



Project Update

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ABBREVIATIONS

ASMNF – Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining National Federation

PIA - Professional Inspection Agency

MNET – Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism

NGO – Non-government organization

ASM - Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining

MMHI - Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry

MRPAM – Mineral Resource and Petroleum Agency of Mongolia



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ACTIVITY-1: ADMINISTRATIVE COST

FINANCIAL REPORT

Date: 2021/01/01-06/30

Activity: The ASMNF NGO regularly publishes regular financial statements within the framework of relevant financial documents such as Mongolian financial legislation, NGO legislation, internal financial rules and regulations, and submits quarterly and annual balance sheets to relevant parties and conduct regular financial audits every year.

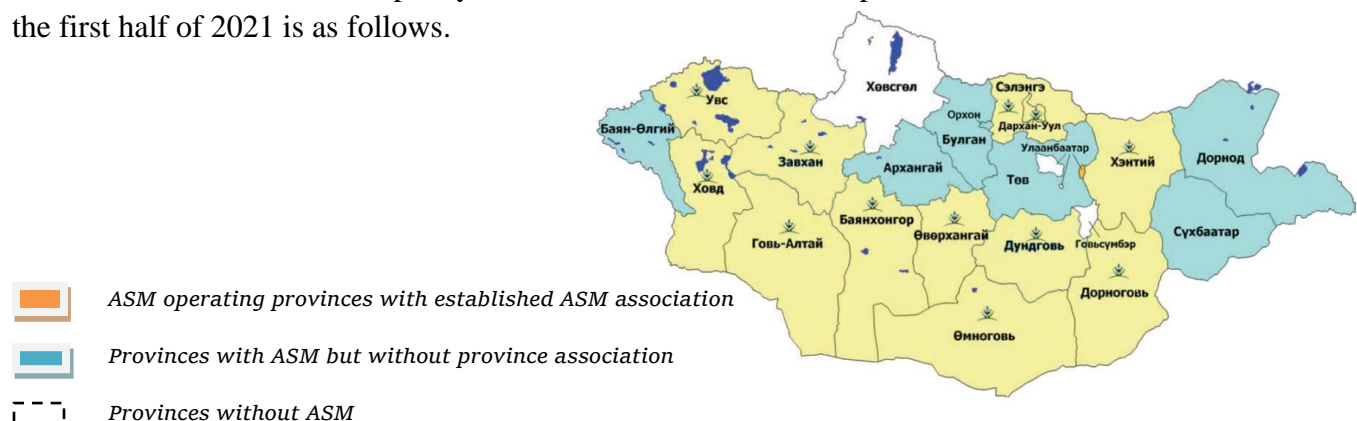
- In the first quarter of 2021, the final financial statements of 2020 were finalized and sent electronically to the Bayangol District Finance Department. Growth Financial Audit LLC was selected and contracted to audit the financial statements of the ASMNF of 2020.
- Sent tax report on salaries, wages and other employment income, deducted from indirect income in connection with the revision of the tax law in the 4th quarter of 2020.
- Corporate income tax report
- Withholding tax report
- Annual transaction report of price transition
- Annual report on social insurance and reconciliation.

Outcome: Financial statements and balance sheets are prepared on a regular basis and are open and transparent to the financing institution and its members. Subsequently, the financial statements are prepared and submitted in accordance with the relevant legal documents and internal regulations.

MEMBERSHIP TAX COLLECTION

Date: 2021/01/01-06/30

Activity: Since September 2019, artisanal and small-scale mining has been gradually declined, due to new regulation of the ASM regulation No.355 and revision of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Regulation No.151. Since then ASMNF's members are in a state of anticipation, which has reduced their financial capacity and reduced their membership fees. The current tax rate for the first half of 2021 is as follows.





From	Amount	Description
Umnugovi provincial association	3,600,000	Membership tax paid for the whole year
Govi-Altai provincial association	900,000	First quarter
Bayankhongor provincial association	900,000	First quarter
Khovd provincial association	900,000	First quarter
Selenge provincial association	300,000	First month
Total	6,600,000	

Outcome: The board of members decided to fully exempt members' taxes in 2020 due to the lack of tax collection, which is directly related to local artisanal mining activities and the impact of the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic. In 2021, the membership tax collection is likely to return to normal if the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations are amended and streamlined. Currently, a total of 6,600,000 MNT has been collected from four provinces.

DECISIONS AND OFFICIAL LETTERS

Activity: As of the end of June 2021, 21 official letters submitted by the ASMNF within the framework of cooperation and activities of artisanal and small-scale mining organizations. The 17 advocacy letters are submitted to maintain the legal framework for the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, and are intended to include a proposal for regulatory reform.

- In addition, a total of 7 official letters have been received from the partners and the above-mentioned official letters have been delivered to the relevant specialists, the head and the executive director, registered in the registration book and relevant measures has been taken.

Outcome: We have been cooperating with the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, relevant stakeholders, planning and submitting official letters to the working group to amend the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations, and to provide information to the working group members and ministries on the artisanal mining sector. There are 17 official letters sent and 7 official letters received.



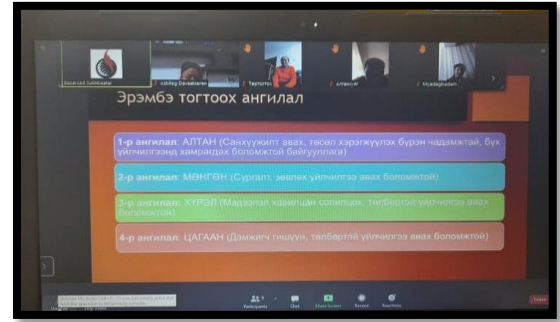
ACTIVITY-2.1: TRAINING DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES AND MONITORING

CAPACITY BUILDING OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

Date: 2021/02/28

Activity: The following issues were discussed at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the ASMNF:

- Discussion of the ASMNF's activity report of 2020
- Introduction and discussion of ASMNF's budget planning of 2021
- Introduction of the evaluation of 13 provincial member associations of the ASMNF conducted external organization.
- Discussed and made certain decisions on the date of the all members meeting and regulation changes. The board members are satisfied with the work of the executive office and thanked executive team for their responsible work, which has been confirmed every year by a reputable international auditing organization. The board of members also generously provided recommendations for further activities. The meeting was attended by L.Delgerbayar, head of the ASMNF, T.Tortogtokh, A.Altankhuyag, M.Tsetsegee and Ch.Myadagbadam.



Outcome: A board meeting was held, attended by 5 members (3 men and 2 women), with an attendance rate of 80%, and they reviewed the executive office's performance report, reviewed and voted on the 2021 action plan. Also, the Executive Office was instructed to work with member organizations and support promotion in order to improve the performance of the member associations by reviewing the reports issued by the evaluation organization that ranked and evaluated the member organizations.

EXECUTIVE STAFF REGULAR MEETING

Date: 2021/06/30

Activity: A board meeting is a formal meeting of the organization's internal service, which is held on a monthly, weekly, and, if necessary, daily basis at different times depending on the culture and specifics of the organization. Organizing a meeting is important for a number of reasons.

- Creating an organizational culture;
- Establish effective communication between executive staff;
- An organizational communication tool where members can manage and control their activities together.



Starting from the 1st quarter of 2021, the Executive Office staff holding regular “Board meetings” every week to explain in detail the activities they have undertaken in order to build an organizational culture, present their work performance and planned activities, and exchange information and encourage each other.

