



# Heartfelt Whispering Appeal From Mongolia



# What Happened?

Between April 01-04, 2015, Mongolia was hit by devastating blizzards with heavy snow. This happened at a time when people were less expecting such a devastating disaster, since in April theoretically it is already Spring in Mongolia. Depending on locations, the snow fell covering the earth between 40 cm to more than 2 meters height. Based on the two assessments, the following can be underlines:



- The Uvs Province itself is one the most affected Provinces
- 4 adults and 6 children were found frozen to death.



- A number of about **400 households (2,017 individuals)**, mostly **nomadic herders** were suddenly surprised by the snow, leaving them with no choice to move to secure places than staying where it found them.
- Today more than 450 kms are freed, giving access to many isolated places. But the continental size of the country...
- More than 200 households had their Gers (Mongolian traditional tents) destroyed or seriously damaged, needing if not replacement but at least considerable repairs.



- The storm has brought a lot of suffering to people as food provisions became to suffer shortage and this has affected a good number of children and aged people.
- As people were completely cut off from medical facilities, a lot of health issues are taking place.

- Many areas had their deep well frozen beyond repair, thus people up to now still use snow for cooking and drinking.
- Because of the heavy snow and cold, the Province experienced a “Dzud” (winter disaster). 4,039 animals died either frozen to death or because of starvation. The number will certainly be higher.
- The snow made it impossible for the affected people to find fire woods to heat their Gers and grass to feed their animals.



# A Real Emergency needing accompaniment, solidarity for RECOVERY

## What We Did?

- Clearing up the roads from snow in order to reach out to isolated households, for this, CM helped to rent 3 tractors.
- Distributing food items to 297 households.
- Distribution of working tools to 122 families.
- Distribution of fire woods to 347 households.



## Urgent Needs For Which Your Contribution is more than needed!

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### Housing:

We have come across more than 300 households whose Gers (the Mongolian traditional house/tent, also known as Yurt) have been seriously damaged, beyond repair and who are living in very miserable conditions with small children and/or old people (grand parents). But 30 most vulnerable households have been selected and counting on solidarity to allow them to have a decent GER. **Are you willing to help making a change in their existence?**

### Livelihood:

Out of so many families who lost their husbandry, only 140 families are chosen! Considering the importance of livestock in the live of a farmer, this is about losing livelihood, with all that goes with: future plans, hope, and finances... The main consequence?: migrating to the next cities and adding the number of unemployed people living in misery. **Are you willing to help preventing this from happening, and help these farmers find back their normal way of living?**



### Deep wells:

A number of deep wells have been completely frozen and destroyed beyond repair. People are now using exclusively snow for cooking and drinking water. No need to underline health considerations! The selected areas do not have even a small river around, and with the melting of snow, people will face a big challenge to find water. **Can they count on you helping them have a permanent, safe and healthier source of water in the village?**

### Training:

More and more, with the alarming climate change, emergencies are happening in Mongolia mainly related to winter disaster, sandstorm, and wildfire. The need for transferring skills is more than needed for people in the affected area to benefit from workshops on Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction. **Are you willing to accompany these well-motivated people on the way of empowerment?**

Should you be **WILLING** and **READY**, you may wish to have the full detailed proposal, then let us know through: [pierrot.kaskas@caritasmongolia.org](mailto:pierrot.kaskas@caritasmongolia.org); [info@caritasmongolia.org](mailto:info@caritasmongolia.org)

***Otherwise it works as well through:***

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***We cannot do much, but with your solidarity and support, together we can answer to the needs expressed by our little girl!***