



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

GIVE-A -GER PROGRAMME MONGOLIA

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

2001

LOCATION

Bayanzurkh, Khan-Uul, Sukhbaatar, Songinokhairkhan, Bayangol, Chingeltei, and Nalaikh Districts of Ulaanbaatar City; Mandal Soum of Selenge Province; and Darkhan Soum of Darkhan-Uul Province

BACKGROUND

CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme was established to provide homeless families, or vulnerable families who are at risk of homelessness or living in dangerous and inhabitable conditions with a warm and safe ger (a traditional Mongolian home) of their own. By providing children and families with a functional and secure furnished home, in addition to intensive coordinated humanitarian services, CNCF works to promote their healthy physical and mental health, as well as equipping them with a sense of optimism and pride that empowers their confidence to embark on a journey to a brighter future free from all forms of harm and poverty

LOCAL PARTNERS

Undur-Chirenge LLC, Gal-Gerel LLC, Bi and Ji Sofa LLC, The Department of Family, Children and Youth Development of Nalaikh District, 7th Bag of Darkhan-Uul Province and Creative Youth NGO of Darkhan-Uul Province

BENEFICIARIES

Children in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme and their families; children transitioning out of CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village to reunite with family members or to begin an independent adult life; homeless and/or vulnerable families in the wider community who are in need of housing support

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is entirely responsible for funding, management, monitoring and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Upon receiving a support application from a family which includes a detailed family history report and a description of their current living conditions, CNCF Social Workers visit the family and meet with their responsible district and subdistrict community workers for an eligibility assessment. If funding is acquired and requirements are met, CNCF provides a new ger along with high-quality furniture and supports the family in setting up their new home. Our social workers remain in close contact with all Give-a-Ger Programme families to monitor their progress and provide additional support if necessary. Regular updates are provided to the Programme Coordinator as weekly internal meetings are held for programme discussion. A full report is sent to the donor(s) of the ger. Monthly reports are sent to CNCF Director of Operations and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders

OUR YEAR

Access to safe and secure housing is a fundamental human right. CNCF's Give-a-Ger Programme ensures that disadvantaged and vulnerable children and families have access to adequate housing support. A new and functional ger not only provides the comfort and security of a home but also restores the family's confidence, self-belief, and hope for the future.

In 2023, the Give-a-Ger Programme continued to provide warm, safe, and functional new gers (traditional Mongolian homes) to families who were homeless, at risk of eviction, or living in inadequate conditions. By addressing the detrimental impacts of substandard housing, we tackle poverty through grassroots efforts, offering comprehensive support that enhances the overall wellbeing and development of every child.

Since inception,



951 FAMILIES

have been supported with a warm and secure ger of their own by the Give-a-Ger Programme, and as a result have been able to flourish in a safe and stimulating environment free from all forms of threats and work towards a brighter future.



OUR YEAR

In 2023,
 **10 FAMILIES**
(30 Children & 15 Adults)
were supported by CNCF's
Give-a-Ger Programme

02 FAMILIES
(02 Children & 04 Adults)
received a 4-wall ger

06 FAMILIES
(26 Children & 08 Adults)
received a 5-wall ger

02 FAMILIES
(02 Children & 03 Adults)
were supported with maintenance
and partial assistance

Demographic Data

10 FAMILIES
were families of CNCF's Child Sponsorship
Programme children

10 FAMILIES
were single-parent families

Project Visits

 **83 PROJECT VISITS**
were conducted by CNCF Social Workers

40 HOME VISITS
were conducted for home assessment

09 LAND PREPARATION VISITS
were facilitated

34 FOLLOW-UP VISITS
were carried out to monitor the progress of the
families and their adjustment into their new homes

Staff Training

 **10 STAFF**
attended 07 programme trainings



A family admiring their new home and the high-quality furniture being put together inside before they move in.



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OUR STORIES

A New Home and Hope for Baatar's Family

Baatar*, a 10-year-old boy, lived with his mother and siblings. To support the family, his mother worked as a cleaning lady at a university. In May 2023, their lives were turned upside down when Baatar's father suffered a stroke and passed away.

Before this, Baatar's family had struggled with unstable housing. They lived with their aunt's family in a small shack until 2017, then rented various accommodation, ranging from a public apartment to a shack and a ger. Their latest rented shack was being sold, forcing the family to find new housing just as tragedy struck. His brothers had to stay with friends and classmates, while their mother, Chimgee*, remained with her younger children, staying with her colleague as they mourned their loss. As a single mother, Chimgee struggled to find suitable housing due to their family size. Academic expenses for the children returning to school compounded their difficulties. Relying on government food coupons, purchasing their own accommodation was out of reach.

To support this family in their time of need, CNCF came into their lives just in time and provided them with a fully furnished large ger. This new home has significantly improved their sense of safety, stability and transformed their hope for the future. The removal of monthly rent payments has alleviated a major financial burden, enabling the children to focus better on their studies and cope with their grief.

Chimgee expressed her deep gratitude, *"This support has been a constant source of inspiration and has given us the strength to persevere through our tragedy and challenges. Words cannot adequately convey how thrilled and grateful I am to have such a beautiful home now. It's a dream come true, one that I never thought possible. Our spirits are soaring, and we are filled with joy. We will take great care of this magnificent ger and keep it in excellent condition. Moreover, I am committed to raising my children to be compassionate individuals, leading fulfilling lives. You have brought an incredible light into our lives, and I want to express my deepest appreciation. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The words 'thank you' truly fall short in capturing the depth of our gratitude."*

*Names and identities changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

A New Beginning for Ariunaa's Family

Ariunaa*, a 15-year-old 9th grader, lived with her mother and niece in a small ger on a mountain. The ger was built from materials scavenged from a garbage dump, reflecting the family's difficult circumstances. Ariunaa's mother, who suffers from cirrhosis of the liver, relies on regular painkillers for relief and supports the family by collecting secondary raw materials from the largest landfill in Mongolia. Despite working at the landfill for 15 years, her earnings average only \$10 USD per day. Their financial strain intensified after Ariunaa's father passed away in 2015, leaving the family with a bank loan. To repay the debt, her mother used their livestock barn as collateral, which unfortunately left them without a permanent home.

For the past three years, they had been living in a makeshift ger assembled from discarded parts found at the dump. The poor insulation led to significant heat loss, making the ger unsafe during strong winds and exposing the family to health risks. The lack of essential furniture, such as chairs and desks, further limited Ariunaa's ability to study effectively. The family's unstable income, combined with the mother's health issues, meant that they could not afford a new home or secure stable housing independently.

Thanks to CNCF's Give-A-Ger Programme, Ariunaa's family received a fully furnished, large ger. This new home has significantly improved their sense of security and reduced their exposure to environmental risks. The improved living conditions now provide a better environment for Ariunaa's studies and personal growth. *"Seeing the new house being built was unbelievable, and I struggled to find words to express my gratitude. Now, my mother, our family, can finally rest peacefully. Thank you so much for this incredible support."* – Ariunaa

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Give-a-Ger Programme in 2023 was:

\$22,333 USD

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Our audits can be found [here](#).











GIVE-A-GER PROGRAMME EXPENDITURES IN 2023

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Ger Costs	22,333
TOTAL COST	22,333



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