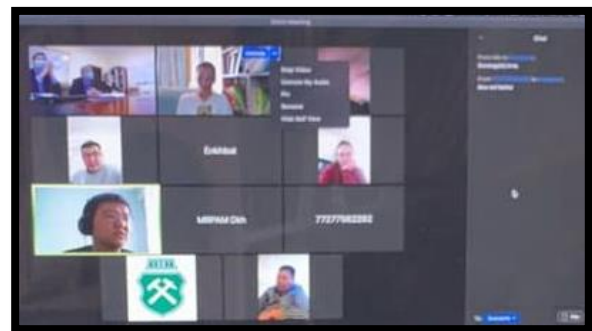
Outcome: The regular internal meetings were important not only to improve the coordination of internal work, but also to increase the efficiency of work, and to organize the work continuously and timely. It was also important to track the internal meetings of the executive staff and to record performance and results. The regular internal meeting was attended by 5 people(1 male and 4 female).

ACTIVITY: 2.2.1: CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING FOR ARTISANAL AND SMALL SCALE MINING ORGANIZATION AND ITS MEMBERS

ACTIVITIES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ARTISANAL AND SMALL SCALE MINING REGULATION.

Date: 2021/03/10

Activity: Within the scope of this work, although no training and consulting services were provided to members in connection with the amendment of Regulation No.151 of 2017 on “Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining”, G.Munkhtsetseg, Executive Director and O.Tsetsegmaa, Local Consultant of ASMNF were participated in the working group of the regulation amendment appointed by the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry.



- The ASMNF submitted a proposal for amendment of “the ASM regulation No.151 of 2017” to the working group by receiving specific comments from the artisanal miners, provinces and ministries.

Outcome: An analysis of the status of the project to amend the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations has been prepared and submitted by the ASMNF to the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, will be the main basis for strengthening the sector-wide proposal. There are 15 members in the working group meetings (10 male and 5 female).



ONLINE MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS ON AMENDMENT OF ASM MINING REGULATION

Date: 2021/01/05

Activity: An emergency meeting with provincial associations was held to discuss and collect votes from ASM provinces in connection with the decision of the working group to revise the regulations on artisanal and small-scale mining approved by the Government Resolution No. 151 of 2017.



- The leaders of the provincial associations expressed their differences depending on their position, local and mining conditions, exchanged views and decided to organize a unified voting process, and each province decided to organize the voting process as soon as possible.

Outcome: There is a consensus on how to actively participate in the submission of proposals from artisanal and small-scale mining communities in order to revise the regulation for artisanal and small-scale mining. The meeting was attended by 24 people, including 14 men and 10 women.

LEGAL ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Date: 2021/01/01

Activity: By the request of members of the Gold Mountain Owners Association of Khovd province, an online training was organized on the legal environment for artisanal mining and local issues.

- Relevant proposals on land application, partnership establishment, and artisanal mining legal awareness training were organized with Q&A section.

Outcome: Members of the Khovd Province Association increased their knowledge of the legal environment and organizational issues of artisanal mining. Also has provided information on the benefits of working in a group, the benefits of its equal income distribution, additional income, the gradual transition from the artisanal mining sector to other sectors, and business opportunities. The meeting was attended by 10 partnership leaders, including 1 woman and 9 men.





SELENGE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF MEMBERS RENEWAL MEETING

Date: 2021/01/02

Activity: Leaders of Selenge province association held online meeting on urgent issues. ASMNF staff participated in organizing the conference, providing information, providing technical assistance, consulting and facilitating.



- At the meeting, a proposal was made to intensify the work of the Selenge province association and to organize all members meeting. In result, a working group was set up to organize the all members meeting of Selenge province. A proposal to include representatives from each sub-provinces and villages in the working group was supported. The working group was established with 11 members.

Outcome: A working group was successfully organized to intensify the activities of the Selenge Province Association and ensure the participation of all members. Provided relevant legal information and organizational support. The meeting was attended by 11 members, including 6 men and 5 women,

CURRENT CONDITION OF ASM LEGAL ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSION

Date: 2021/02/15

Activity: By the request of the board members of “Takhilgat Lusyn Bulag” NGO operating in Khuld sub-province of Dundgovi province, organized an online meeting and introduced the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations and current situation, implementation of regulations and facing issues, monitoring conclusions and provided information on further concerns and exchanged views.



Outcome: The leaders of Takhilgat Lusyn Bulag NGO was provided with information on the issues facing the artisanal mining sector and relevant fields. The meeting was attended by 7 board members. (3 women and 4 men)



ACTIVITY-2.2.2: REHABILITATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

“ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM” TRAINING, GOBI-ALTAI AND KHOVD PROVINCES

Date: 2021/05/27

Activity: On May 27, 2021, departments of Nature, Environment and Tourism of Gobi-Altai and Khovd provinces, Professional Inspection Agency of Bulgan sub-province of Khovd province, planetGOLD Mongolia project and ASMNF jointly organized “Environmental and social management system”. At the training 34 people participated such as relevant government officials, representatives of artisanal mining organizations from Gobi-Altai province, Esenbulag sub-province, Bulgan sub-province, Altai sub-province, Khovd province.



- During the training, provided information on environmental laws and regulations related to artisanal mining, implementation and challenges of rehabilitation in artisanal gold mining, rehabilitation and environmental issues of artisanal mining within the project, implementation and monitoring of rehabilitation plans in Khovd and Gobi-Altai provinces, development and implementation of the environmental and social management system and the sub-provinces. There were also discussions on local environmental issues, ways to address them, and fundraising.

Outcome: Participants' understanding and knowledge of current environmental laws and regulations in artisanal and small-scale mining and the sub-province's environmental management plan and the participation of artisanal miners have improved. The sub-province's environmental management plan model was developed in response to local artisanal gold mining conditions. Local cooperation, artisanal mining rehabilitation results, significance, planning results, etc. were increased.

“ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM” TRAINING, SELENGE PROVINCE

Date: 2021/06/24

Activity: On June 24, 2021, the Nature, Environment and Tourism Department of Selenge province, the Governor's Offices of Bayangol and Mandal sub-provinces, the planetGOLD Mongolia project and ASMNF successfully organized an online training on “Environmental and Social Management System”.

- A total of 23 people from Selenge province, Bayangol sub-province,





Mandal sub-province, Tunkhel village, relevant government organizations, representatives of artisanal mining organizations participated in the training.

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Outcome: Environmental and social management system training was organized in Mandal and Bayangol sub-provinces of Selenge province, and participants were introduced to the issues facing the artisanal gold mining sector.

MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY AND ARTISANAL MINING ONLINE TRAINING

Date: 2021/03/17

Activity: ASMNF staff participated in the organization of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and Artisanal Mining online training in Gobi-Altai and Khovd provinces, and made a presentation on the current situation of artisanal mining.

- **Сургалтын зорилго нь:** The purpose of the training is to support local government officials and the public to be informed of the Minamata Convention, Annex B, Article 7 on artisanal gold mining and the responsibilities of the Government of Mongolia, dissemination of knowledge and information on the National Program, current status of mercury consumption, the inclusion of mercury in artisanal and small-scale gold mining in local development plans.

Outcome: The partnership provided important training for stakeholders to reduce the use of mercury in artisanal gold mining and to implement the Minamata Convention and the National Program. The training was attended by 24 people, including 10 men and 14 women.



ACTIVITY-2.2.3: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING

Date: 2021/04/24

Activity: The Occupational Safety and Health Training Program has been sent to the member artisanal and small-scale mining associations, requiring all members to attend the training before they can work, and urging members to work in safe workplaces under the motto “OSH is the priority”.



