Pro-Poor Sustainable Economic Development: Capacity Building for Mongolian National and Local Government Officials (Mongolia)

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Project Overview
Mongolia has recently experienced strong economic growth due to the discovery of vast mineral resources and developments in the mining sector. However, one third of Mongolia’s population continue to live in poverty. There are concerns that benefits from the mining boom might exclude certain segments of society (e.g., women and rural people whose livelihoods were displaced by mining) and have adverse effects on others such as the agricultural and pastoral sectors. The project aimed to build the capacity of national and local government officials in planning and developing policies for inclusive and sustainable economic development in Mongolia and comprised of:

- A needs assessment attended by mid to senior level staff from 12 Government Ministries to determine the specific needs of national and local government officials in promoting pro-poor sustainable economic development.
- Capacity building training of public sector officials in collaboration with the Mongolian Government Ministries and 12 provinces (Aimagas). A train-the-trainers program on ‘Pro-poor inclusive sustainable development policy and strategy development’.
- Action learning projects and leadership training.
- Study tour visit of Mongolian public officials to observe policy making in Australia.

Outcomes
- Strengthened capacity of state and local government officials in planning, designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating of pro-poor development programs
- Contributed to improved programs, delivery of services and exposure to best practice models
- Enhanced integration between central, provincial and local governments through action learning projects
- Improved communication and collaboration between managers across line ministries in different regions
- More inclusive and sustainable development though application of learning projects