ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Globe International Center

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1. ABOUT THE GLOBE INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Globe International Center (GIC) is a non-profit, non-membership and tax exempted non-governmental organization based in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. It was founded in March 1999. GIC is managed by an independent Board consisted of five members. It has nine skilled and dedicated staff. GIC is a member of three international organizations: IFEX, the global network defending and promoting free expression, Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) and the Asian FORUM for Human Rights and Development (Forum-Asia). Since its establishment, GIC has implemented around 180 human rights related projects within its strategic programs.

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission: To sustain Mongolian democracy and civil society through spreading power of information and knowledge.

Vision: To establish a democratic culture with informed and empowered citizens

OUR STRATEGIC CONCEPT AND GOAL

We acknowledge that sustainable development is a human-centered development. Informed and knowledgeable citizens are powerful and thus able to participate in governmental affairs and contribute to sustainable development and social progress. We genuinely believe that information makes substantial changes. Information is fundamental to knowledge. The public's right to enjoy free expression and access to information are essential to consolidating and developing a democratic, civil and healthy society which respects human rights and truly serves the public.

The GIC's strategic goal is to promote the public's access to information using all possible means of information and knowledge dissemination, including online and traditional media, publications, art, and ICT.

OUR TOOLS

- Advocacy/lobbying;
- Monitoring/research;
- Publications;
- Studies/reports;
- Traditional and online media campaigns;
- Capacity building;
- Stakeholder discussions and workshops;
- Conferences and public events;
- Arts events;
- Audio-visual contents (videos, infographics, podcasts PSAs, spots);
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube);

OUR TARGETS COMMUNITIES

In 2020, besides the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, GIC worked in 20 *soums* (administrative units) of eight *aimags* (provinces), namely Bayan-Ulgii, Khovd, Khuvsgul, Uvs, Sukhbaatar, Uvurkhangai, Bulgan and Arkhangai.

Besides the general public, GIC targets:

- Decision/policy-makers and public officials
- Local community groups of rural Mongolia
- Media community: managers and journalists
- Journalism and law students, and their teachers
- Lawyers' community
- Ordinary citizens
- National and ethnic minorities
- The youth

OUR STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES

Our strategy for 2020 had been organized through the following three complementary and inter-related programs.

1) MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

Goal: To assist in building a powerful media that will have greater freedom to play a leading role in the development of democracy and a society as a whole.

Our Priorities:

- ✓ Monitoring of violations of freedom of expression;
- ✓ Legal assistance for media workers;
- ✓ Legal framework for media;
- ✓ Media and Elections;
- ✓ Media and Gender;
- ✓ Community Media.

2) GOOD AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE FOR THE PEOPLE

Goal: To improve governance and social accountability, so that public institutions have the potential to provide truly good public service.

Our Priorities:

- ✓ Government Transparency;
- ✓ Community Development and Constructive Engagement;
- ✓ Social Accountability.

3) PUBLIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND ART

Goal: Empower the public through information, communication and art, and support in creation of an environment for citizens to fully exercise their rights.

Our Priorities:

- ✓ Use of the UN Mechanism for human rights advocacy;
- ✓ Raising awareness on anti-corruption legislation;
- ✓ Art and Human Rights.

2. PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2020

- Media for Democracy, Open Society Forum (December 2019 – December 2020)
- A Curious Voter, Open Society Forum (September 2020 - March 2021)
- UPR Advocacy 2020, IFEX (May 2020 – December 2020)
- Supporting the Role of Media in 2020 Parliamentary Election Reporting, Open Society Forum (April 2020 – August 2020)
- UPR Advocacy for the Development of UPR Shadow Report Submission, Open Society Forum (2019 – April 2020)
- The Youth and Women Journalists Online Conference, USAID and the International Republican Institute (May 2020 – July 2020)
- Strengthening Women and Youth Engagement in the Electoral and Political Processes in Mongolia, the International Republican Institute (September 2020 – September 2021)
- Monitoring on Civil and Political Rights Violations amidst COVID-19 Pandemic, Open Society Forum (November 2020 – November 2021)

We express our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to the donors for their kind support in our activities in 2020.

3. ACTIVITIES

3.1. CAPACITY BUILDING

Within the framework of building capacities of journalists and media professionals at all levels, GIC conducted and organized a number of events in different forms, namely online and face-to-face trainings, webinars, and hosted discussions. Most of them went live or widely disseminated through our own and partners' social media channels.

Capacity Building of Journalists and Media Professionals

On the occasion of the 2020 Parliamentary election, GIC produced a video lesson entitled "How to organize TV election debate?" for journalists and media workers based on the content of handbook with the same title developed by GIC.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmOsN2nqWEE

- **Training on Organizing TV Election Debate**

The training was conducted among journalists and media workers on 19-22 May, at the GIC office. It was attended by 16 participants from TV stations and news websites. During the training the GIC produced handbook entitled "How to organize TV election debate?" was utilized. As a result of the training, the participants learnt about principles of democratic elections and media's role in the elections. Moreover, they gained knowledge on the history of TV election debate, its models, requirements and things to consider in their organizing TV election debate.

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1531

Webinars and Video lessons

- **Webinars on Civic Space, Privacy and Data Protection**

A webinar, 'Why is the data protection important?', held on July 2, 2020 was facilitated by David Banisar, Senior Legal Counselor at Article 19, Ilaria Fevola, Legal Officer at Article 19, and L.Galbaatar, lawyer and researcher. It was attended by 50 participants, including journalists, civil society actors, representatives from international organizations, academics, public bodies, and other relevant stakeholders.