- We are also cooperating to organize this training in target provinces and sub-provinces of the PlanetGold Mongolia project.
- The training is planned to be organized in Govi-Altai province by the request of Altai Artisanal Miners' Solidarity Association.

Outcome: In order to ensure the occupational safety and health requirements of members working in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, the ASMNF representatives in ASM regulation amendment working group have proposed in new regulation that all members should be participated in awareness raising and OSH trainings in order to work. Therefore, ASMNF will be providing the trainings in regular basis.

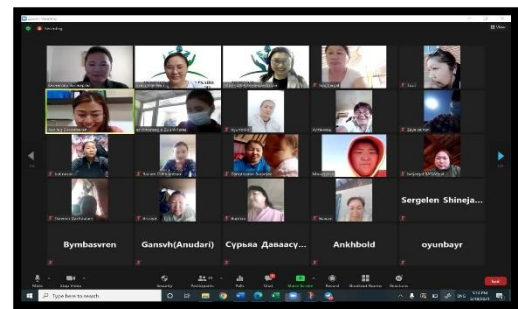
ACTIVITY-2.2.4: START AND IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS TRAINING

START YOUR BUSINESS TRAINING, MANDAL SUB-PROVINCE, SELENGE PROVINCE

Date: 2021.05.17-18

Activity: The training was conducted using ZOOM application, which was divided into 2 groups and 2 rooms.

- At the beginning of the training, the rules of the online training were introduced and opened, and the training officially started.
- The training lasted for 2 days and 16 hours and was conducted by D.Azbileg, a consultant of the Start-Business-Development program of Chapter 1, and U.Zoljargal, a consultant of the Start-of-Business-Development program of Chapter-2.
- To make the training more effective and understandable, and to ensure the participation of each participant, a business project training was conducted based on each person's own production and service ideas.



Outcome: Participants were able to implement their business ideas, ask their teachers for different perspectives on their issues, consolidate their knowledge, and receive further consulting services. The family business knowledge increased the opportunity of the participants to develop their business together. Learned about opportunities to expand their business, local funds, SME support funds, and sources of external and internal financing.

Manufacturers or direct traders have learned to calculate different business practices, policies, planning, cost, and direct profits.

The training was conducted in two groups in two rooms, which increased the time spent interacting with each participant and provided an opportunity for group, free and close learning.

Conclusion: Stakeholders emphasized the advantages of online learning, and the fact that they were able to participate in the training with their family, which helped them to increase their family business knowledge at the same time.



START YOUR BUSINESS TRAINING, BAYANTSAGAAN SUB-PROVINCE, BAYANKHONGOR PROVINCE

Date: 2021.05.24

Activity: The training was organized using an online ZOOM application. At the beginning of the training, the rules of the online training were introduced and the training officially started.

- The training lasted for 10 hours and was organized according to the Start Your Business program with 25 participants.
- The training was conducted by consultant teacher U.Zoljargal, trainers S.Nyamdavaa and R.Tumendemberel.
- Attendance and registration during the training were documented by photographs.
- More attention was paid to the development of business ideas of the participants, for example, the shoemakers were taught how to calculate the cost of their products and practiced on the products they produce.
- In addition, prepared manuals and questionnaires helped to make the training effective.



Outcome: The result was impacted by the creation of a joint venture of shoe manufacturers. The training was closer to the participants, based on examples of the advantages and disadvantages of the shoe industry, the expansion of the market and the expansion of production.

Manufacturers have learned how to calculate the cost of their products.

Entrepreneurs are motivated to manage their finances properly, to understand the principles and benefits of savings, and to apply them in their daily lives.

Conclusion: In cooperation with World Vision Fund in Mongolia, the training was organized for shoe manufacturers to provide information to develop their business ideas and expand their production in Bayantsagaan sub-province of Bayankhongor province.

ACTIVITY-2.2.5: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER

HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY TRAINING

Date: 2021/06/28-30

Activity: The planetGOLD Mongolia project, in partnership with the Mongolian Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Federation, organized an online training for trainers on "Human Rights and Gender Equality" on June 28 and 30. The training was attended by executive staff and members of artisanal mining communities in Khovd, Gobi-Altai and Selenge provinces. The training covered human rights, gender equality, gender-based violence and civic engagement, and an open discussion.





ACTIVITY-2.3: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND CAPACITY BUILDING

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OF MEMBER ORGANIZATION RANKED “A” IN EVALUATION

Date: 2021/04/17

Activity: Umnugovi, Gobi-Altai and Bayankhongor provinces were rated in the first category according to the results of the evaluation organization conducted in 2020. In order to support their activities, the ASMNF handed over set of sewing workshops (which includes 2 straight sewing machines, 1 knitting machine, and a steam iron) for these province associations.



- We are also cooperating to support their activities and provided them with equipment worth 3 million MNT each for the purchase of hard sewing machines, sewing machines for underwear, and tree planting equipment.

Outcome: The provincial associations have been rated as the first category of evaluation that shows they are fully capable of obtaining, funding and implementing projects, which is allows them to have access to all services provided by ASMNF. The ASMNF cooperating to support these 3 provincial association’s activities which will enable them to operate sustainably and raise their own funds.

PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TRAINING IN PROVINCES

Date: 2021/01/01

Activity: The working group on the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations is being consulted by the relevant ministries. It’s highly expected that the revised regulation will support the possibility of the ASMNF on organizing legal training to introduce the new ASM regulation independently.

Outcome: The ASMNF supports the activities of province associations and believe that it will be possible to increase the cooperation of members, implement independent activities and strengthen human resources.



ACTIVITY-2.4: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ASM AGREEMENTS

PLAN TO CONTINUE MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ASM AGREEMENTS

Date: 2021/02/25

Activity: In 2020, by the framework of Open Society Forum's Transparency in the Mining Sector “Monitoring the Implementation of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Agreements” project, monitoring activity conducted in Zaamar sub-province of Tuv province; Mandal, Tunkhel, Yeruu, Bugant, Orkhontuul, Bayangol sub-provinces of Selenge province; Khuld, Ulziit, Bayanjargalan, Gurvansaikhan sub-provinces of Dundgovi province;

- It is planned to continue the monitoring work, as the monitoring result revealed a number of violations, considering to stop it, improve the monitoring mechanism and increase the responsibility of artisanal miners. There’s necessity to include in planning of 2021, as there is a need to organize introductory meetings to address the deficiencies identified by the monitoring.

Outcome: There is a need to monitor the implementation of the agreement, to present the results to the parties to the agreement, to eliminate violations, and to evaluate the agreement in order to improve and hold the artisanal mining sector as a whole accountable. Following the implementation of this activity, public awareness campaigns will be organized and measures will be taken to detect and eliminate violations on an annual basis.

ACTIVITY-2.5: ACTIVITIES FOR ILLEGAL MINING ACTIVITY STAKEHOLDERS

ENCOUNTERING ILLEGAL MINERS ACTIVITIES

Date: 2021/04/15

Activity: Within the framework of The Asia Foundation's project to encounter illegal mining activity, we are cooperating with Z.Erdem, a legal advisor, to provide information on the legal environment and regulations of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector. He expressed his support for this activity, which is in line with the goals of our organization, and will continue to work together to reduce illegal activities at the national level.



- In addition, a memorandum of understanding has been signed with the Ecological Police to contribute to the reduction of illegal activities and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies. Within the framework of this cooperation, the province associations are cooperating with the local Ecological Department and are working together to select



natural resources, reduce the negative impact on the environment, and promptly report and stop illegal activities.

