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Greetings from the President

Beloved Friends

2013 ended with the closing of our first ever-large Project, namely “Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia” (IFAM); a project co-funded by the European Union and Secours Catholique. It is my great honor to know that our staffs did learn a lot from the experience.

Thanks to the learning, 2014 was also a great year for us, firstly IFAM was to continue under IFAM-II, thanks to Secours Catholique. At the same time, Caritas Mongolia submitted a proposal to the European Union, which was approved and co-funded with Caritas Belgium. The “Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in Rural Area of Gobi-Altai Province” (CESCO) has become the second bigger project to be implemented by Caritas Mongolia.

All my gratitude goes to our faithful partners, to people of good will and to all CM staffs for the commitment, dedication and support. May God bless all of you and those who are close to you as well!

+ *Wenceslao Padilla, President*



Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues, Friends:

May this 2014 annual report find you in good health!

2014 has, in a certain way, confirmed the progress observed in 2013. While the different activities and programs were being strengthened and systematized, 2 new programs got kicked off: 1) "Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia" IFAM-II, this is in fact a continuation of a previous program, co-funded by the European Union and Secours Catholique (2010-2013). IFAM-II will be of smaller scale and for 3 years as well. 2) "Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in Rural Area of Gobi-Altai Province" (CESCO), a new project co-funded by the European Union and Caritas International Belgium.

CM was also happy to welcome a certain number of new colleagues to be able to implement such projects. To all of you who joined the boat, most welcome; we hope to learn from you.

To all who are caring Caritas Mongolia in their hearts, THANK YOU VERY MUCH and enjoy the reading!

Fr. Pierrot KASEMUANA
Executive Director

Food Security and Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia Project – II

This project is a continuation of 2010-2013 EU and SCCF co-funded project “Food Security and Innovative Farming Approaches in Mongolia”. Considering its positive results and encouragement received from partners and beneficiaries, we were able to extend the program for another 3 years with the support of SCCF. While keeping the same objective to “develop, implement and mainstream sustainable, affordable and locally owned approaches to increase vegetable production of vulnerable households”, the project, this time, will focus in two different areas within Ulaanbaatar and in the Province of Uvurkhangai.

In 2014 Caritas Mongolia worked with more than 115 households and 8 Institutions, constructing 63 Passive solar green houses and 45 trench green houses and organizing 11 trainings for 365 beneficiaries.

Under IFAM-II, beneficiaries are expected to contribute up to 50% of the construction cost, which is to encourage their involvement in order to create a feeling of strong ownership. Research and Development component has been an integral part of the project and this time, a special attention is given to develop the innovative ideas by closely working with academics and researchers in the demonstration fields.



From 6-10 October, Mrs. Rolland Armelle, Mrs. Veronique Debeney, Mr. Frederic Felicien came for 1) monitoring visit and visiting the project implementing areas, 2) meeting with project stakeholders in Uvurkhangai Province and Ulaanbaatar.

