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ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (SEPA EGP)



OVERVIEW

STATUS:	Ongoing
START DATE:	2016
END DATE:	December 31, 2019 (Phase I) December 31, 2023 (Phase II)
SDG FOCUS AREA:	SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals
IMPLEMENTING AGENCY:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA)
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS/STAKEHOLDERS:	Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry (MMHI) General Agency for Specialized Inspection (GASI) National Human Rights Commission of Mongolia (NHRCM)
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Integrating environment and human rights into the governance of the mining sector



BACKGROUND WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

Mining plays a major role in the Mongolian economy. In framework of the state policy to support export-oriented economy, the mining industry has been defined as the leading economic sector of Mongolia and it reached its highest growth during 2009-2012. With such growth of the sector, environmental governance and sustainable natural resource management in line with human rights and rule of law principles remain a key challenge for the country. The environmental and social harms related to mining remain a major challenge to local communities.

Mechanisms for enforcement of the environmental regulations in the mining sector are not strong enough and do not reflect fully rule of law and human right principles. There is a lack of meaningful participation, collaboration and mutual responsibility of stakeholders, including state, business, civil society and local communities, in broader process of decision-making in the mining sector. The all level stakeholders lack sufficient knowledge and capacity on environmental management instruments and tools to implement environmental governance and sustainable natural resource management in the mining sector.



SUMMARY WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The **Environmental Governance Programme (EGP)** for Sustainable Natural Resource Management is a joint initiative of the **Swedish Environmental Protection Agency** and the **United Nations Development Programme** to support countries to integrate **environment** and **human rights** into the **governance** of the mining sector. The EGP provides targeted support to four Countries: **Colombia, Kenya, Mongolia,** and **Mozambique**. The programme works at the global and regional level to support the exchange of innovative policy approaches within and across countries and regions. Using the nexus between the environment and human rights as a lens, the EGP takes an integrated approach to sustainable natural resource management, that focuses on addressing the drivers of conflict, environmental degradation, inequality, exclusion, and poverty simultaneously.

The EGP aims to assist countries in advancing their efforts to meet national commitments under global environmental agreements, including **Principle 10 of the Rio Declaration**, and international human rights frameworks while accelerating progress towards the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

For more information, please visit the global EGP website at:

www.environmentalgovernanceprogramme.org

The interventions are structured around five complementary outcome areas linked to the underlying root causes of the challenges and governance gaps in the sector:



Environmental Governance Programme in Mongolia

In Mongolia, the EGP supports the government and civil society in improving environmental and social outcomes of the mining sector focusing on the following key result areas:

KEY RESULT AREA 1: Improvement of environmental regulatory framework and enforcement mechanisms through strengthening of rule of law and human rights principles in the mining sector;

- Baseline legal assessments conducted, including a Rule of Law in Public Administration of the Mining Sector (ROLPAM), Legality Assessment on Environmental Law Enforcement in the Mining Sector and Impact Assessment of the National Programme of Fluorite;
- Human Rights Impact Assessment in Tavan Tolgoi Coal Cluster Deposits conducted and submitted to the policy makers;
- Human rights field monitoring inspections and advocacy conducted;
- Amendments to the Law on Environmental Protection, Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, Land Law and the Law on Special Protected Areas prepared and submitted to the relevant Ministries and agencies.





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KEY RESULT AREA 2: Support meaningful participation, collaboration and mutual responsibility of the stakeholders in broader process of decision making to decrease social inequality, environmental degradation and human rights violations;

- Participatory Environmental Monitoring model piloted in the mining sector for inclusive decision making;
- Responsible Mining Benchmark for the industry self-monitoring and compliance with international standards developed for scaling-up through the industry;
- Interagency coordination mechanism for participatory decision making and environmental governance in the mining sector established;
- Joint participatory environmental monitoring trips to the mining affected sites conducted;

KEY RESULT AREA 3: Capacity development of the key stakeholders for better management of the natural resources;

- Inventory of damaged and abandoned land by mining operations conducted where relevant partners trained, and techniques provided;
- Professional training courses to strengthen the stakeholders' capacity on sustainable natural resource management organized;
- Guidelines and handouts for strengthening environmental governance in the mining sector for usage of the stakeholders produced,
- E-learning tools for the law enforcement officials produced;



List of guidelines

- Guideline for inspection of environmental law violations and enforcement of the Law on Offence
- Guideline for assessment of environmental damage and methodology for calculation of ecological compensation
- Guideline for responsible mining
- Benchmark for responsible mining
- Guideline on inventory of damaged/abandoned land by mining operations
- Guideline/handbook on environmental standards
- E-learning tool for responsible mining – mine closure and environmental management plan
- Guideline for enforcement of legislations on chemicals management (purchased and provided to the participants)
- Guideline for enforcement of legislations on chemicals management (purchased and provided to the participants)
- Guideline/handbook on waste management (purchased and provided to the participants)





Legal assessments

	Name	Scope
1	Assessment on rule of law principles and environmental governance in the mining sector of Mongolia	MET, GASI
2	Study on environmental regulations and their enforcement in the mining sector of Mongolia	MET, GASI
3	Review of minutes of Bag Citizens Hural to discuss environmental impact assessment reports and environmental management plans	MET
4	Assessment on legal environment of mine closure	MMHI, MET
5	Assessment on enforcement status of the regulation on development of the environmental management plan	MET, Khentii and Tuv provinces
6	Impact assessment of the National Program on Fluorite	MMHI
7	Assessment on the status of resolution of the environmental crimes related to mining operations, challenges and solutions	State General Prosecutor's Office
8	Human rights impact assessment in the mining sector	NHRCM, Tavan Tolgoi coal cluster deposits



Trainings/workshops

- Training on human rights and rule of law principles in inspection of environment, geology and mining
- Training on environmental impact assessment and environmental standards
- Gobi regional responsible mining forum/training
- Workshop on "Inventory methodology for damaged and abandoned land by mining operations and mine closure regulations"
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- Workshop on "Environmental protection in the mining sector and inventory database of damaged and abandoned land by mining operations"
- Training on assessment of environmental damage
- Practical training on inventorying of the damaged land using drones
- Workshop on participatory environmental monitoring
- Training on toxic and hazardous chemicals and waste management in mining operations and mine reclamation



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