Outcome: Within the framework of this cooperation, our organization will cooperate in the implementation of projects and programs implemented by The Asia Foundation to combat illegal activities, for example, to combat illegal mining activities in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, and organize formalization activities.



ACTIVITY-2.6: ORGANIZE TRAINING TOUR TO DISTRIBUTE AND INTRODUCE GOOD PRACTICES IN ASM

OPENING CEREMONY OF DELVE EXCHANGE PROJECT

Date: 2021/04/26

Activity: The University of Queensland, Australia, hosted an online presentation of the Delve Exchange Project, an international project funded by the World Bank.

- The meeting was attended by 29 members of the board, supervisory board members of the ASMNF, heads and executive director of province associations, partnership leaders and the executive team. The project involves countries from Africa and Latin America, with Mongolia participating from Asia.
- The aim of this project is to share best practices and information in artisanal mining with artisanal miners from different countries. The project will include the establishment of a network of artisanal miners, forums and training where ASMers will be able to exchange good practices and information.



Outcome: The meeting facilitator noted that Mongolia has a lot to share from the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, as Mongolia has introduced best practices and set a good example among artisanal and small-scale mining countries. He also asked questions on a number of issues facing our industry and expressed his interest in introducing and localizing the best practices of other countries in the project's future activities.



ACTIVITY-2.7: OTHER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION

INTRODUCTION OF “COVID-19 IMPACTS ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE ARTISANAL MINERS” RESEARCH

Date: 2021/04/20

Activity: Introduction Of “Covid-19 Impacts On Socio-Economic Status Of The Artisanal Miners” research results conducted by The British Columbian University Of Canada And German-Mongolian Institute For Resources And Technology, organized several times.



- The meeting was organized by the members of the research team and the executive office of the ASMNF and province associations, its members, ministries and relevant government organizations.

Outcome: Members of the associations of 13 provinces of the ASMNF participated in the online meeting presentation of the results of the survey. The results of the study presented by the members of the research team revealed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the artisanal and small-scale mining sector where indicated the significant decrease of living standard and contribution to the household and governmental economy of the ASMers. Relevant decision makers and government officials were introduced with the study results and instructed to pay further attention in ASM sector.

COOPERATION WITH WORLD VISION FUND ON TRAINING PROJECT

Date: 2021/03/31

Activity: The Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining National Federation of Mongolia successfully participated in the call for the Training Project announced by World Vision Mongolia and signed a cooperation agreement on March 31, 2021.

- Under the agreement, World Vision Fund will support and cooperate in social activities and organize business training for a period of 3 years. We sincerely hope that our cooperation will bring positive changes to the beneficiaries.



Outcome: Signed a 3-year cooperation agreement to conduct “Start your business” start-up training. According to the agreement, two trainings have been organized and the agreement has been successfully evaluated.



SIGNED A MoU WITH KHOVD PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION

Date: 2021.05.19

Activity: The “Altai Mountain Owners” NGO of Khovd province has become an official member of the ASMNF and signed a Momerandum of understanding.

- The parties will work together to protect the common interests of their member artisanal miners, to develop them into stable artisanal miners and entrepreneurs with stable jobs, incomes, environmental and social responsibility, and thus to improve their quality of life.



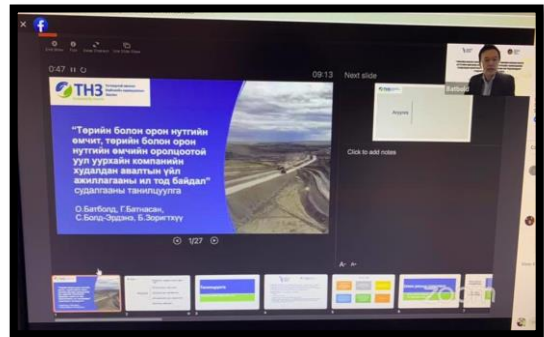
Outcome: Although the artisanal mining association was established in Khovd province, due to weak participation and trust, the members reorganized the province association, changed the management structure, and intensified their activities, by establishing the “Altai Mountain Owners” NGO.

ONLINE DISCUSSION OF THE STUDY "PURCHASING TRANSPARENCY OF STATE AND LOCAL OWNED MINING COMPANIES"

Date: 2021/04/28

Activity: The Executive staff of the ASMNF participated in the online discussion of the research report "Purchasing transparency Of State And Local Owned Mining Companies" conducted by Open Society forum.

- The purpose of the study is to identify barriers to the implementation of legislation to increase the transparency of procurement of state and locally owned mining companies in Mongolia.
- The survey covered state and locally owned mining representing 9 companies were selected in cooperation with the procuring entity. The indicators specified in the Transparency law, related regulations and the implementation was evaluated.



Outcome: In connection with the cooperation with the Open Society Forum, ASMNF team actively participates in the activities and online discussion of the research report.

ONLINE DISCUSSION OF “BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHT” PROGRAMM IN MONGOLIA

Date: 2021/04/29

Activity: The "Business and Human Rights: Promoting Economic Growth through Mechanisms to Protect, Respect and Restore Violated Rights" program is launched under the auspices of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the Asian region, with the financial support of the European Union (EU).



- The opening ceremony was attended by N.Ankhubayar, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who introduced the steps taken by the Government of Mongolia to implement the “Business and Human Rights Governance Principles” issued by the United Nations.
- He emphasized that Mongolia's participation in all aspects of society - citizens, civil society and the private sector in national development policy, planning and implementation is a basic method of good governance for human development, and the National Plan for the Implementation of the “Business and Human Rights Management Principles”. He also noted that the process will be a real impetus for the strengthening of national system that fully respects human rights, the development of multilateral partnerships and the introduction of a business culture that respects human rights.
- The UN Human Rights Council discussed the second report on human rights in Mongolia in 2015 and made 150 recommendations, including a call for the UN to adopt a 2011 National Action Plan on “Implementing the Guidelines for Business and Human Rights”. In 2016, the Government of Mongolia, through Resolution 204, approved a plan to implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Council and made a policy decision to develop a national action plan which The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is leading the process.
- “The Business and Human Rights” 3 years project will support the development and implementation of a national action plan and contribute to the development of responsible businesses that respect human rights by strengthening public-private partnerships.



Outcome: The ASMNF team participated in the launch of the UNDP-funded program “Business and Human Rights: Promoting Economic Growth through Mechanisms to Protect, Respect and Restore Violated Rights” in the Asian region with funding from the European Union, in order to represent common human rights violations in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector. It was important to establish cooperation on the possibility of attracting investment in order to increase the opportunities for ASMs to transfer to other sectors other than artisanal mining sector.



COOPERATION WITH UNITED ADVOCACY SUMMIT LLC

Date: 2021/03/29

Activity: The ASMNF will provide professional legal services to its members.



- On March 29, 2021, the ASMNF signed a cooperation agreement with the United Advocacy Summit LLC. The purpose of this agreement is to protect the legitimate interests of the 13 member organizations and their member artisanal miners, and to provide professional and legal advice on artisanal and small-scale mining.
- United Advocacy Summit LLC has been operating continuously since 2015 and is one of the professional law firms that complies with Mongolian laws and standards with a team of skilled lawyers with more than 10 years of experience.

Outcome: In cooperation with the organization, we conducted an external evaluation of all organizations in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, studied the activities of the sector as a whole, and identified issues. We've signed a memorandum of understanding based on members' need of legal consultancy service.