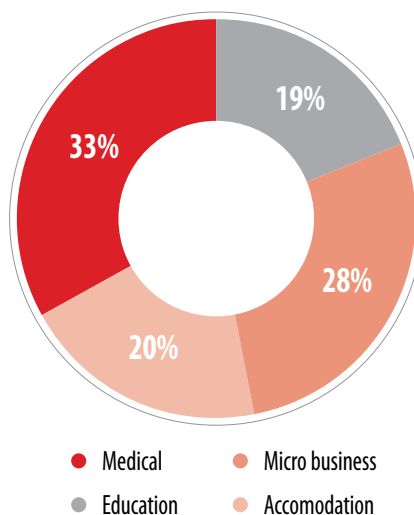


Voluntary Return and Social Reintegration

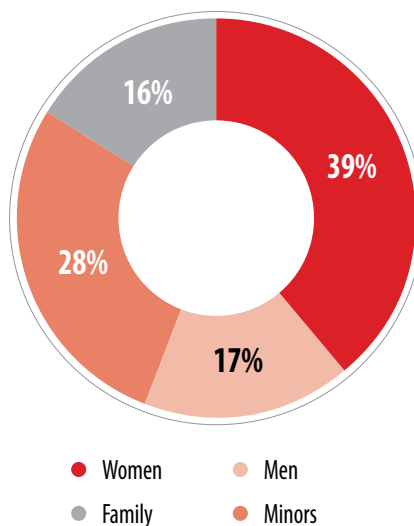
In 2014, CM worked with four European partners in assisting Mongolian international migrants. The collaboration with Caritas Austria, through European Return Support Organization (ERSO) Sustainable Reintegration of Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Migrants (SURE-VD), came to an end in May 2014 after 2.5 years of implementation. An extensive Capacity Building training for the project staff was organized in collaboration with Caritas Austria and War Trauma Foundation, based in Netherlands, from 7-11 April in Ulaanbaatar. The Psycho Social Training was facilitated by both Ms. Leslie Snider, Senior program advisor and Mrs. Jannetta Bos, Senior program advisor of War Trauma Foundation. Ms. Claudia Schmidt, Focal Point and Reintegration Counselor of ERSO SURE project of Caritas Austria was also present at this training and individual interview with migrants took place at the end of the training session.

CM continues the collaboration with Caritas Belgium, Maatwerk bij terugkeer and Refugee Action.

Type of assistance given



Type of clients received





Ms. O left for Europe in search of better life, leaving her family behind. After struggling for years, she decided to come back. Learning about the program in Belgium, she contacted Caritas and her dream of joining her family became true. Upon her arrival, Caritas Mongolia welcomed her and she had no place to live, therefore she bought a Mongolian traditional Yurt. Next to this she is running a small grocery shop and living with her daughter.



All the four partners made documentary films on Mongolian migrants, one of them was Ms. Marieke Rodenburg, a freelance film maker, hired by Maatwerk bij Terugkeer organization. She made a documentary film about current situation and living conditions of the returnees in their home country. The film was posted in YouTube in March 2014.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGoeoGyOTKA>

A group from Witfilm Production of Netherlands, represented by its Director Mr. Daan Odufré and Mr. Gijs Besseling visited Mongolia in November, to make a documentary film for "Surprising Europe" about immigrants who have lived in Europe, but now - voluntarily- returned to their home country, Mongolia.

Another film making group from Belgium National Television also visited Mongolia in March to investigate on the real situation of the Mongolian minors, a case of siblings who returned after living in Belgium for two years.

Partners from "Refugee Action" from UK visited Mongolia from 23 to 27 June, for monitoring purpose. Ms. Catherine Lennox, Program Manager and Ms. Caroline Wilcocks, Information Specialist of "Choices Overseas Program" were accompanied by CM project team and visited migrants' homes, their micro projects and they organized group discussions among the returnees. During their visit, they also hired a Mongolian film crew to make a short documentary on the Mongolian migrants.

Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in the Rural Areas of Gobi-Altai Province (CESCO)

“Capacity Building of Extension Services and Cooperatives in Gobi Altai Province” (CESCO) is co-funded by the European Union and Caritas International Belgium. CESCO will support 42 rural cooperatives through building their capacity in areas of cooperative and business development through training in management, business, and organic farming technology. It will also provide funds for the construction of passive solar greenhouses and agriculture small scale equipment, based on the assessment of organizational capacity.

The focus of the action will be to ensure that relevant and high quality extension services are provided along the entire value chain of horticulture activities through improving the technical skills of the extension officers.

In 2014, the first year of the implementation, the Action identified beneficiary cooperatives, conducted organizational development assessment, capacity building trainings, and cooperative forum. The Action conducted a total of 9 trainings that covered basic cooperative, accounting and bookkeeping, leadership and management, and agriculture topics and enrolled 236 beneficiaries. The Passive solar greenhouse construction and related management trainings were conducted for both the government extension officers and cooperative members; and it was followed by the horticulture subsidy, which is essential for the beneficiary groups to increase their income generating activities.

In total, 21 primary cooperatives comprising approximately of 1,400 members in the 8 target soums were selected as beneficiaries of the Action in Year 1.