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A webinar on data protection, its concept and main regulations held on 23 September, 2020 and was facilitated by L.Galbaatar, lawyer and researcher. A total of 39 participants, including media professionals, NGOs, students, academics, public officials, and other relevant stakeholders, participated. The most concerned issue was that national legislation does not protect the data, and even private bodies collect ID numbers and fingerprint of their customers. There is a lack of knowledge among civilians what privacy is and why their data must be protected.

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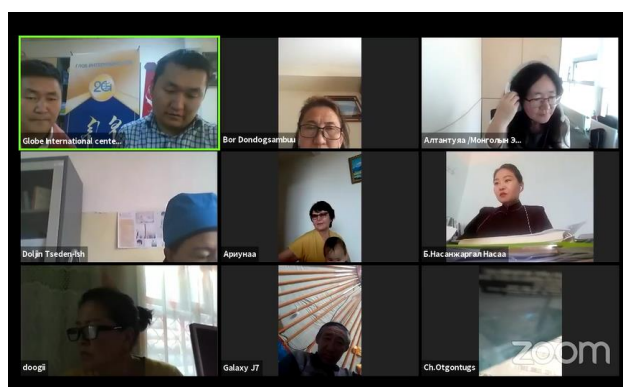
Conducted on 24 September, 2020, a webinar on civic space was facilitated by B.Bolorsaikhan, a human rights activist. It saw 40 participants, including journalists, NGO members, journalism students, representatives of international organization, academics, public authorities and others, attended. B.Altantuya, Executive Director of the Amnesty International Mongolia was invited to improve participants' knowledge on civic space. She introduced the Mongolian Human Rights Forum, which was set up in 2010 and united around 60 human rights NGOs in Mongolia.

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The webinar, 'Aligning national legislation that restricts freedom of expression with international human rights law', was conducted on 1 October, 2020 and facilitated by B.Purevsuren, GIC lawyer. It was attended by 30 participants including media professionals, NGOs, journalism students, international organization and academics.

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Another webinar on freedom of expression and criminal defamation facilitated by O.Munkhsaikhan, PhD in Law, lecturer at the School of Law of the National University of Mongolia was held on 2 October, 2020. It was attended by 45 participants, including media, civil society, journalism students, academics, public bodies and other relevant stakeholders. They found the webinar fruitful and effective.

https://www.facebook.com/GlobeInternational/videos/4494647457274899/

A video lecture themed 'The Independence of Regulatory Bodies: International Human Rights Standards' was presented by T.Ayushjav, GIC Executive director. She explained why the broadcasting regulators should be independent from politicians and businesses based on international human rights standards. The video was published on 13 November 2020.

https://www.facebook.com/www.gic.mn/videos/378369323506460/

CAPACITY BUILDING OF JOURNALISM TEACHERS

Within the project entitled 'Empowering Youth and Women Journalists' being implemented with the support of the IRI and the USAID, GIC aims to build capacity of journalism teachers on election reporting. These activities are directed to improve the capacities of journalism teachers in election reporting so that they are capable to develop a Coaching Tool for election coverage, to equip journalists and media professionals with necessary skills in covering the 2021 Presidential election and to mentor their students in developing digital stories to raise awareness of the

youth and peer-to-peer, mobilizing to deliver their voices and make informed choices. To achieve this aim, GIC formed a working group consisted of eight journalism teachers, including those from Mongolian National University (MNU), Mongolian State University of Education (MSUE), School of Radio, Television and Media Arts of the Mongolian State University of Culture and Arts (MSUCA), Otgontenger University, and Ulaanbaatar Erdem University (UBEU).

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- **Training for Journalism Teachers**

The training for eight selected journalism teachers on election reporting was held on 21 September 2020. It improved the participants' skills on the differences of the Parliamentary, Presidential and Local council elections in terms of powers and legislation. The session was facilitated by Mr. D.Gerelt-Od, Lecturer at Political faculty, MSUE. Then GIC Lawyer B.Purevsuren focused his presentation on the legislation related to the elections, specifically the local council election, provisions related to the election campaign, and the media.

GIC Program Coordinator Ch.Enkhbayar provided a detailed introduction of the Law on Information Transparency and the Right to Information. Subsequently, he gave instruction to the participants on how to make written requests to the elected officials using the RTI Law. GIC invited former Minister of Foreign Affairs, senior diplomat Mr. Ts.Gombosuren to provide an overview of Mongolia's foreign

policy. The last session was facilitated by Ms. Kh.Naranjargal, GIC Chair of the Board who focused on problem-based digital journalism, including mobile journalism and digital storytelling.

ELECTION REPORTING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinars for Young and Women Journalists on the Local Election**

Two webinars aimed at providing information and knowledge on the specifics of the local election held on 15 October 2020 and a total of 35 central and provincial journalists have been trained. A webinar for the provincial journalists was held on 29 September 2020. A total of 17 journalists from 11 *aimags* (provinces) were educated on Local council election reporting. They were informed on what the Local council elections are, how to use data journalism in election reporting and how to request public information using the RTI law. These sessions were facilitated by journalism teachers, M.Naranchimeg from UBEU, B.Chinzorig from MSUE and G.Munkhbayar from MSUCA, respectively.