“MINERAL RESOURCES – WOMEN” NATIONAL CONFERENCE III

Date: 2021/04/16

Activity: The 3rd National Conference on “Mineral Resources and Women” was held online on March 16, 2021. O.Bat-Nairamdal, Deputy Minister of Mining and Heavy Industry participated in the meeting and made a presentation on “Government Action Plan for Responsible and Transparent Mining Development 2020-2024”.



- The mineral sector has been a continuous contributor to the Mongolian economy, accounting for 22% of GDP in 2020, 71% of industrial and foreign direct investment, and 94% of exports. In addition, 26% or 10.4 trillion MNT of the total budget revenue came from the mining sector. About 12,000 of the 53.7 thousand employees who make valuable contributions to the mineral resources sector are women.
- By correctly defining the sector's vision, improving legal reform, and raising the level of processing, it is possible to move to the next stage of development and increase its impact on the country's economy.
- In this context, many projects and programs such as oil refinery, coal and copper concentrate refinery, and metallurgical plant will be implemented in 2020-2024, and major construction works will be carried out.



Outcome: The 3rd National Conference on Mineral Resources and Women was attended by women leaders in the sector, with more than 300 women delegates.

ACTIVITY-3: ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL ARTISANAL AND SMALL-SCALE MINING ORGANIZATIONS

DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN BAYANKHONGOR PROVINCE

Date: 2021/02/27

Activity: M.Tsetsgee, Chairman, J.Saruul, Executive Director, board members of the Association of Responsible Artisanal Mining Organizations of Bayankhongor province and community leaders participated in the Bayankhongor Province Development Conference as representatives.



- During the conference, M. Tsetsgee, head of the Bayankhongor Province Association of Responsible Artisanal Mining Organizations, proposed that artisanal miners should be included in discussing seven projects and provided by job opportunities.

Outcome: The Bayankhongor Province Development Conference focused on the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, and the participation of members through the provincial artisanal mining association was considered to be a participatory workshop. In line with the main goal of relocating artisanal miners to other jobs, they suggested that ASMers could be included in local projects and programs. A total of 120 participants attended the workshop, including 23 government officials, 19 artisanal miners, and the rest from mining companies and other sectors.

ALTAN MOUNTAIN OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF KHOVD PROVINCE

Date: 2021/02/21

Activity: The Altan Mountain Owners Association, which operates in Khovd province, is an organization of artisanal and small-scale artisanal mining communities, and has visited sub-provinces with artisanal and small-scale mining to advise them on issues facing them.



- Despite the stagnation of the legal environment for the artisanal and small-scale mining sector, head of The Altan Mountain Owners Association has worked at the request of the communities and local authorities in Bulgan sub-province, and a joint meeting was held to address their concerns.



- During the meeting, a cooperation agreement was signed with the sub-provincial governor and the province association, and more than 30 community members became the members of the province association and received their membership cards.

Outcome: In Khovd province, the provincial association has been re-established and provides consulting services to its members to address the issues facing them, and works closely with the ASMNF. The results of a memorandum of understanding with local authorities to ensure the sustainability of members' workplaces can be mentioned. A total of 56 men, 51 men and 5 women, including 3 local officials, participated in the meeting.

ACTIVITY-4: IMPACT AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES, PRESS MEDIA

LOCAL MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS ORGANIZATIONS GOOD PRACTICES

Date: 2021/01/01-06/30

Activity: The local trip was planned to identify and exchange the best practices in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector within the country, thereby supporting the legal operation of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector which was delayed because of the COVID-19 lockdown. Nevertheless, a number of contracted activities prior to Resolution 355, which banned artisanal and small-scale mining, are operating normally and positive impact news dissemination is proceeding in these provinces in order to promote positive attitude towards ASM sector:

1. Local media reported that ASMers in Mandal sub-province, Kherkh village of **Selenge province** successfully organized the cleaning and disposal of household waste on their own initiative.
2. Members of the Baatar Vangiin Khishig Kholboo NGO in Tunkhel village, **Selenge province**, launched a local garbage disposal campaign on their own initiative. The post of the activity gained plenty “reactions” on the local Facebook group. The organization also donated to local health facilities and the elderly based on the Covid-19 pandemic situation.
3. Another good example is the KHAMODKH NGO in **Bayankhongor province**, which has provided positive assistance to health care organizations in the difficult situation of the pandemic. KHAMODKH NGO, therefore, donated 7,500 masks to the provincial Emergency Commission, 500 masks to the Bayan-Ovoo sub-provincial Emergency Commission, and 2,500 masks to Erdene Mandal region, and launched a campaign to help herders in need, according to local media and TV stations.





- Members of the **Khovd province** association jointly donated 5,000 masks to the Provincial Emergency Commission, and the Orgil Altai Community selected 5 target households and provided 1 ton of coal and food to each of the 5 households, which was post highlighted at the local khovd.mn news program.



- Artisanal and small-scale mining communities in Airag sub-province of **Dornogovi province** donated 3,000 masks and two thermometers to the sub-provincial health center and police and the construction of a football field with a total budget of 65 million MNT was 85 percent complete which was reported at the local media.

- The Khiimort Hishig partnership, which operates in Khairkhan Dulaan sub-province of **Uvurkhangaï province**, within the framework of social responsibility, donated total of 12,750,000 MNT of 100,000MNT to the 1st region, 300,000MNT to the kindergarten, 1,500,000MNT to the 5th region, 500,000MNT to the sub-provincial police station, 1,000,000MNT to the police anniversary, 200,000MNT to the regional meeting, 100,000MNT to the 6th region, 5,000,000MNT to the Emergency Commission and praised by sub-provincial governor A.Batsaikhan.



- Member of the Umnugovi Provincial Association, Tes Morning Partnership, which operates in Gurvantes sub-province of **Umnugovi province**, planted 200,000 saxaul trees in a 300-hectare area called Zagat Boom in Goyot region of the sub-province. The local media reported, the saxaul planting initiated by the community members was successful with to the support of the community and ASMNF.



Outcome: As of June 30, 2021, the donations and social responsibility activities implemented at the local level have been disseminated through social media in cooperation with the media, glorifying good deeds and introducing good practices in artisanal and small-scale mining to the public and government. Awareness-raising activities have been carried out in regular basis.



ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES FOR DECISION-MAKERS

Date: 2021/01/01-6/30

Activity: Within the framework of activities for decision makers, ASMNF prepared and submitted letters to the ministries, ASM regulation amendment working group members, and members of parliament with information on the history of the artisanal mining sector at all levels, from the history of the artisanal mining industry to the present day, in order to fully reflect the proposals in the revised draft artisanal and small-scale mining regulations. In parallel, face-to-face interviews and meetings were held several times with above organizations.

- In addition, in connection with the proposal to repeal the regulation on artisanal and small-scale mining approved by Resolution 151, we have met with ministries to raise awareness of the situation in the artisanal and small-scale mining sector and provided advocacy information on artisanal mining regulations through media. Therefore, organized nationwide meetings regarding to presidential election. Proposals for artisanal and small-scale mining regulations have been conducted in provinces and communities with artisanal and small-scale mining, as well as in ministries, and information has been provided to stakeholders through advocacy.

Outcome: ASMNF's representatives are participating in ASM regulation amendment working group established the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, and involved in an official letter and meeting to coordinate the activities of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector proposed by the provinces and ministries.

