

GREEN GOLD AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT

FACTS

Project name:

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Duration:

2017 - 2020

Budget:

CHF 7.0 million

Target group:

- 80,000 herder households
- 100 herders marketing cooperatives
- 500 leaders of herders' marketing cooperatives and Associations of Pasture User Groups of herders
- 7000 civil servants and members of soum and aimag khurals



Herder Batbold's family, a member of PUG in Ikh Tamir soum, Arkhangai, during lambing season

BACKGROUND

With more than 65 percent of rangeland affected by degradation and 60 million animals (2016), Mongolia is at the crossroads of its development path. More than 80 percent of its territory is rangeland that belongs to the State, and is the major

livelihood source for herders. There is an urgent need to curb rangeland degradation by introducing sustainable rangeland management systems in order to maintain this public asset and to ensure increased incomes in rural areas.

GOAL

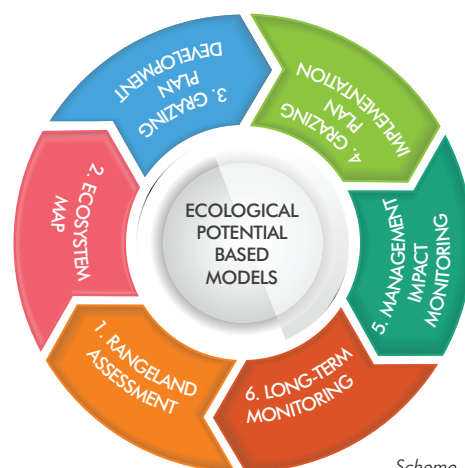
The project aims to consolidate and upscale the good practices of sustainable rangeland management, the marketing of livestock products and improved animal health to contribute to the improved livelihoods of herders' households, which comprise 70 percent of the rural population.

MAIN RESULTS OF PREVIOUS PHASES:

An internationally recognized, science-based rangeland assessment and monitoring system (see scheme 1) has been introduced and is now used by government agencies to regularly assess rangeland health. Sustainable rangeland management practices have been mainstreamed in seven aimags, covering 40 percent of the country. 1300 Pasture-User Groups (PUGs) have established aimag and national federations of PUGs representing more than 35,000 herder households (see scheme 2).

Herding community leaders are becoming increasingly involved in local politics. During

Resilience based rangeland management



Scheme 1

SDC's Strategic Goal:

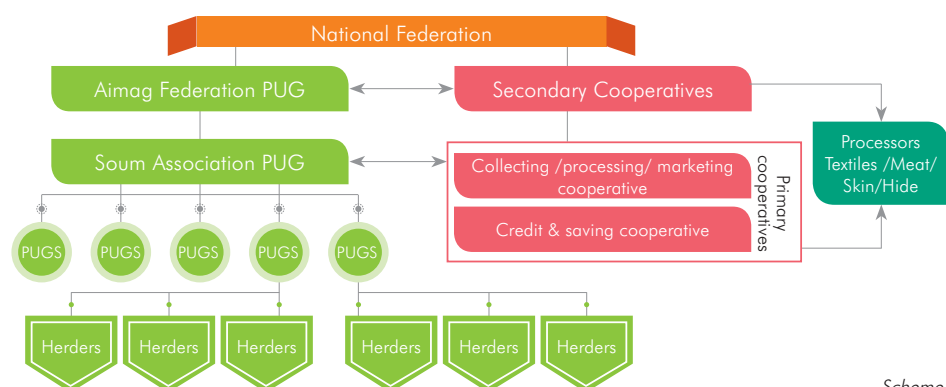
To contribute to equitable and sustainable social and economic development in Mongolia

the last local elections in 2016, totally 97 PUG leaders and 217 herders won seats in local parliaments. There is growing recognition of, and public funding support for, PUGs. PUGs and local authorities have signed 700 rangeland-use agreements. Seventy PUG-based cooperatives were established to collectively market raw materials, resulting in better returns for members. Improved quality of raw materials and introduction of traceability were achieved in yak and camel wool value chains.

Innovations such as baby camel wool were launched and are increasingly being promoted internationally. Six-hundred

matching funds providing micro-credit services were set up for more than 19,000 people, totaling more than CHF 1 million.

SDC assisted Mongolia in drafting a new Animal Health Law that was in alignment with international standards. New control strategies and action plans for brucellosis and foot-and-mouth disease were developed, which has improved the responsiveness of authorities to outbreaks. The veterinary education system has been comprehensively reformed through the introduction of new curricula and the increased use of clinical teaching methods.



Scheme 2

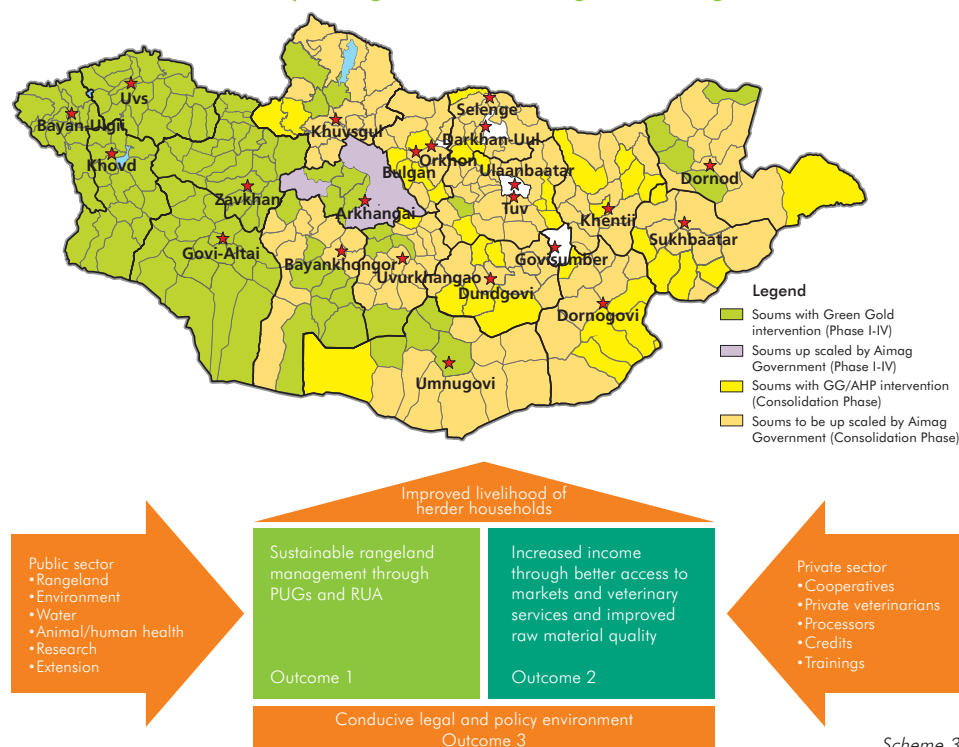
OUTCOMES

- Sustainable rangeland management is ensured through up scaling Pasture-User Groups (PUGs) and rangeland use agreements
- Herder households' income is increased through collective marketing and the improved quality of livestock

products resulting from better veterinary services

- A conducive legal and policy environment for effective animal health system and sustainable rangeland is developed

National up scaling of sustainable rangeland management



Scheme 3

Implementing organisations

- Aimag and National Federations of PUGs
- PUG-based cooperatives
- Private and public veterinary services
- Private processors

Partner organisations

- Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry
- The State Agency of Land Affairs, Geodesy and Cartography
- National Agency for Meteorology and Environment
- Veterinary and Animal Breeding Agency, State Professional Inspection Agency

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