At the local level, the Action established a good relationship with local government based on current engagement of Caritas Mongolia in target areas. Project briefings were done with the State Authorities. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Caritas Mongolia and the Office of the Aimag Governor. All relevant representatives from these authorities expressed their strong willingness to collaborate in the project and to provide their support to implement the action.

The Action provided the necessary equipment, training fund and some of the core cost of the Gobi Altai branch of “National Agricultural Cooperative Association” (NAMAC GA) to help them provide better services to their member cooperatives.

Several cooperative advocacy activities such as cooperative national and regional conference and soum level forums were organized in collaboration with the NAMAC GA.



As partner of CESCO project, Mr. Marc Somers Head of International Cooperation Department of Caritas Belgium (CIB) came to Mongolia for monitoring visit from 23 - 29 March. It was the first mission of CIB to the field since the start of the project. During his visit, Mr. Somers made a trip to Gobi-Altai and had a meeting with different stake holders of the project. His inputs and remarks were greatly appreciated by the team.



Empowerment of Women through Skills Trainings, Workshop and Micro-Finance

During the year 2014, STC registered a total number of 95 beneficiaries and the actual number of those who were able to finish the course was 74. Out of the 74 beneficiaries were male.

11 best beneficiaries were selected and granted a micro-financing program.



In order for the empowerment of women in the suburban areas, the Skill Training center organized 3 business trainings with sub topic on micro financing, income and expenses recording, budget making, formation of savings groups and internal lending communities.





Mrs. Chang Cheng-Yao, a volunteer and Ms. Maribel Bombeo Project officer from Caritas Taiwan visited STC to facilitate a training on sewing and measurement techniques from 2-20 August. The training was very fruitful and much appreciated by beneficiaries therefore CM is considering to organize another such training in the coming year in partnership with Caritas Taiwan.

Every year STC participate different exhibitions where handmade products of students and teachers are displayed and sold. International Women's Association of Mongolia (IWAM) exhibition is one of the exhibition which STC take part regularly.



Supporting Greener and More Energy Efficient Construction Industry in Mongolia



Caritas Mongolia continued partnership with Caritas Czech Republic on the implementation of the green construction project funded by EU.

According to the partnership agreement and agreed roles to be undertaken within the project, Caritas Mongolia conducted survey for vocational schools and colleges in Mongolia. Consequently Caritas Mongolia managed to organize 11 trainings at technical and vocational schools and colleges in Darkhan-Uul, Nalaikh, Erdenet and Ulaanbaatar in 2014. The trainings were undertaken according to upgraded content for more practical and relevant aspects into the Mongolian context, which was

approved by the relevant Ministry. Totally 168 teachers and 448 students have been involved in the trainings, which amplifies good practices for green construction. The action relates to the project goal to introduce green construction products and practices through designed contents. This commitment complies with the relevant strategy documents of the Government of Mongolia and of the Agency for Vocational Education and Training (AVET).



Safeguarding Health of Marginalized Households through Available Clean Water Project

With support of CHARIS, Caritas Mongolia was able to repair 3 deep wells of Gobi-Altai Province, located at 1050 km away from Ulaanbaatar. CM chose the 3 most isolated soums to allow herders to have available water for themselves and for their livestock as well. Thanks to CHARIS, CM was able to fix a problem that has been going on for many years.

1. *Shar Kharga Deep Well - Bugat soum*
2. *Sair Deep Well - Khukh morit soum*
3. *Khooloin Dugui Deep Well - Tugrug soum*



CM Drop-in Program's Capacity and Safety

In its mission of bringing visible the love of Christ among the people we live with, Caritas Mongolia has embraced a new project, which aims to give a hand to vulnerable children and their parents at the same time.

After listening to local authorities and some parents in the area, Caritas Mongolia, through a survey, found out that in the "ger areas" in general and Bayankhoshuu in particular, there are many families that are caught up in a miserable circle: having small children at home, it is very difficult for them to leave these children unattended for, especially in winter. The reason being that the ger has to be heated permanently, which small kids are not capable of and also many accidents (fire for instance) do happen when children are left on their own.