Officials from the General Election Committee Ms. B.Oyumaa and the Communications Regulatory Commission Mr. G.Battulga presented on the legislation regarding the local council elections and provisions related to the media. Participants shared constraints they faced in election reporting in the provinces. Finally, the participants were requested to make a written request to the elected officials utilizing the knowledge gained during the webinar.

The second webinar was held on 30 September 2020 and was attended by 18 central journalists from media outlets such as Eagle TV, TV6, ETV, TV25, Mongol

TV, and news websites, including ulsturch.mn, shuud.mn as well as freelance journalists and journalism students.
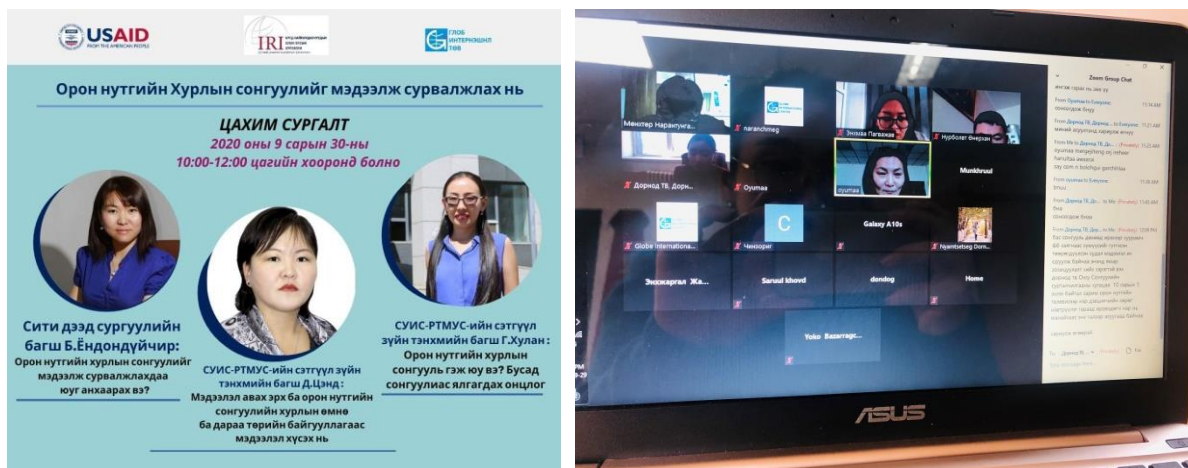
The main difference from the previous webinar was that the other three journalism teachers facilitated this webinar. They were G.Khulan from MSUCA, B.Yondonduichir from CITI University, and D.Tsend from MSUCA. The first and third session had the same topics; however, the second session, which was facilitated by B.Yondoduichir, was focused on the main issues to consider by the media in local council election reporting.

3.2. AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES

VIRTUAL MEETINGS, VIRTUAL DISCUSSIONS, AND ONLINE CONFERENCES

- **Youth and Women Journalists Online Conference-marathon**

GIC held an online conference and training for young women journalists on 25-29 May, 2020 with the support of IRI and the USAID. The conference and training were organized as a part of an online marathon among young women journalists to educate them on the principles of objective and ethical election reporting. An inception conference held on 25 May brought together 86 journalists and media workers.

Craig Castagna, IRI Resident Program Director, and Kh.Naranjargal, GIC President of GIC delivered opening speeches. Craig Castagna highlighted in his speech that no matter what one's political view, only a resilient democratic society can reach its full potential, and journalism is essential to the democracy.

A total of 262 members from Ulaanbaatar and provinces, including Dornogobi, Khuvsgul, Darkhan, Arkhangai, and Khovd then joined to the GIC-created Facebook group, through which around 40 training videos and educational contents disseminated. Academics, media experts, civil society members, and international experts, including Joan Mower, Head of Development and International Media training at U.S. Agency for Global Media, worked as coaches. The aim of the group is to encourage group members to discuss and share their views and newly-gained knowledge on the topics, ask questions from tutors who delivered online trainings. The most active three members won the online marathon, which was held over a 5-day period.

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https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1529

VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NGOS AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN GENEVA

The meetings to introduce freedom of expression related issues highlighted in the UPR 3rd cycle submission prepared by GIC and recommendations regarding freedom of expression made to the Mongolian Government during the previous second UPR cycle in 2015 were held with national and international NGOs, and Diplomatic Mission in Geneva.

Virtual Meeting with International NGOs

The meetings were held on 25 and 29 September 2020. Michael Oghia from GFMD and Mogens Blicher, former president of the EFJ attended the first meeting. Kh.Naranjargal, GIC Chair of the Board, and T.Ayushjav, GIC Executive Director briefly introduced about relevant issues. The second meeting's guests were Karen Wykuz from Article 19, Flora Nordholt from Free Press Unlimited and Horea Salajan, Expert Media Advisor. The purpose of the meetings was to inform and increase awareness of international NGOs on the situation of Mongolia's freedom of expression, UPR recommendations, and the upcoming UPR 3rd cycle and to deliver the concerned issues to their missions in Geneva. The concerned issues were distributed through the GFMD network, an international network of around 200 members.

https://www.gic.mn/public/docs/freedom_report/2020_Geneva%20Mission_UPR.pdf

## VIRTUAL MEETING WITH LOCAL NGOS AND NATIONAL MINORITIES

The meeting was held on 9 October 2020 and 46 participants, including media professionals, civil society actors, students and academics, public official and others attended it. The Kazakh and Tuva minorities attended the meeting and raised their awareness on UPR cycles, recommendations and international standards of FoE.

