EU – MONGOLIA ANIMAL HEALTH AND LIVESTOCK MARKETING PROJECT (AHLM)

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<th>Duration</th>
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**Project Overall Objectives**

Mongolia is still today a country in transition, despite some fifteen years of economic and political restructuring. Due to the dzuds (periods of extreme climatological conditions) and droughts in 1999-2002, number of employees dropped by 12% as the country faced large rural-urban migration. Yet half of Mongolia’s population still lives in rural areas and the number of herders is currently estimated at 170,000 and poverty as well as inequality continue to be major problems in rural and urban areas. The rural poor are particularly vulnerable to major risks such as natural disasters, the loss of employment and rising costs for healthcare and education. The AHLM project therefore aims at supporting the Mongolian Government in its effort to reform its services in the agricultural sector to the rural population and thereby alleviate rural poverty.

**Project Specific Objectives**

The specific objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods of the rural population living on livestock production by establishing a productive and market oriented livestock sector.

**Estimated Project Results**

The expected results of the project will be:

- Institutional capacity in the agricultural sector, including disaster risk reduction, enhanced.
- The project improves the legal framework of the livestock sector. It also assists the government in development and implementation of the agricultural and rural sector policy. Furthermore, the capacity of the government to better deliver public services is enhanced.
- Animal health improved
Main Programme Activities
The purpose of the project is to improve the livelihoods of rural population who live on livestock production. This will be achieved by establishing a productive and market oriented livestock sector. The EC will support the Mongolian government in order to strengthen and develop institutions, policies, human resources, management techniques and regulatory and standard framework to improve service delivery in the agricultural sector. Special attention will be paid to reduction of disasters, such as dzuds.

Current Activity Status (November 2008)
Six pilot provinces were selected during the inception phase: Bulgan, Darkhan Uul, Orkhon, Selenge, Tov and Ulaanbaatar.

The Technical Assistance Team has under the first year conducted several analyses of the current situation in different areas, such as:
- Existing legislation in the context of the food and agriculture sector.
- Mandates of the State Inspection Agency and the State Central Veterinary Laboratory
- Current situation of standards
- Standard national training curricula in regards to veterinary issues
- Market and marketing of quality drugs to veterinarians
- Current situation of applied health methods for animal condition to reduce mortality and increase efficiency
- Existing animal health identification system

During the first six months, the TAT has furthermore assessed the export strategy for meat and livestock. The assessment analyses the constraints that affect the export trading environment, such as weak performance in the collection of disease data, the application of control programmes and the organisation of veterinary service which suffers from communication issues.

The team has also planned and designed two types of field trials, namely field trials to upgrade pastures and field trials to produce 3 varieties of fodder crops. Equipment for field trials has also been identified and the field trials will be implemented as soon as the equipment arrives.

Furthermore, the team has initiated the establishment of MIS (Market information System).

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