SUMMARY OF THE ADVOCACY ACTIVITY:

Summarizes two specific works on the advocacy and media activities. The two advocacy and impact activities carried out in 6 provinces involved a total of 370 people, 226 men and 144 women. Of these, 88 were civil servants, 282 were artisanal miners, and others were individual miners.

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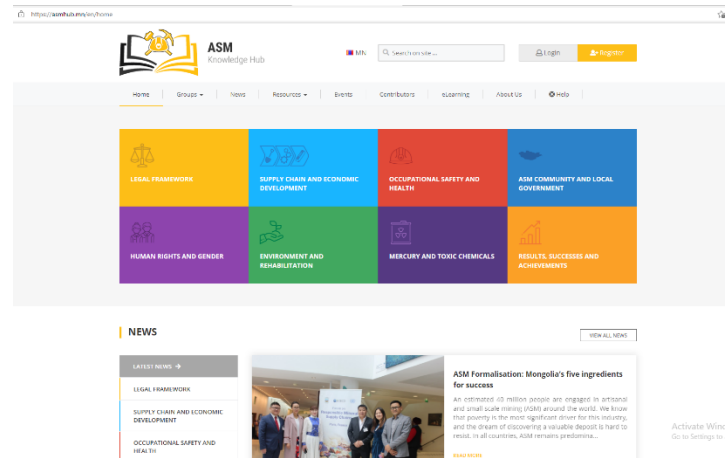


ACTIVITY-5: ENSURING THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION, DIVERSIFYING FUNDING SOURCES.

WEBSITE OWNERSHIP

Date: 2021/03/01-06-19

Activity: In the 21st century, the artisanal mining industry can create certain funding sources by using information technology to develop its official website, sharing information and experiences with Mongolian artisanal miners and millions of artisanal miners around the world, and increasing site access in the long run. We took over the ASM HUB.MN website, which was built as a result of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation's Sustainable artisanal mining project, and started operating from the first quarter of this 2021, with a plan for further development.



Outcome: A website with a separate server was acquired by the ASMNF. We will continue to develop and connect to platforms such as Google add to generate incomes. The value of an entity's liabilities increases. The cost will be reduced by running an online learning platform. Advocacy work will be done through the website to reduce fragmentation and reach more people.

ASM OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING LICENSE

Date: 2021/01/03-06.30

Activity: The licensing process was started in January and has been handed over to the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare.

- Within the framework of the activity, a complete 892-page training material was prepared in accordance with the OSH training program approved by Annex 2 of the Order No. A/70 of the Minister of Labor and Social Welfare on December 19, 2019. The training cabinet was equipped with the executive office in accordance with the conditions set by the Ministry. In addition, a consulting service contract has been signed with a legal advisor.



Topics prepared for training materials

№	Topic	Hour
1	General concept of occupational safety and health	1
2	Laws, rules, regulations, technical regulations and standards for occupational safety and health	2
3	Organizational OSH management, rules and regulations	1
4	OSH action plan, budget and funding	1
5	Methodology of detection and assessment of workplace risks and principles of prevention	1
6	Methods of detection and assessment of occupational disease risk and principles of prevention	1
7	Principles of organization of medical examination and surveillance of employees	1
	Total	8

ALL EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROGRAMM

№	Topic	Hour
1	General concept of occupational safety and health	1
2	Labor law	1
3	Occupational Safety and Health Act	1
4	Hazards and prevention of industrial accidents	2
5	Types of factors that adversely affect occupational health and occupational diseases	1
6	Types of work clothes, personal protective equipment and proper use	1
7	The role and involvement of employees in identifying, informing and preventing factors that may cause accidents and illnesses in the workplace	1
8	Practical methods and methods of risk assessment before starting work	1
9	Emergency response and disaster preparedness	1
10	First aid for victims of accidents	1
11	Diseases related to employee behavior and its prevention	1
	Total	12

OSH INSPECTOR TRAINING PROGRAMM

№	Topic	цаг
1.	OSH introduction	2



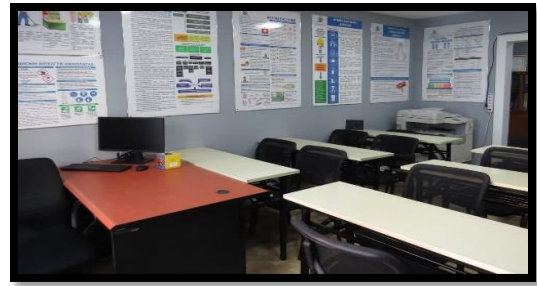
2.	Occupational safety and health legislation	8
3.	Occupational Safety	18
4.	Occupational Health	18
5.	OSH training and instruction	10
6.	Risk management	12
7.	Use and requirements for personal protective equipment	10
8.	Investigate, report and analyze industrial accidents and acute poisoning	10
9.	Hazard detection and information communication	10
10.	DISASTER PREPARATION, PREPAREDNESS AND FIRE SAFETY	6
11.	Occupational health care	10
12.	OSH management system	10
	Total	124

OSH SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM

№	Direction	Hour
1	Equipment handling safety	9
2	Safety in extreme temperatures	12
3	Underground mine safety	12
4	Surface mine production safety	12
5	Processing plant safety	12
6	Electrical safety	14
7	Fire safety	10
8	Construction safety	20
9	Safety for small businesses	6
10	Livestock safety	6
11	Transportation safety	6
12	First aid training	30



Outcome: ASMNF developed a comprehensive 174-hours OSH training program. Training rooms have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry. Business plan and feasibility study for the training were written and prepared. As the preparatory phase of the training has been completed. The training center will operate in July with the approval of the ministry.



ONLINE LEARNING PLATFORM

Date: 2021/04/16-06.19

Activity: Starting from April 2021, we have contracted with API Solution LLC to create an online knowledge base that will allow us to organize trainings online, and we have developed a distance learning system.

- The online learning system will be installed and tested on the organization's website during June and July 2021, and will be officially operated in July.

Outcome: Online learning platform was developed so that it would be possible to organize trainings in the local area quickly and reduce the cost of training. Training will continuously available during quarantine and other emergencies.



ACTIVITY-6: BUSINESS ACTIVITIES NEXT TO ASMNF

TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT WITH GOBI-ALTAI PROVINCE ASSOCIATION AND MARCO-POLO COMPANY

Date: 2021/05/15

Activity: The Altai Artisanal Miners' Association has signed a tripartite agreement with Marco-Polo, a license holder in Biger sub-province, and the governor of Biger sub-province.



- As part of its social responsibility, the company agreed to sign a contract in accordance with the artisanal and small-scale mining regulations to support the employment of local people and ensure their right to work. On behalf of the Altai Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Association, the ASMNF established contacts with the parties to the agreement, provided positive information on the artisanal mining sector and the activities of the association, and supported the conclusion of the agreement.
- In order to support on transferring to other workplaces than ASM, the authorities of Gobi-Aitai province supported of the Altai Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Association by providing two floor facility with two-hall and six-room at the province center for an indefinite period of time.
- In December 2020, the provincial authorities decided to give two plots of land for artisanal mining.
- In addition, the provincial development guideline in the governor's action plan includes the support of artisanal mining. We are working to sign a cooperation agreement with the provincial governor and the police.

Outcome: In Gobi-Altai province, artisanal miners work together and their suggestions are resolved at the local level only through the provincial association, which not only builds unity, but also encourages community cooperation. There is good cooperation and understanding between local authorities, and support is being provided to artisanal miners to find jobs by relocating and earning additional income.

