

# NEWSLETTER

## TEAM MONGOLIA- ASIA CHAMPION

Team Progresso, representing Mongolia, successfully participated in the World Evaluation Case Competition, and was announced **ASIA CHAMPION**.

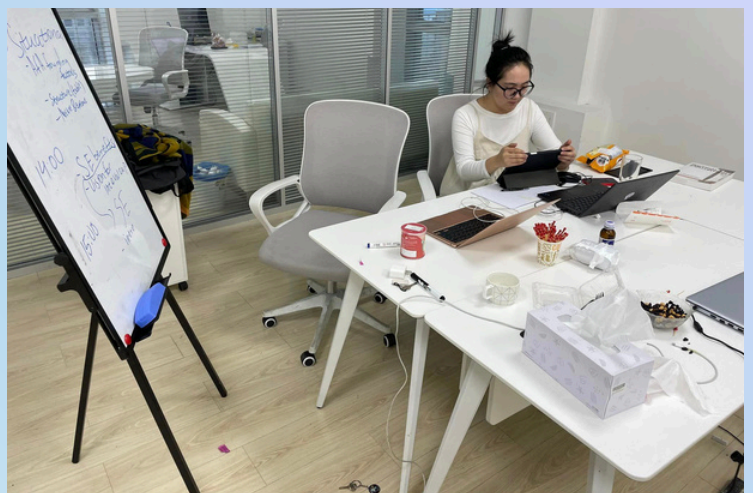
This year, the team tackled a challenging and impactful case involving All for Armenia (AfA), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting refugees displaced by ongoing conflicts between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The team's task was to develop a comprehensive proposal for expanding AfA's internal evaluation capacity to enhance its programming, which includes emergency aid, educational initiatives, and long-term community development projects for displaced individuals in Armenia.



This experience was an incredible opportunity for the team to apply their knowledge of evaluation theory in a real-world, high-stakes context, and contribute to the growth of a critical organization working on the frontlines of humanitarian aid.



**A big congratulations to Team Progresso for their dedication, creativity, and hard work!**



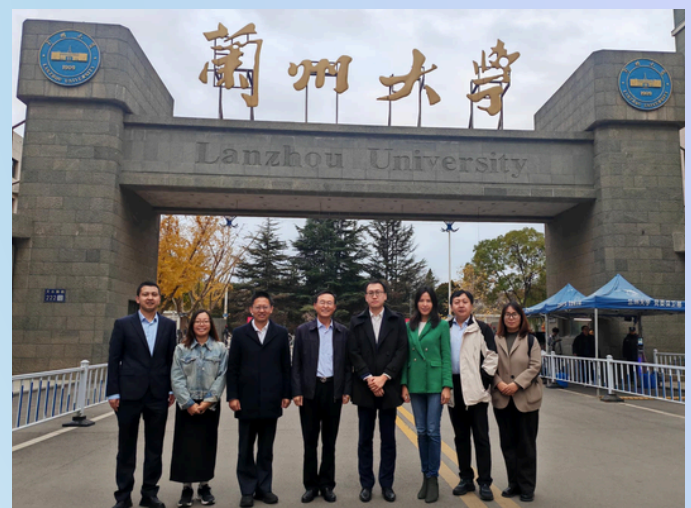


## Signed MoU with Center for Evidence-based Social Science of Lanzhou University



Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Mongolian Evaluation Association and Center for Evidence-based social Science of Lanzhou University for 5 years of partnership on November 9, 2024 in Lanzhou, China. The purpose of the MOU is to further strengthen academic exchanges, talent training, and collaborative research between the two institutions, and to jointly promote the research, application, and dissemination of evaluation for evaluators of Mongolia and China.

Ms. Erdenechimeg Ulziisuren, Founder & President of the Mongolian Evaluation Association delivered a presentation on "Evaluator's Competency Framework, Norms, Standards, and Ethics" at the 'Evidence-based Sciences and Knowledge Translation Forum 2024' organized by the Lanzhou University students.





## "Elevating Tsaatan Voices: Sowing the Seed of Indigenous Evaluation in Mongolia" conducted field data collection

From November 9th to 11th, 2024, members of the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA), as part of the project "Elevating Tsaatan (Reindeer People) Voices: Sowing the Seed of Indigenous Evaluation in Mongolia," conducted field data collection in the Tsagaannuur soum and the West Taiga Tribe of Khuvsgul aimag. This initiative is part of a seed grant awarded to MEA for the "Indigenous Evaluation Knowledge Transfer Activities for the Asia Pacific Region" by the Asia Pacific Evaluation Association and EvalIndigenous for the 2024-2025 period.



The project aims to empower the Tsaatan community to actively engage in the development and evaluation of conservation policies in their region. During the field visit, the MEA team deepened their understanding of the Tsaatan people and had the opportunity to experience the breathtaking winter landscape of the Mongolian Taiga.