Thus, some parent(s) tend to stay home with kids and by doing so, they are deprived from possibilities to earn some income, food for the family. So, after considerations and in partnership with Misereor and Missio, CM found it a helpful means to put up two big gers on its land, at the end of 2014 to be able to welcome around 15 children, coming from very poor households.

The program aims at providing home-like environment to small children from the area, while already preparing them for the kindergarten.

This project will have two main complementary aims, namely:

1. Poor children: the Day Care Center will be a welcoming place for small children, wherein they can benefit from a permanent care and attention.
2. At the same time, parent(s) will be freed to find some work outside, thus securing some income for the sake of the family.



Scouts from France

Caritas Mongolia welcomed 8 scouts from France, who stayed one month and worked along with CM staff in different projects fields. This was very enriching experience for both Caritas Mongolia staff and as well as for the scouts. During this one month, the Scouts worked in Skill Training Center, Research and Development field of Food security project; they helped in sorting out clothes and distributing them to vulnerable families. An exchange visit to the Mongolian Scouts Association and the cultural encounter to discover and experience the Mongolian nomadic life were some of the activities, organized during their stay.



Institutional Capacity Building

Based on its strategic planning, Caritas Mongolia continues to underline the importance for its staff to be well trained for efficiency and effectiveness. Thus the need of participating in training, organized either locally or abroad.



Capacity building training for staff: Mongolia

No	Topic	Training giving by	Date	Participants
1	Specific and common behavior of the Mongolians	National Psychology center	January 9	Reintegration project team
2	Workshop on need assessment and indicator	Ms. Katie Neyemer	January 20	CM staff
3	Psycho Social training	War Trauma Foundation	April 9-10	CM staff
4	IT training: how to manage office computer and protection from virus	S. Munkhtur	May 5	All staff
5	Rhetoric training: giving presentation, public speech	Mongolian Lector Center	29 May to 12 June	Staff members including project managers, communication manager, social workers and project officers
6	How to be a good team player	Mandal NCP	November 10	CM project staff
7	Communications skills and extension services	Mongolian Extension Center	November 15	Staffs of IFAM and CESCO projects
8	Marketing training	Development Solution NGO	November 25	N. Ariunchimeg and D. Ganbold, project staff of IFAM



Capacity building training for staff: Abroad

Thanks to Caritas Asia, Caritas like Mongolia benefited from various trainings organized at the level of Asia regions.

No	Topic	Training giving by	Date	Where	Participants
1	Partners forum	Maatwerk Bij Terugkeer	17-21 February	Yerevan, Armenia	J. Nasanjargal B. Bolortsetseg
2	CST and Regional Conference	Caritas Asia	8-14 June	Bangkok Thailand	Pierrot Kasemuana J. Nasanjargal
3	Communication and Advocacy Workshop	Caritas Asia	11-16 August	Bangkok Thailand	J. Nasanjargal O. Byambajav B. Khishigtaya
4	Sub regional training on Anti human trafficking	Caritas Asia	15-21 July	Siem-Reap Cambodia	B. Bolortsetseg N. Arunchimeg
5	Regional DRR workshop	Caritas Asia	18-20 March	Bangkok Thailand	Pierrot Kasemuana
6	Asia Regional forum on Emergency/DRR/CBDRR	Caritas Asia	18-20 September	Phnom Phen Cambodia	S. Tegshbayar
7	Emergency preparedness	Caritas Asia and CRS	8-11 December	Almaty Kazakhstan	J. Nasanjargal S. Tegshbayar G. Erdene



Other Activities

- Caritas Mongolia, represented by Executive Director Fr. Pierrot Kasemuana, participated in the 32nd session of the FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific that was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia between 10-14 March 2014, hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Agriculture.



