education (STE) (\$3m): Future skills and innovation
3. Preventing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Education (\$3m): Safe and inclusive education
4. Developing Skilled Mongolian Workforce for Resilient Economic Growth (TVET) (\$20m): Workforce development and skills for jobs

→ Integrated approach: Access + Quality + Safety + Skills



SAF: Expanding Access at Scale

Flagship national investment

- Construction of schools and kindergartens
- Reduces overcrowding and multishift schooling
- Expands access across urban and rural areas

 Backbone of education system expansion



SAF: System Strengthening

- Curriculum reform:
 - teaching learning materials
 - Teacher capacity development
- Strengthened education data system (EMIS)

 **Improves quality, efficiency, and sustainability**



STE: Future-Ready Skills


Innovation pilot for education quality

- Hands-on STEM and project-based learning
- AI literacy and digital skills integration
- Teacher training and learning innovation

→ Preparing students for a technology-driven economy



STE: Scalable Innovation

- Reaches ~35,000 students and teachers
 - Pilot tested in selected schools
 - Designed for national scale-up
-  High-impact, low-cost innovation platform



GBV: Safe and Inclusive Schools

Addressing a critical barrier to education

- ~57.9% of women experience domestic violence
- Prevention and response integrated in schools
- Focus on vulnerable students

 **Ensures learning environments are safe and supportive**



GBV: System-Level Impact

- Safer dormitories and school infrastructure
- School-based prevention programs
- Survivor-centered services
- Policy and system strengthening

 **Strengthens protection systems within education**



TVET: Skills for Jobs and Economic Growth

- Addresses shortage of skilled labor and low productivity in agriculture sector
- Modernizes TVET with digital, green, and smart agriculture skills
- Strengthens link between training and industry
- Supports youth employment and rural development

 **Connects education to employment and economic growth**



Opportunities for Collaboration

- Co-financing
- Technical assistance
- Policy collaboration
- Scaling innovation and skills development

 **Strong platform for partnership and coordination**



Thank you!