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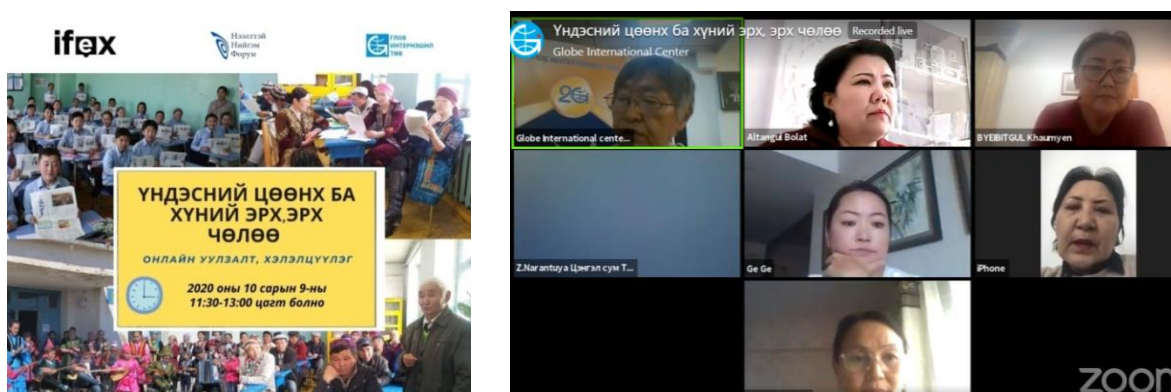
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN GENEVA

The meeting was conducted on 21 September 2020 to discuss the submitted report on freedom of expression and the implementation status of the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle. L.Purevsuren, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Mongolian Mission in Geneva, D.Enkhtaivan, Deputy Permanent representative of Mission in Geneva, and V.Oyu, Head of the Human Rights Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the meeting where GIC's Kh.Naranjargal and N.Zulzaya raised the concerned issues. Mr.Purevsuren then introduced their action for the preparation of the upcoming
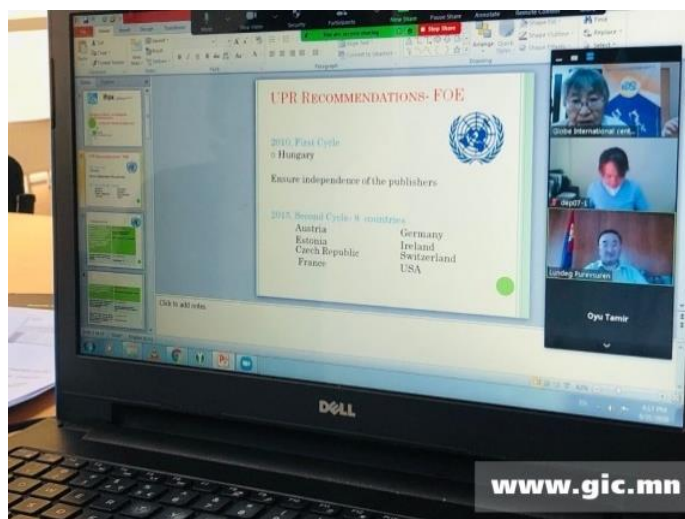
UPR 3rd cycle to be held on 4 November 2020. He then expressed their willingness to act as a bridge between the government and NGOs.

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION ON "IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE LAW ON PUBLIC RADIO AND TELEVISION AND THE NECESSITY TO AMEND THE LAW"

The virtual discussion was held on December 7, 2020 jointly with the Open Society Forum, Mongolia. It was attended by 37 persons representing the media, Mongolian National Broadcaster, civil society, media associations, academia and lawyers.

Two speakers, Kh.Naranjargal and B.Purevsuren from GIC presented on topics such as "Public Broadcasting: Lessons of History and Needs and Requirements to Amend the Law" and "Renewing the Law on Public Radio and Television based on Public Participation and Oversight." Then participants shared their opinions and observations regarding the Law. Their contribution to the discussion is invaluable in terms of the amendment of the Law which was adopted in 2005.

ONLINE CAMPAIGNING
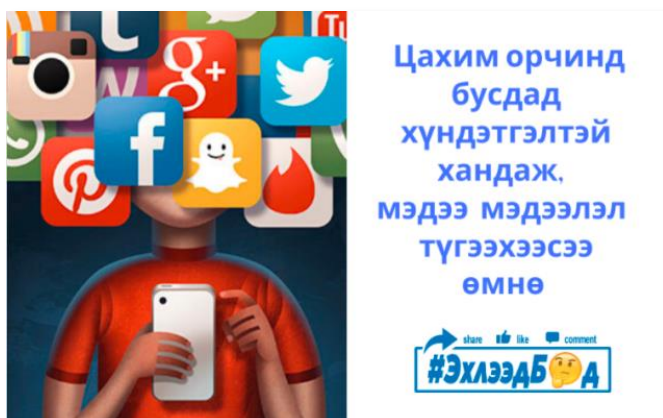
A hashtag campaigning ThinkFirst with the motto "Let's Make Social Media a Field of Knowledge" launched within which contents on Facebook community standards, End discrimination!,

End hate speech, and six E-Tips and around 30 educational posters have been disseminated over GIC social media channel. It has contributed to raise awareness of social media users on restrictions for freedom of expression as not an absolute right, and respecting others' privacy and rights in expressing one's opinion.