- From 10-28 May Fr. Pierrot Kasemuana was invited by Secours Catholique – Caritas France to participate in their International Annual Campaign in France. He presented CM's work, particularly the project on Food Security.
- Staff of Social Reintegration program attended the *Psycho Social Development Forum-2014*, held in November by the National Psychology Center.
- Staff of CM attended a video conference on Psychological First Aid, hosted by the World Bank, Mongolia office on 13 April. The video conference, which was conducted by Dr. Leslie Snider from War Trauma Foundation, involved groups of participants from Caritas Philippines, Caritas Indonesia, Caritas Sri Lanka via screen, and representatives from Civil Society, the National Psychology Center and development organizations.

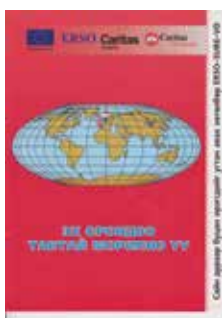
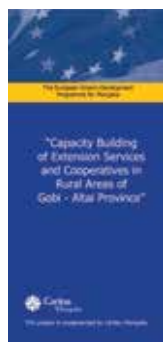
- Caritas Mongolia was invited by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation to participate a workshop on *Exchanging Ideas and Experience for Vegetable Production in Mongolia* on May 21 represented by Ms. J. Nasanjargal and S. Tegshbayar.
- World Food Day special event was organized by FAO on 27 October, 2014 in Ulaanbaatar, among the invitees Caritas Mongolia sent its 3 representatives.



- Caritas Mongolia's two representatives attended the *Urbanization and Green Development Conference* on 11-12 February, held in Ulaanbaatar organized by Caritas Czech Republic.
- Caritas Mongolia organized Sports event among 15 entities of Catholic Church Mission organizations in Mongolia on May 3rd under the theme of "Solidarity and Healthy living". Over 120 employees gathered on this day and spent time together playing basketball, volleyball, chess and table tennis.



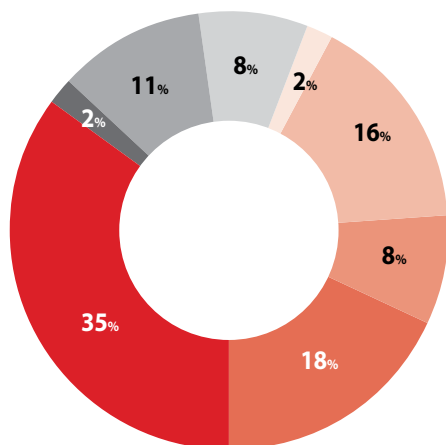
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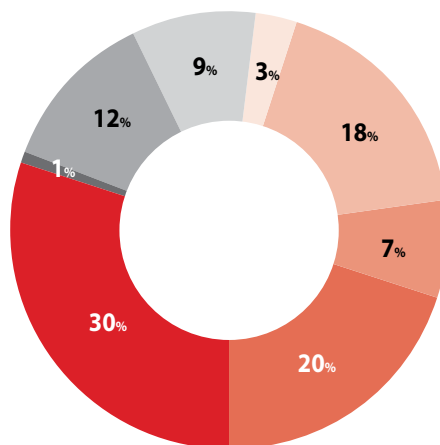
Finances

Year 2014	Income MNT	Expenses MNT	Balance MNT
Administration	188.749.825,36	180.872.703,09	7.877.122,27
Skill Training Center	88.005.066,50	72.966.940,97	15.038.125,53
Food Security II	208.438.992,05	202.632.691,00	5.806.301,05
Capacity Building of Extension Centers	416.551.020,00	295.726.562,00	120.824.458,00
SWITCH	27.615.523,50	14.321.929,00	13.293.594,50
Social Reintegration	131.597.960,00	119.929.474,00	11.668.486,00
Day care extension	88.887.030,00	88.877.187,00	9.843,00
Ad hoc	26.840.600,00	26.332.000,00	508.600,00
Total	1.176.686.017,41	1.001.659.487,06	175.026.530,35
1 eur- 2404,28 Tg	€ 489.413,05	€ 416.615,16	€ 72.797,90
1 usd - 1802,32Tg	\$ 652.872,97	\$ 555.761,18	\$ 97.111,79

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