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Caritas Mongolia started its activities by helping Dzud affected herders in 1999 and 2000. Today, with a staff of about 27, we are present in different humanitarian and developmental fields such as “Family & Gender Issues”, “Pre-School Education”, “Migration & Social Reintegration”, “Food Security & Agriculture”, “Capacity Building of Cooperatives”, “DRR and Emergency Relief” and “ Advocacy for respect of environment”.

Our Vision
In association with the poor and vulnerable, CM wishes to build a just society in order to have better sustainable living conditions and be able to live in dignity. CM believes that the vulnerable and the poor are not objects of pity, but agents of change, leading the struggle to eradicate dehumanizing poverty, unacceptable living and working conditions, and unjust social, political, economic and cultural structures.
Ad Hoc and Volunteering in CM

Caritas Mongolia remains open and willing to commit itself for any other humanitarian and development activity, not listed among its priorities. Particular needs of the people in particular intention of benefactors might be answered to, provided that it fits within the overall vision and mission of CM.

To be able to effectively and efficiently answer these different challenges, CM is more than willing to welcome volunteers. Thus, we encourage particularly young people to join us in different activities and get committed and experience the "love-in-action".

The "Food Security and Agriculture" program enables small farmers to meet their household nutritional needs, expand production, and financially provide for their families’ needs. We partner with communities to achieve these goals through trainings, introduction of improved technology, organization into community groups, or cooperatives, and adoption of improved health practices that benefit nutrition and sanitation.

Research and Development is an important part of this program. Introducing Passive Solar Green House (PSGH) and Trench Green House (TGH) that are functional for up to 9 months has proven to be effective comparing to the traditional greenhouses. CM has put up R&D Program to continue the cost analysis, technical performance and economic benefits of PSGH and TGH in co-ordination with Academic Institution and the Ministry of Industry and Agriculture (MIA).

Unifying Campaign: Just Knead It.
Through this program, CM pays particular attention to children coming from very poor social backgrounds. The program focuses on 2 interconnected aspects of the same reality: taking care of the children, while allowing parents to find some work in order for them to take care of their children and the family at large. Located in a “Gar Area”, DCC serves annually up to 20 children, aged between 3 to 5, providing them with daily nutritious food, medical care and pre-school education in a safe and friendly environment.

Drought, dzud, flood, strong snow, dust storm, blizzard, human and animal infectious diseases, heavy rain, hail, lightning, effects of climate change are some of the emergency situations that Mongolia faces quite regularly. Next to these, humanly caused disasters are to be added. Caritas responds practically to such humanitarian crises. CM saves lives, relieves suffering and helps rebuild livelihood and communities in the long term. This commitment allows women and men in the poorest and most vulnerable communities to survive and recover from crises and to live in a safe and secure environment. The DRR aspect has become an important aspect of CM, in collaboration with the “National Emergency Management Agency” (NEMA), as it helps potential victims to be well prepared in case of emergency situations.
Anti Human Trafficking

Mongolia is no stranger to human trafficking that takes place within Asia and beyond. Being witness of such exploitation, Caritas Mongolia has always taken a more preventive approaches for raising awareness among young people. Through publications, workshops, seminars and different activities, we tackle the issue mainly with students at universities, colleges, and vocational schools to prevent them for falling into the “nets”.

There are many women headed households, taking care of large families and some others keep on living with violent and abusive husbands, out of fear or having nowhere else to go. Thus, the program offers programs such as handcraft, sewing (traditional and modern clothing) for women willing to work for themselves to rebuild their life. These projects aim at empowering and self-reliance. By giving them the proper and needed tools and information, we believe that this will help them to make a difference; in the hope that from then on they will no longer be begging, rather, they will work for a minimum of decent living so they become, at least, self-employed and well protected.

Empowering of women through Skill Training

L. Nyamdavaa started a small business right after graduation from STC.
Horticulture training for cooperative members in Gobi Altai Province.

Voluntary Return and Social Reintegration

CM works with some European partners for achieving the social and economic reintegration of Mongolians returning home after an unsuccessful stay in Europe. For these former exiles who return to their country of origin, CM proposes various supports from reception to accompaniment up to 12 months after arrival. The program is effective as “homecoming” is no longer a nightmare for most returnees trying to resettle.

Capacity Building of Cooperatives

Through this project, CM aims to create an inclusive and self-sustaining local economy in the project area through empowered cooperatives and better skilled and more knowledgeable human resources. In line with the national and local government priorities, and the needs of the local communities, the action focuses on the promotion of a few proven income producing / expense reducing agricultural activities based on locally made products.

D. Murkhaatar runs a crop production since coming back to Mongolia.