JEWELRY EXPORT REASEARCH

Date: 2021/01/01

Activity: In September 2020, Regulation the precious metals and precious stones sector in accordance with 40 recommendations submitted by the FATF international organization in connection with Mongolia's grey list, and issued a license by the Financial Regulatory Commission on March 20, 2020 to trade in precious metals and precious stones. 4 national associations such as ASMNF, Gold Traders Association, Jewelry Traders National Association and Tumen Erdenes Association, operating in the field of precious metals and precious stones merged and established the Precious Metals and Precious Stone Traders National Association in accordance with the licensing procedure.

- We are cooperating with Precious metal national association Therefore, through the Precious Metals and Precious Stone Traders National Association, we are conducting basic research in the precious metals sector, exporting through it, and introducing it to the international market.

Outcome: Cooperating with the Mining Policy Council which includes ASM communities, the Ore Processing Policy Council, and the Gold Traders Policy Council of Precious Metal National Association will help to address the sector's challenges altogether.



ACTIVITY-7: INTERNATIONAL RELATION AND FUNDRAISING

TRAFIGURA FOUNDATION

Date: 2021/01-06

Activity: The Trafigura Foundation has been cooperating with the ASMNF since 2019-2023 under the signed agreement and is the core funder of the ASMNF in 2021. In order to further expand and successfully continue the cooperation, the following activities are being implemented:



- Regular emails and online meetings
- Data preparation and aggregation
- Quarterly, semi-annual, annual activity report and project update
- Financial reports and audited reports
- Activity plan of 2021

Outcome: The instalments of the fundings are resolved based on quarterly and semi-annual reports and progress data, and the funding is 91% percent for the first reporting year, from June 2020 to May 2021. The plan and funding for 2021.06-2022.05, is being approved and finalized. During pandemic crisis, the ASMNF was able to continue its activity without any burden and financial challenges with the timely, felxible and sincere support of the Trafigura foundation.

LEVIN SOURCES

Date: 2021/01-06

Activity: Within the framework of cooperation between the ASMNF and the Trafigura Foundation, Levin Resources has been providing consulting services for a period of one year from August 2020. The following activities were carried out:



- Regular email communication and online meetings
- Consulting the challenges face by the ASMNF
- Exchange of projects, programs and new information
- Design of official documents of ASMNF
- RASCI spreadsheets have been introduced to increase the productivity of executive staff and to ensure that time is properly allocated

Outcome and activities carried out by the initiative of the Levin Source:



- Each staff of the ASMNF was able to receive consulting services for their responsibility and increase the efficiency of the organization's operations. As the result of the capacity building program, the executive team holds weekly meeting to discuss and improve team performance.
- The “Training Center” initiated by the Levin Source based on the resources of the ASMNF, has been established to ensure the financial and operational sustainability of the roof association. In long term, the training center expected to be the one of the important financial resources of the ASMNF as a professional organization. In upcoming new ASM regulation, the ASMNF will play important role for the trainings and formalization of the ASM partnerships, which will support the national federation’s training center service.
- The important experience gained with the Levin Source cooperation, is to having a consistent networking relation with international and domestic organizations. For instance, Levin Source supported the ASMNF by introducing the World Bank’s project, where the ASMNF has successfully implemented the project and gave presentation at the international online conference.
- In processing organizational KPI, the ASMNF executive team was able to identify the importance of changing the membership fee structure, so that the membership fee would be fairly managed and collected consistently and flexible for the low income partnerships.



Assessing and addressing COVID-19's impacts on human capital

This session will focus on COVID-19's disruptions to health, food security, and other human capital elements within the artisanal and small-scale mining sector. Speakers will provide lightning talks covering experiences in Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mongolia, and Niger followed by a discussant summary reviewing global themes and experiences. The session will conclude with speakers answering audience questions and reflecting on key insights and their significance for supporting human capital development in ASM communities.

Discussant



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Conclusion: The ASMNF and Levin Source cooperation, was dedicated to ensure organizational sustainability and gain the acceptance as a professional organization in national and international level. During COVID-19 pandemic challenging period, the ASMNF was able to operate independently and gained acceptance by the government with consultancy of the Levin Source and the flexible and understanding support of the Trafigura foundation. Expectedly, the pandemic crisis might continue in upcoming several years and the ASMNF is prepared for the upcoming challenges but the professional support and help is still remains essential.



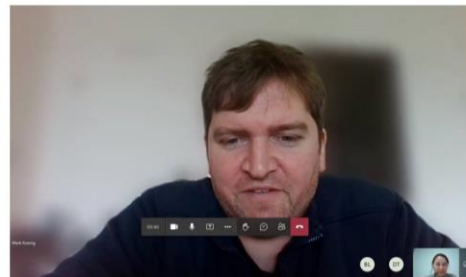
THE ASIA FOUNDATION

Date: 2021/03/17

Activity: The Asia Foundation is implementing the US Department of State-funded “Capacity Building for Combating Illegal Mining” project between 2020 and 2022. The Capacity Building for Combating Illegal Mining project aims to reduce illegal mining crime in Mongolia by focusing on capacity building, money laundering and other related crimes in the legal sector, and to support policy reform by working with the government and parliament. The project did not start on time due to repeated outbreaks of the Covid-19 pandemic and was officially launched in the first quarter of 2021.

The request for joint implementation of the project was made by the ASMNF, and we have had several e-mails and conversations since October 2020. On March 17, 2021, we held a bilateral meeting via ZOOM. The project will provide training for law enforcement officials, judges, police and government officials, and formalize artisanal miners. The Asia Foundation will cooperate with ASMNF to obtain information on the current state of illegal mining, the work being done in this area, future expectations, and other relevant information.

Outcome: The Asia Foundation expressed their interest to continue to cooperating with the ASMNF by signing activity based agreements time to time starting from July 2021 without announcing open call for proposals.



PLANET GOLD MONGOLIA PROJECT

Date: 2021/03/20

Activity: After reviewing the 2021 annual plan of the Planet Gold Mongolia project, the ASMNF team submitted proposals for joint or independent implementation, and currently cooperating on specific activities.

- We are working to deliver and exchange views on human rights and gender training programs, training modules and related materials. As of June, there is an exchange of views on the organization and training of trainers in connection with the launch of the Gender Specialist, and it is planned to organized on June 28 and 30. The training will be attended by Gobi-





Altai, Khovd and Selenge province associations, as well as the executive staff and trainers of the ASMNF.

Outcome: The aim is to organize training in order to improve the effectiveness of cooperation between artisanal and small-scale artisanal miners and government officials, and to ensure that local policy documents and regulations for artisanal miners are gender-sensitive and gender-based.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Date: 2021/3/12-05.27

Activity: In the first half of 2021, in cooperation with the German-Mongolian Joint University of Minerals and the University of British Columbia, conducted the Covid impact study within the framework of the artisanal mining partnership which developed the relation between ASMNF. Cooperating with these universities, ASMNF sent joint project proposals.



- Participated in the preparation of materials for a total of three projects and programs announced by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UNDP and the German Embassy. A master plan for the project document was developed in two areas: poverty reduction, diversification of livelihoods and human rights. In the future, it will be possible to participate in the announced projects and programs in the above two areas without delay.