E-TIPS FOR JOURNALISTS

Two E-Tips for journalists and media workers were produced within framework of the project entitled Supporting the role of media in 2020 Parliamentary election reporting.

- What issues should be taken into consideration on Election day and how to cover the Election?

https://www.facebook.com/288179841217398/videos/743051832912757
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCes4Z-y2QM

- How to act during possible riot against Election results?

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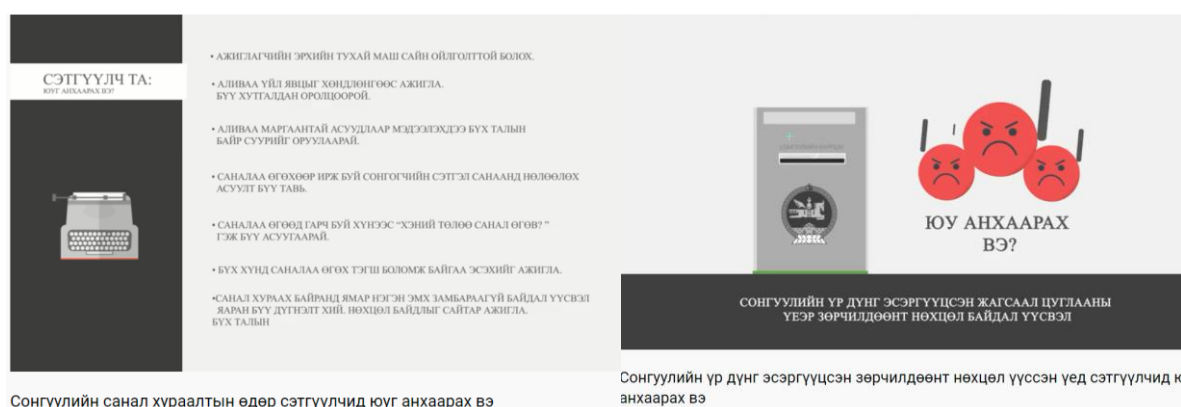
E-TIPS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC

In order to encourage self-regulation in digital space, and to build up citizens who are able to respond on discrimination and hatred on social media, GIC produced and disseminated a series of E-Tips on false information on what false information

is and how to identify false information, as well as examples to identify false information.

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https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2670177256629681
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-0SRriFYzVE&t=9s
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZwLIBA1FBI
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3iIkTYmx51A

SERIES OF DOCUMENTARIES, "A CURIOUS VOTER"

GIC with the support of the Open Society Forum produced three series documentaries entitled "A curious voter" to equip voters with necessary information and help them make informed choices in the 2020 Parliamentary election. The main content raises the question "What issues to consider in voting?"

- Money and a question

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=802667560482735
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqUhQ2u7USo

- Why women should participate at political affairs?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IlGqqOQGdM4
https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=667573957505275

- Behind the information

https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=674373323211408
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lsWWh0YYQs

- **Voter Education Video Series**

Within the project entitled 'Empowering Youth and Women Journalists', being implemented with the support of the International Republican Institute (IRI) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), GIC produced two series of voter education videos with the aim to encourage the youth to actively cast their votes and make an informed choice. Two voter education videos entitled "Are you ready to vote in the local council elections?" and "Are you entitled with the right to participate in public affairs and the decision-making process?" were produced for the local council elections which were held on October 15, 2020.

Are you entitled with the right to participate in public affairs and the decision-making process?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHBM2FOUcEM

Are you ready to vote in the local council elections?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTrugmFdEDw

MEDIA BRIEFING ON THE UPR REVIEW

The third UPR review of Mongolia was held virtually at the UN Human Rights Council on 4 November 2020. On this occasion, GIC conducted a media briefing at Open Society Forum's meeting Hall and streamed live transmission through LIVE TV from the UPR review with simultaneous interpretation. The media briefing was attended by national human right institutions, civil society representatives and journalists. Prior to the live transmission, human rights NGOs who submitted the shadow report for this UPR cycle, including LGBT Centre, Open Society Forum, Oyutolgoi Watch, Centre for Human Rights and Development, Mongolian Women's Employment Supporting Federation, and officer of the National Human Rights Commission gave brief overview on the related issues, recommendations from the previous UPR cycle and their expectations from this cycle. Kh.Naranjargal, GIC Chair of the Board introduced on the recommendations from the previous UPR cycle regarding FoE and their implementation status. Nine traditional and online media outlets, including MNBTV, Mongol TV, Daily News newspaper, TV9, MNB World TV, Gogo.mn and Dens.mn reported from the event.

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During this UPR cycle, Mongolia has received six recommendations regarding FoE. Namely, Estonia, Czech Republic and Australia recommended ensuring the safety of journalists and investigating attacks against journalists and media professionals; UK – to protect FoE; Estonia – to decriminalize defamation; Germany – to adopt effective data protection legislation; and Egypt- to lift restrictions imposed on the media and internet use. At the end of the media briefing, GIC Executive Director Ayushjav summarized the recommendations that UNHRC provided to Mongolia.

CELEBRATION OF UN INTERNATIONAL DAYS

Due to the unprecedented situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, most planned activities including the celebrations of UN International Days had been shifted to online/digital space.

World Press Freedom Day 2020

The World Press Freedom Day (WPFD) is marked annually on May 3 worldwide. On the occasion of the event, GIC conducted an online event under the global motto "Journalism without Fear or Favor" on the 1st of May. This day seeks to raise awareness on media freedom issues and bring attention of authorities, journalists, civil society, and the public to the concerned issues.

