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IDLO in Mongolia

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- **Member Party since: 2015**
- **Country Office established: 2012**
- **Years of continuous engagement: 15+**

For well over a decade, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) has partnered with the Government of Mongolia to advance the rule of law, build responsive justice institutions and support inclusive economic development. Working with government institutions, the judiciary, civil society and local communities, IDLO supports nationally-led reforms that strengthen public integrity, expand access to justice, improve commercial dispute resolution and enhance protection for women, children and vulnerable communities. Mongolia's role as Vice President of IDLO's Assembly of Parties (2024–2027 term) reflects its commitment to advancing the rule of law both nationally and globally.

Key results

Draft Mediation Law supported through 15 consultations with 520+ stakeholders (2023–2025), strengthening mediation in commercial contexts.

National Anti-Corruption Programme supported through the **training of 300 justice professionals** and strengthened mutual legal assistance (MLA) and asset recovery (2021-2024).

First **national rehabilitation and reintegration toolkit** developed for children in conflict with the law (2023–2024).

Why IDLO

Whole-of-system approach

Recognizing that sustainable reform requires coordinated action, IDLO brought together anti-corruption institutions, the judiciary, civil society, young people and the media to strengthen transparency, public oversight and accountability.

People-centred solutions

IDLO is supporting the rollout of Mongolia's Family and Youth Court while strengthening survivor-centred responses to gender-based violence. Working with justice institutions and women-led civil society organizations, IDLO is helping expand access to protection and legal services, particularly for women and girls in remote communities.

Rule-of-law solutions for economic development

IDLO is helping strengthen Mongolia's commercial mediation system through reforms to the Mediation Law as well as expanded and online use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), making justice faster, more accessible and more effective for businesses and citizens.

Digital governance

IDLO is helping Mongolia respond to emerging digital risks by conducting the country's first follow-up to the national study on child safety, empowering children through digital literacy initiatives and supporting child-led advocacy to inform future policy.

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A safer future for Mongolia's children

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many children in Mongolia became isolated as schools closed and support services were disrupted, leaving those experiencing violence or neglect with few resources, especially in remote communities. Consequently, demand for child protection services rose, with the number of children supported by One Stop Service Centres increasing by nearly 20 per cent in a single year.

IDLO worked with the Government of Mongolia to strengthen the child protection system. It reinforced Legal Committees for Child Rights (LCCRs) through practical guidance, mentoring and operational tools, while strengthening the capacity of police officers, social workers and civil society. IDLO also developed child-friendly storybooks and digital learning resources to help children understand their rights, recognize risks and know where to seek help.

The initiatives contributed to the new Law on Child Protection, which recognized the need to strengthen LCCRs nationwide, followed by additional government funding for LCCRs in the project areas. In 2024, the General Authority for Child and Family Development and Protection expanded IDLO's mentorship programme, while its child-friendly resources were reprinted for wider use.

"The workbooks taught me that children's rights mean we are all equal. I learned about the #108 helpline and how to respect differences, personal space and support classmates who may be bullied."

Male student, age 13

"I am pleased that this project builds on the achievements of its first phase, which made significant progress in re-establishing the role of Legal Committees for Child Rights within Mongolia's child protection system."

Adrien Mourgues, Cooperation team leader, EU Delegation to Mongolia

Partner with IDLO

Building on our longstanding partnership, IDLO is well positioned to support Mongolia's legal and institutional reforms through targeted rule-of-law interventions that increase public trust, promote economic growth and protect vulnerable communities.

With additional support, IDLO seeks to:

- Advance integrity by enhancing anti-corruption systems, improving transparency and oversight and reinforcing institutional accountability.
- Support inclusive growth by strengthening commercial mediation, expanding enforceable ADR and promoting legal frameworks that ensure predictable investment conditions.
- Promote climate justice by improving social and environmental governance, supporting sustainable use of land and natural resources, and strengthening services and protection for rural and herder communities.

About IDLO

The **International Development Law Organization** (IDLO) is the only global intergovernmental organization exclusively focused on advancing the rule of law to promote peace and sustainable development. Founded in 1983, IDLO holds United Nations Observer Status and has experience in some 100 countries. Headquartered in Rome, with offices in The Hague, Geneva, and New York, and field operations across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa, IDLO is a trusted partner to governments, civil society, and multilateral actors. Its vision is a world in which every person lives with dignity and equality under the rule of law.

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