

Protect Vulnerable Slum Children, Mongolia

FY19 Semi-Annual Update

Programme Profile

Project location	16 th and 17 th khoroos of Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar
Project Goal and Outcomes	<p>Project Goal: Children in vulnerable families to be better cared for and protected within their community</p> <p>Outcome I: Targeted children, especially the most vulnerable, are protected and provided with basic human needs and care</p>
Number of direct beneficiaries	150
Number of indirect beneficiaries	611

Programme Impact

150 children from 107 households were selected to receive help based on the following criteria:

- Families who have children under the age of 12
- Have children with disabilities or orphan children
- Have more than three children
- Headed by single mothers or fathers
- Low-income (unemployed, homeless, landless or living in rented gers)

Most beneficiary children were malnourished and 92% of total children have tooth decay and some children have 4 to 9 decayed teeth.

Progress in Distribution of Basic Needs

- **107 households** received food survival package including:
 - Flour – 25kg
 - Rice – 10kg
 - Brown rice – 3kg
 - Noodles – 3kg
 - Sugar – 3kg
 - Vegetable oil – 2l
 - Dried milk – 2kg
- **42 households** received raw coal to meet their heating needs for the 3 months of winter



Food (left) and coal (right) assistance for households

Progress in Equipping Families to Better Care for Their Children

- **52 family members** participated in “Happy Family” health and psychological training to develop life skills in:
 - Positive thinking
 - Communication
 - Caring and protecting children from possible danger, risk and abuse

Progress in Physical and Psychosocial Care for Children in Vulnerable Families

- Home visitation twice a week
- **127 children** underwent a full health check-up and those who required follow-up detailed checks and diagnosis have been linked to the next level medical centers
- **21 community members and children** have received individual psychological counseling services to address family problems, depression, child neglect, caregiver fatigue, discipline issues



Child undergoing medical check-up



Vulnerable family in the home visitation programme; family consists of 8 children

Progress in Church Partnerships

- World Vision partnered with 5 churches to train **12 Home Visitors** on positive discipline, child protection, addiction referral and monitoring. These volunteers were trained on identifying children at risk in the community, protection through regular monitoring visits and partnerships with social welfare service/multi-disciplinary teams
- **366 children** participated and were protected from domestic violence and child protection issues through the home visitation programme
- Families have begun to develop positive habits such as creating savings, checking their children’s teeth regularly and supporting their children in their homework



Training of home visitors

Impact Story

Bayan Bat is 51 years old and lives with his family of six. As the pastor of Shine Ekhlel Gerel (New Start Light) church, he had little experience in reaching the most vulnerable. He decided to partner with World Vision as a volunteer Home Visitor. After receiving proper training, he learned how to work with the most vulnerable households and now he is in charge of monitoring seven households that are beneficiaries of the project. There are nine children in these households.



He says, “It was awkward when I did my very first visit to the families as they did not really understand why I was there. But things got better in the second visit. We were able to create bonds of friendship and understanding.”

Through the home visitation programme, his team, together with World Vision, provided the children with beds, school supplies, food, and other daily consumption materials. He has also referred two households to the psychological counselor working at the family clinic under the project.

“It is my wish for families to have warm and caring attitudes to one another. I will do my best to bring positive changes in the families that I am responsible for. It is great to see smiles on the faces of children.”

His whole family, his wife and children have also become part of the programme with World Vision. His wife uses her contacts to find jobs for the parents and caregivers. When his family has family devotion time, they pray for these families and the well-being of the children in these families.

“Thanks to Home Visitor Approach, now I understand how I can reach out to the most vulnerable people and children and make changes in their lives. World Vision’s Home Visitor Programme has not only changed me, it changed my whole family and the children we serve.”