The event included inputs by Tapan Mishra, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia, H.E. Traian Laurentiu Hristea, Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia, and

Uyanga Sukhbaatar, Secretary-General of the Mongolian National Commission to UNESCO, who highlighted the importance of independent journalism.

Tapan Mishra, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia

H.E. Traian Laurentiu Hristea, Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia

Khashkhuu Naranjargal, President of GIC, gave an update on the challenges to press freedom and safety of journalists in Mongolia and was joined by Boldkhuyag Purevsuren, Lawyer at GIC, who introduced the findings of the GIC's annual survey on the violations to professional rights of journalists. In 2020, GIC registered a total of 274 violations affecting the professional work related to 86 journalists. The most common violation is the demand of journalistic sources with more than a half of journalists stressed that they have experienced such sort of pressure.

Media Freedom Award 2019 handed over to G.Tsolmon, investigative reporter of the daily newspaper, Unuudur or Today

The event was concluded with an award-ceremony as G.Tsolmon, investigative reporter of the daily newspaper, *Unuudur* or Today, was honoured with the 12th annual 'For the Truth' Media Freedom Award. Finally, B.Purevsuren presented the survey results of the violations of journalists' professional rights and provided information on legal advice to journalists. GIC has been providing a free service for journalists who are in need of legal advice, since 2019. Gogo.mn news website streamed Live the event on their Facebook page.

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Keynote speech delivered by Khashkhuu Naranjargal, GIC President (in Mongolian)
https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1524
Globe International Center host Facebook live event for WPFD-2020,
https://www.gic.mn/en/post/r/1526

International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI), September 28


GIC launched a campaign dedicated to the International Day for Universal Access to Information which is marked globally on the 28th of September. The 2020 IDUAI was celebrated under the motto "Saving Lives, Building Trust, Bringing Hopes". This day urged all states to respect the right to information during COVID-19

pandemic. GIC also aligned its online campaign to the global call and actions, and produced a series of videos promoting the right to information and access to information, raising awareness of journalists, civil society and state actors, and the general public on related issues. The videos were published on GIC Facebook page and YouTube.

- *Kh. Naranjargal, GIC Chair of the Board*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeHUHe0D0Js
- *S.Uyanga, Secretary-General, Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHkPE9jJQl0
- *A.Uyanga, Reporter of Eagle News TV*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuOAXbawovo
- *S.Tserenpurev, Executive director, Zahirgaany Shine Sanaachilga NGO*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKPV4ta1O_8
- *A.Amartuvshin, Trainer of the Center for Investigative Reporters*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WhmCViGYOA
- *G.Baljinnyam, Journalists at Eagle News TV*
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7MEFYvn0Bk

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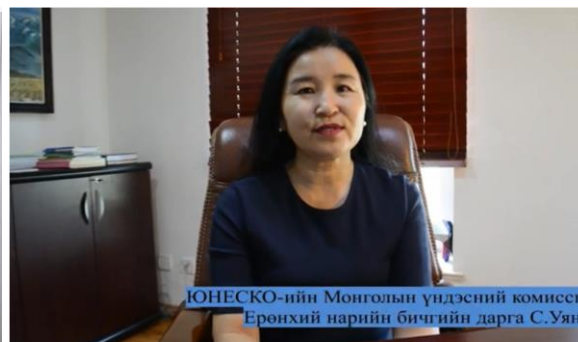
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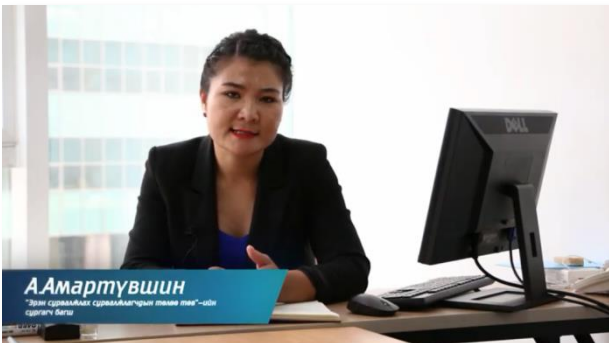ЮНЕСКО-ийн Монголын үндэсний комиссын Ерөнхий нарийн бичгийн дарга С.Уянга

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International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI)
November 2

Online Discussion

GIC conducted an online discussion on the occasion of the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists (IDEI) on November 2, 2020. Various stakeholders, including media professionals, civil society members, lawyers, journalism and law students, attended the discussion. Kh.Naranjargal, Chair of the Board at GIC gave opening speech in which she highlighted issues of impunity and crucial role of a variety of actors playing to ensure the safety of journalists. Then T.Ayushjav, GIC Executive director, and B.Purevsuren, GIC Lawyer, presented on the topics "Safety of Journalists and International Standards" and "The Media Legal Environment concerning the Safety of Journalists in Mongolia" respectively. The discussion was streamed live on Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=393522608693536&ref=watch_permalink

Online campaign

The online campaign dedicated to the IDEI, included quotes from leading national and international experts on the concerned issues.

Mr Tapan Mishra, UN Resident Coordinator in Mongolia emphasized the importance of the safety of journalists, by saying "Only by guaranteeing the safety of journalists

and rooting out impunity can we safeguard a free and independent media that is fundamental for democracies, especially during the COVID-19 crisis when infodemic ravages the world. We shall remember 'journalism without fear or favour' brings just, peaceful, sustainable societies in the world."