Key activities during the visit included:

- A Participatory Evaluation workshop for Tsaatan community representatives.
- A focus group discussion with 16 participants.
- Individual interviews with elder members in Tsagaannuur soum and families in the East Taiga Tribe.
- Participation from government representatives, who provided valuable insights on the project's objectives.





## MEAL capacity-building training for ADRA



The Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) recently conducted an in-house MEAL capacity-building training for ADRA, focusing on strengthening evaluation skills and sharing expertise. A big thank you to our organizing team and volunteers and to ADRA for their commitment to this learning opportunity. We look forward to further collaborations that advance the professionalization of evaluation in Mongolia!

## Youth in Evaluation Champion Blog

In July 2024, the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) was recognized as a 2024 Super Champion by Eval4Action and the EvalYouth Global Network for its outstanding commitment to supporting Youth in Evaluation (YEE) standards. This prestigious recognition highlighted MEA's initiatives and activities focused on empowering Young and Emerging Evaluators (YEEs) in Mongolia.



As part of the celebration, MEA was invited to share its experiences on Eval4Action's global platform. Ms. Itgemjit, MEA's Membership Chair and a YEE herself, contributed a blog post titled "Upholding Advocacy Efforts and Capacity Development for Youth in Evaluation in Mongolia." In her post, Ms. Itgemjit outlined MEA's proactive efforts to engage young professionals in the field of evaluation, and shared strategies for advancing youth participation and capacity development in collaboration with various stakeholders.

## MEA Learning Session 2024/11

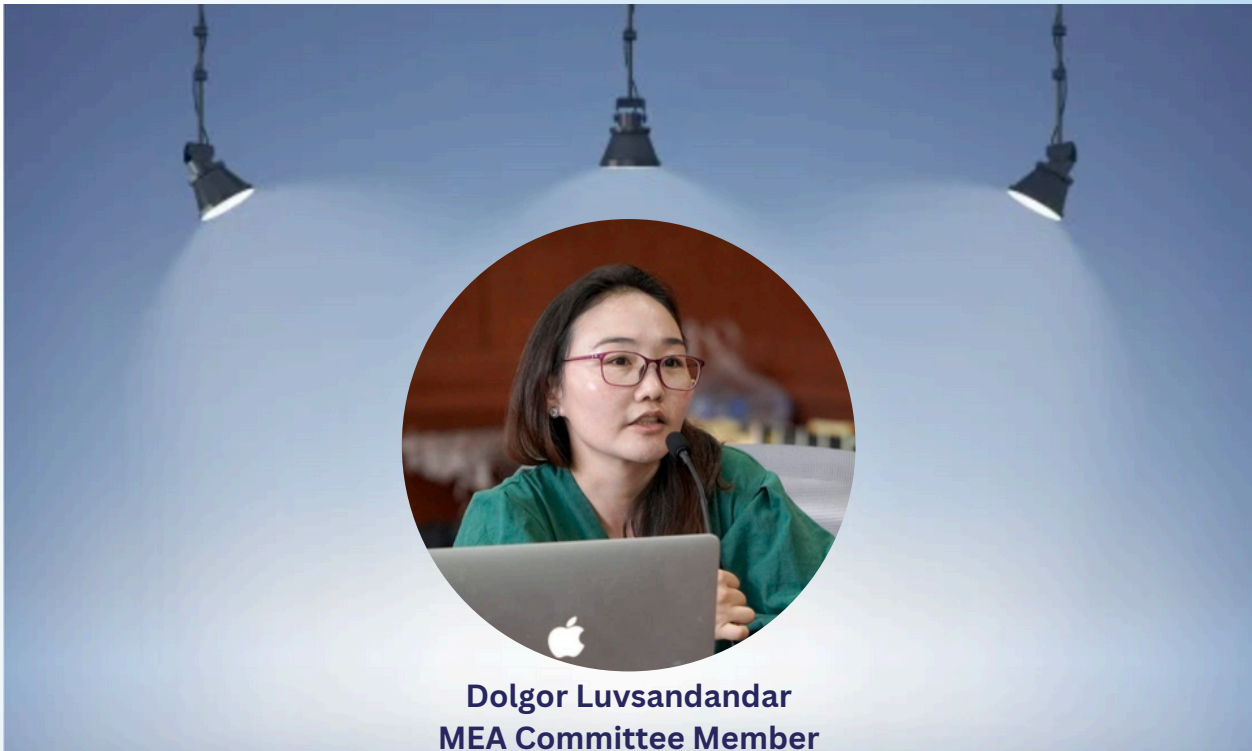


This month's learning session was hosted with Ada Ocampo, President of the IDEAS network, and Thomas Rossmueller, Partnership and Capacity Development Officer at the UNICEF Evaluation Office. Our board member Purevdulam Jamiyansuren moderated the event, under the theme "Accelerating progress towards the 2030 Agenda through country-led SDG evaluations".

It is now available on our Youtube channel:  
<https://youtu.be/vjw68qG1by0>



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month, the Mongolian Evaluation Association (MEA) proudly celebrates the contributions of Dolgor Luvsandandar, who recently joined its Advocacy Committee. Since becoming an MEA member in August 2023, Dolgor has actively engaged in various initiatives, including participating in the 2nd Summer Evaluation Bootcamp, which connected emerging evaluators from Mongolia and China. She has also supported MEA's operations and played a key role in organizing capacity-building events.