PROJECT PROPOSALS PIPELINE

Activity: The Executive Office of the ASMNF has developed the following project proposals to raise funds and expand its operations, and has sent letters of cooperation request to 23 partner organizations:

	Project name	Organization	Period	Cooperated organization	Project acceptance status
1	Create a global platform for ASMers to communicate and exchange good experiences	The World Bank	2021.05	SKAT foundation	Not accepted
2	Create a global platform for ASMers to communicate and	The World Bank	2021.05	The Queensland University	Accepted



	exchange good experiences				
3	Capacity building of children and youths in ASM sector by increasing access to information and knowledge	Canadian Fund	2021.08	German-Mongolian Institute for Resources and Technology (GMIT); The University of British Columbia	Awaiting
4	COVID-19 impacts on ASM sector	The World Bank	2021.08	The British Columbian University, German-Mongolian Institute for Resources and Technology	Awaiting
5	Create workplaces and bathing center in local areas	Canadian Fund	2021.08	Govi-Altai Province Association	Awaiting

ACTIVITY-8: ADMISSION TO INTERNATIONAL PLATFORMS

FUNDSFORNGO.COM

Date: 2021/01-06

Activity: In 2021, we've extended FundsforNGO's subscription to receive timely information on international projects and programs, and to develop projects and raise funds.

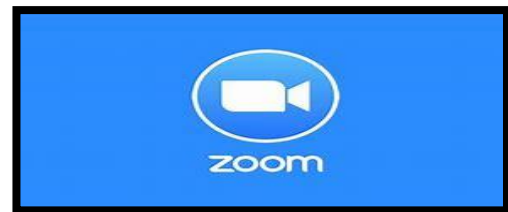


Outcome: We're looking forward to make better use of this platform and work on project proposals and funding in 2021.

ZOOM ONLINE MEETING APPLICATION

Date: 2021/01-06

Activity: By the beginning of 2020, the global pandemic COVID-19 had spread and our lifestyles and ways of working had changed rapidly.



- We started using the Zoom online meeting platform when we needed to work, organize meetings and provide training in online basis during long period of lockdowns.

Outcome: This platform has made a significant contribution to the sustainable operation of the ASMNF and has provided opportunities to organize online training activities in a timely manner.



ACTIVITY SUMMARY FOR SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF 2021

We obliged to mention that the pandemic situation during 2020-2021 has been a history of overcoming, fighting, winning and losing, not only for the artisanal mining sector, but also for Mongolia and all over the world.

In 2021, the ASMNF launched a legal reform of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector in cooperation with government agencies. We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of partners especially the Trafigura Foundation for its encouragement and continuously support during the most vulnerable period. Over the past six months, we have been working on a mission to improve living standards of the members by protecting the common interests of industry participants at the national and international levels, creating opportunities for sustainable employment and income sources, building up environmentally and socially responsible artisanal miners and businesses, and improving the legal environment.

1. The long-term stability of the current structure of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector will greatly contribute to the interests of the participants and the development of the country. Therefore, the stability, professionalism and efficiency of the ASMNF'S human resources are very important. We will continue to work to strengthen the executive team and trainers, and to expand the range and scope of training. Based on its skilled human resources, the process of obtaining formal OSH training licenses in 2021 is now 70% complete, and a three-year contract has been signed with World Vision Fund to provide local OSH training. In the future, the right to conduct formal training will enable the organization to operate sustainably and will have a positive impact on the organizational stability of the sector.
2. In order to increase the active participation of members and provide them with continuous information and training, the following activities have been processed: Disseminating artisanal and small-scale mining information and advocacy through an official website, and developing an organization's own web, server, and e-learning platform. This not only allows members to continue their learning, but also reduces the costs associated with the ASMNF's activities. We have created a basic opportunity to make the training and services of the ASMNF more accessible and sustainable in the future.
3. The governmental organizations acceptance of valuation of the ASMNF has been increased. The Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, the Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, and the Ecological Police have been cooperating and exchanging information with the ASMNF on the ASM sector. In collaboration with the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry and the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Agency, ASMNF worked as a part of the working group to revise Regulation 151 on Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining.
4. In the past six months, 4 models of project documents have been created to stabilize funding sources, and a total of 7 project proposals have submitted, and 1 project has passed the initial stage. Preparations are also underway to connect to the organization's website to relevant platforms, which will increase access of the website and raise funds.
5. An optimistic picture has emerged in foreign relations and cooperation. Over the past six months, we have send cooperation request for 25 international organizations and received positive responses from four organizations so far. In addition, we have established successful relations with

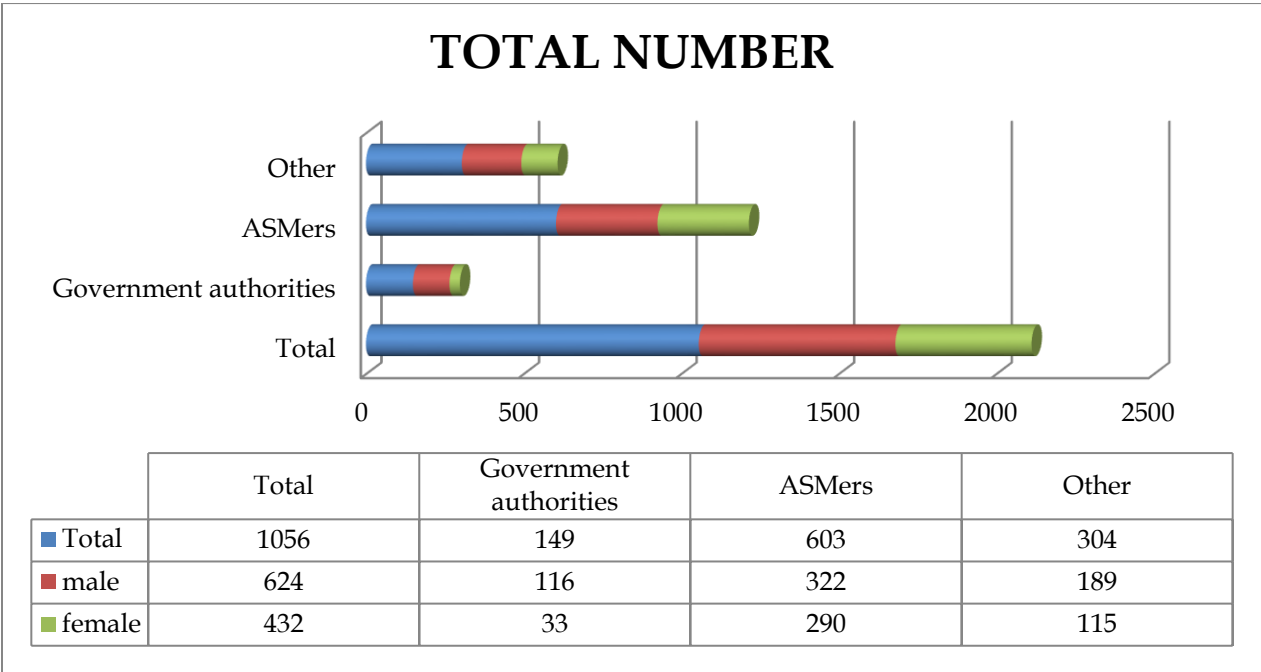


one foreign university and one domestic university. ASMNF team regularly participates in international e-conferences, online meetings and discussions.

6. Regarding to upcoming result of the amendment in the legal framework for artisanal and small-scale mining, the ASMNF has been preparing to introduce and inform all stakeholders, and has developed a budget and submitted it to a partner organization. In addition, the Gobi-Altai Province Association signed a tripartite agreement with a major national mining company, which became a business model to reflect the industry's image during this difficult time, as well as a good example for other province associations, partnerships and cooperatives.

OVERVIEW OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE ACTIVITIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

As of June 2021, the total number of people involved in the implementation of the above activities is shown in the following graph.



Executive team

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