As H.E. Traian Laurentiu Hristea, Ambassador of the European Union to Mongolia pointed out, "IDEI 2020 is marked amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, a period in which threats ... to journalists have increased as governments ... strive to restrict open reporting and misuse emergency powers to silence journalists... The European Union is committed to promoting

and protecting the freedom of opinion and expression worldwide and condemns the increasing level of intimidation and violence that journalists, media actors and other individuals face in many countries across the world.

As Kh.Naranjargal highlighted, "the safety of journalists is a guarantee of your right (the public or citizens) to know." S.Uyanga, Secretary-General Mongolian National Commission for UNESCO, stressed that worldwide, nine out of ten cases of crimes committed against journalists go unpunished. "Fighting against the impunity for

those types of crimes and ensuring safe and secure environment for media workers is fundamental to media diversity," emphasized she.

B.Bolorsaikhan, a human rights activist, believes that "ensuring the safety of journalists during the pandemic when COVID-19 disinformation is produced and shared like the pandemic, means safeguarding not only human rights defenders but also democratic values."

G.Gunjidmaa, Executive Director of Media Council of Mongolia stressed, "those journalists who are able to guarantee their safety at the ethical and editorial levels, are able to deliver voices in the public interest."

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1555

The insights of the campaign indicated a total of 12693 reach and 629 engagements.

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3.3. MONITORING

MONITORING OF BROADCAST MEDIA DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Within the project entitled Supporting the role of media in 2020 Parliamentary election reporting, monitoring of broadcast media such as Mongolian National Public Television, UBS TV, TV9, Channel 25 TV and NTV was conducted during election campaigns, covering three-week period, from June 2 to 22 June, 2020, and on the day before and election days, 23rd and 24th June. The selection of the TV stations was based on their popularity and number of audience. The aim of the monitoring was to reveal how broadcast media implement Election Law, how fair they are in their election coverage and what type of content they produce for voter education. Based on their observation, monitoring team then produced recommendations, delivering to relevant stakeholders.

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1538

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1536

Training for Monitoring Team

A training for a team to monitor broadcast media during election campaigns was conducted on May 29, 2020 within the project entitled 'Supporting the role of media in 2020 Parliamentary election reporting.' The team members were educated on the role of media, election coverage, and election laws, as well as learnt monitoring methodology and techniques. During the training, they practiced their newly acquired knowledge.

MONITORING ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS CIOLATIONS AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC

With the support of Open Society Forum, GIC launched a monitoring on civil and political rights, namely freedom of expression and the right to information, the right to association and peaceful assembly, and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion amidst COVID-19 pandemic. The aim of the monitoring is to raise awareness of relevant stakeholders on international human rights standards and advocate for the respect of civil and political rights while taking emergency response measures.

Starting from November 25, 2020, after the authorities had toughened measures against the pandemic, GIC has been analyzing whether Government's measures against the coronavirus are compatible with human rights law and standards. In the framework of the monitoring activities, GIC will be providing free legal aid to those whose rights are violated, and launch a social media campaign entitled "Are my rights violated?" GIC's appeal calling on the Government and the State Emergency Commission to respect civil and political rights during the pandemic was distributed through IFEX, the global network defending and promoting free expression and the Global Forum for Media Development (GFMD) network, thereby raising awareness of international stakeholders on relevant issues in Mongolia.

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1557?fbclid=IwAR3eD-liEIk1XZbRVzv_4fn8jBKyLm0PYW1Yjk13hTTYiIOm6CFRUdDhnG4

LEGAL AID

In 2020 GIC's lawyer provided legal aid to 32 journalists and individuals whose rights to free expression have been violated. Moreover, in five cases legal defense was provided. One of the objectives of the project was to support professional rights of journalists and to ensure their safety by providing free legal aid.

4. PUBLICATION

MEDIA FREEDOM REPORT 2019

Media Freedom Report produced annually by GIC provides an overview of media freedom situation in Mongolia. 2019's Report contains media legal framework, violations of freedom of expression and specific cases thereof, statistics about civil and criminal defamation cases heard by Mongolian courts in 2019, and media freedom with regards to COVID-19 pandemic. An annex includes the submission on freedom of expression produced by GIC as a part of shadow submissions of Mongolian Human Rights Forum for the 36th Session of the Human Rights Council held in November 2020.

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1528 (Mongolian)
https://www.gic.mn/en/post/r/1534 (English)

COMPILATION "COVID-19 AND MEDIA FREEDOM"

The compilation was based on international sources about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on media freedom. It contains responses, media statements, recommendations, and guidelines issued by the United Nations and other international organizations working towards media freedom and freedom of expression. These organizations consistently urge Governments worldwide to respect media freedom while protecting the public health. The main message of the compilation is that although international law

allows putting some restrictions upon certain rights, international standards on necessity, proportionality and legality should be abided.

GIC produced educational posters based on contents of the compilation and disseminated through social media channels to raise awareness of different stakeholders on the issue.

https://www.gic.mn/public/docs/publications/COVID%2019%20&%20Media%20Free dom.pdf

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GUIDEBOOK "FACEBOOK COMMUNITY STANDARDS"

Based on experts' recommendations, GIC developed a guidebook for social media users with the aim to create safe and secure environment in the digital space along with respecting freedom of opinion and expression. Three principles of Facebook community standards such as safety, opinion, and equality presented in this guidebook.

https://www.gic.mn/public/docs/publications/FB_comm unity_standards_final_190803.pdf

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"ZOOM-BOMBING" OR GUIDELINE ON HOW TO PREVENT FROM CYBER ATTACK

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, applications such as Zoom and Skype are widely used for video conferencing and working from home. GIC translated a guideline on how to use Zoom application and ensure the safety while using it. The guideline is made available for the public on GIC website.

https://www.gic.mn/post/r/1527

HANDBOOK: "HOW TO ORGANIZE TV ELECTION DEBATE?"