With over 13 years of experience across government, local, and international non-governmental organizations, Dolgor serves as the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Officer for the Non-Communicable Disease project at ADRA Mongolia. She is also involved as a researcher for the CELEBRATIONS! Mongolia implementation study, a collaborative effort by ADRA International, the School of Public Health at Loma Linda University (USA), and Mongolia's National Center for Mental Health.

Prior to joining ADRA Mongolia, Dolgor worked as a Senior Researcher with the Young Researchers Supporting Foundation NGO. There, she led efforts to develop innovative approaches to social systems engineering and coordinated over 20 studies focusing on areas such as the Constitution, education, health, social protection, smart cities, start-ups, and innovation ecosystems.

Driven by a commitment to social well-being, Dolgor aspires to advance evidence-based social policy development, promote accountability, and enhance the impact of policy implementation.



## Upcoming GLOBAL events in evaluation



**CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS  
PROFESSIONALIZATION OF EVALUATION TASK FORCE**

The Mongolia Evaluation Association (MEA) is excited to announce Professionalization of Evaluation Task Force (PETF) is now accepting applications for dedicated individuals to join this important initiative. If you are passionate about strengthening the field of evaluation and advancing its professionalization in Mongolia, this is a unique opportunity to contribute to shaping the future of evaluation practices in our country. PETF members will focus on creating strategies, initiatives and resources that promote the professional development of evaluators, set standards for evaluation practice, and advocate for the recognition of evaluation as a key component of public and private sector decision-making.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Task Force members will work closely with MEA Board and members to:
- Advocate for policies that support the recognition and growth of the evaluation profession.
- Collaborate with national and international evaluation bodies to align local practices with global standards.
- Organize capacity-building activities to support the continuous development of evaluators.
- Contribute to the design and implementation of national initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of professional evaluation.

**Requirements:**

- MEA Membership: Applicants must have been a member of MEA for at least 6 months.
- Active Member: No outstanding dues and active participation in MEA activities.
- Commitment to Professionalization: A strong interest in advancing the professionalization of evaluation in Mongolia.
- Diverse Experience: Both experienced evaluators and young/emerging evaluators (YEEs) are encouraged to apply.

PLEASE SEND YOUR LETTER OF INTENT AND CV TO [info@mongolianevaluation.mn](mailto:info@mongolianevaluation.mn) BEFORE DECEMBER 15

**ACADEMIC SYMPOSIUM  
on M&E EDUCATION**

*Future of evaluation: Role of academic education in monitoring and evaluation*

**Session 1 Inauguration**

**Monday 2 Dec 2024**  
9.00 AM IST  
Ramada Hotel Colombo, Sri Lanka

 <b>Dr. Harini Amarasuriya</b> Hon. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	 <b>Hon. Kabir Hashim</b> Chair, Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation and Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka
 <b>Dr. Asela Kalugampitiya</b> Director, Center for Evaluation University of Sri Jaywardenepura Sri Lanka	 <b>Prof. M. M. Pathmalal</b> Vice Chancellor University of Sri Jaywardenepura Sri Lanka
 <b>Prof. Yoko Ishida</b> President Asia Pacific Evaluation Association	 <b>Amol Shaila Suresh</b> Co-Leader EvalYouth Asia
 <b>Dr. Shyam Singh</b> Chair, Consortium of Institutions on M&E Education in Asia Pacific	 <b>Piyumi Wattuhewa</b> Graduate, Advanced Certificate in M&E, University of Sri Jaywardenepura, Sri Lanka

**Joint organizing partners**

Center for Evaluation University of Sri Jaywardenepura  
APEA Asia Pacific Evaluation Association



**IMPACT**

**UNICEF and WFP  
Global Impact  
Evaluation Forum 2024  
at the United Nations**

**2-5 December 2024  
New York**

**Save the date**

#Evidence4Impact

**Register Now!**

**Town Hall**

Sharing Eval24 Survey Insights & Exploring Innovation Together

**Friday, January 10 | 2:00 PM ET**

**EES LEARNING HUB  
OPEN REGISTRATION**

**EES**

Missed our November 4 discussion?  
Dive deeper in this hands-on workshop!

**Testing and Assessing Generative AI Tools for Research and Evaluation**

Facilitated by Linda Raftree and Zach Tilton, The MERL Tech Initiative

**Dec 13th, 2024 13:00 - 17:00 CET**

**Register Now**

**REFLECT \* CELEBRATE \* INSPIRE**

**EVALYOUTH ASIA'S 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**05 DECEMBER 2024 | 06:30-07:30 PM IST**

**KEYNOTE**

**Building Bridges: Driving Systemic Change Through Intergenerational Collaboration**

**GABRIELA RENTERIA**  
FORMER CHAIR  
EVALYOUTH GLOBAL

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