

## Gender, Development and Mining in Mongolia: Indicators and Policy Options

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The mining sector is booming in Mongolia today. Mining opens opportunities for formal as well as for informal employment for many people, in particular in rural areas. Mining is the main source for budget revenue and foreign exchange earnings. The mining sector is major source of economic growth. However despite this leading role played in recent years, it has its challenges as well. Mining activity should be seen not only as efficient use of resources, but also as an important element for social equity, gender equality and empowerment of communities.

I will provide brief information on gender development indicators in Mongolia and then I will focus at the gender indicators in mining sector in terms of:

1. Gender balance: equal participation of women and men in all areas of mining
2. Gender equality: equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities for men and women in mining sector
3. Gender mainstreaming: implication of mining laws / regulations, policies, and programmes in mining sector at all levels for women and men.