On the occasion of the 2020 Parliamentary election, GIC produced a handbook entitled "How to organize TV election debate?" for journalists and media organizations. The handbook provides necessary knowledge for organizing TV election debate, and includes benefits of the debate, its features, principles, models, requirements, storyboard, and organizational matters. Moreover, it provides information on how to pre-develop questionnaires for candidates, the role of anchors and requirements for them.

https://www.gic.mn/public/docs/publications/DEBATE_handbook_final_2020_06_08.pdf

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

"NIISLEL AUDIT" LLC
Certified audit, appraisal and accounting consultancy company

Date: 2021-02-10

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To:Director Tumurbaatar Ayushjav
"Globe International Center NGO."

We have audited the financial statements of your Organization, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2020, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization and have fulfilled our responsibilities under those ethical requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Other Information

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management is responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit.

Abbreviation of Audited Financial Report is applied.

DIRECTOR   **Sugarsuren T.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

№	Description	Year	
		Unaudited	Audited
A. BALANCE SHEET			
1.1	*Current assets*		
1.1.1	Cash and cash equivalents	58,192.4	58,192.4
1.1.2	Accounts receivable	2,531.0	2,531.0
1.1.3	Taxes, payroll taxes receivable	-	-
1.1.4	Other receivable	-	-
1.1.5	Other financial assets	-	-
1.1.6	Inventories	4,579.6	4,579.6
1.1.7	Prepaid expenses	2,027.8	2,027.8
1.1.8	Other current assets		
1.1.9	Non-current assets held for sale (disposal group)		
1.1.10	**Total current assets**	**67,330.8**	**67,330.8**
1.2	*Non current assets*		
1.2.1	Tangible assets	44,207.7	44,207.7
1.2.2	Accumulated depreciation	(33,454.3)	(33,454.3)
1.2.3	Other assets	1,607.9	1,607.9
1.2.4	Accumulated depreciation	(107.1)	(107.1)
1.2.5	Intangible assets	3,059.5	3,059.5
1.2.8	**Total non-current assets**	**15,313.7**	**15,313.7**
1.3	**TOTAL ASSETS**	**82,644.5**	**82,644.5**
2	**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**		
2.1	**Liabilities**		
2.1.1	*Short-term payable*		
2.1.1.1	Accounts payable	-	-
2.1.1.2	Payroll tax payable	57.4	57.4
2.1.1.3	Income tax payable	121.3	121.3
2.1.1.4	Health and social security payable	-	-
2.1.1.5	Short-term bank loan	-	-
2.1.1.6	Interest payable	-	-
2.1.1.7	Dividend payable	-	-
2.1.1.8	Unearned revenue	64,201.1	64,201.1
2.1.1.9	Provisions /Liabilities/		
2.1.1.10	Other payable		
2.1.1.11	Liabilities related to groups of assets held for sale		
2.1.1.12	**Total short-term payable**	**64,379.8**	**64,379.8**
2.1.2	*Long-term liabilities*		
2.1.2.1	long-term loan		
2.1.2.2	Provisions /Liabilities		
2.1.2.3	Deferred tax liabilities		

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2.1.2.4	Other long-term loan		
2.1.2.5			
2.1.2.6	**Total long-term liabilities**	-	-
2.2	**Total equity**	**64,379.8**	**64,379.8**
	liabilities		
2.3	*Property:*		
2.3.1	Accumulated Income	18,264.7	18,264.7
2.3.2	**Total equity**	**18,264.7**	**18,264.7**
2.4	**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY**	**82,644.5**	**82,644.5**
B. INCOME STATEMENT			
1	Revenue	190,497.9	190,497.9
2	Other income	-	-
3	**Total Revenue**	**190,497.9**	**190,497.9**
4	Operating cost	238,969.0	238,969.0
5	**The result of main operation**	**(48,471.1)**	**(48,471.1)**
6	**Non operating Income and expense**	1,191.9	1,191.9
7	**Net income**	**(47,279.2)**	**(47,279.2)**
C. Statement of changes in Equity			
1	Accumulated Income	18,264.7	18,264.7
2	**TOTAL**	**18,264.7**	**18,264.7**
D. Cash Flow Statement			
1	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Cash Inflow	226,861.9	226,861.9
1.2	Cash Outflow	215,821.8	215,821.8
1.3	**Net Cash flows from investing Operating activities**	**11,040.1**	**11,040.1**
2	Cash flow from Financial activities		
2.1	Cash Inflow		
2.2	Cash Outflow	3,001.5	3,001.5
2.3	**Net cash flow from investment Operations**	**(3,001.5)**	**(3,001.5)**
3	Cash flow from Financial activities		
3.1	Cash Inflow		
3.2	Cash Outflow		
3.3	**Net Cash flow from Financial activities**	-	-
4	Exchange Difference		
4.1	**Total Net Cash flow**	**8,038.6**	**8,038.6**
5	Beginning balance of cash and cash equivalents	50,322.2	50,322.2
6	Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents	58,192.4	58,192.4

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