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WATER NEWS IN BRIEF



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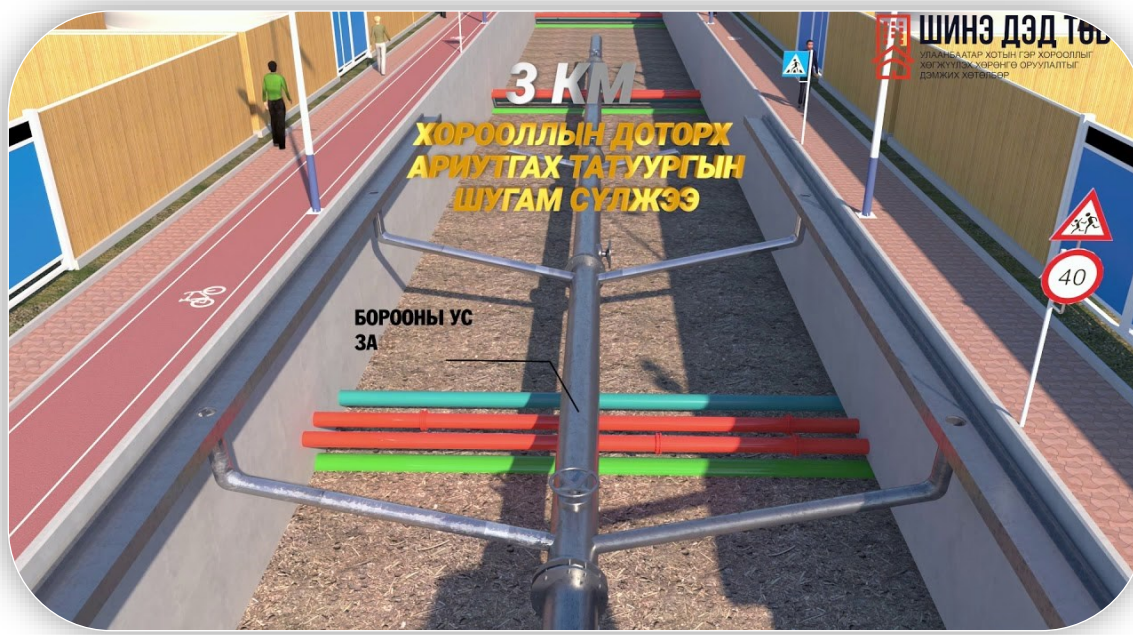
GOVERNMENT PAYS WATER BILLS FOR MORE THAN 720 THOUSAND HOUSEHOLDS



On December 13, 2020, The Government of Mongolia decided to pay utility bills for all households and some entities from the selected industries from December 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021 to support livelihoods of people and activities of businesses during the pandemic. As estimated, more than 720 thousand households are benefiting from the measure being exempt from water bills. Of these households, 340,000 are connected to the central water supply and sewerage system, the remaining more than 380,000 households fetch their drinking water from water kiosks. So far, there have been no increased water consumption cases by households and businesses due to the exemption. In the event of further increases in consumption, timely decisions will be made on how to deal with excess consumption and, if necessary, adjustments will be made, J. Batsuuri, head of Water Services Regulatory Commission, informed MM Agency.

[Source: https://mnb.mn/](https://mnb.mn/)

MORE THAN 50 KM WATER PIPELINES WILL BE BUILT UNDER THE TRANCHE 3 OF GER AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



The draft loan agreements between the Government of Mongolia and the Asian Development Bank for funding of the Tranche 3 of the “Ulaanbaatar Urban Services and Ger Areas Development Investment Program” were discussed at the regular Cabinet meeting on December 30, 2020, and the Minister of Finance was authorized to sign the loan agreements. \$ 43.6 million of total investment for Tranche 3 will run from 2020 to 2023. It will be provided by ADB, and the rest will be funded by European Investment Bank and MUB. Under the Tranche 3, 8.1 km of water supply pipeline and 7.8 km sewerage pipeline will be rebuilt in Sharkhad subcenter, and 26 km of water supply pipeline and 6 km sewerage pipeline will be built in Tolgoit subcenter.

[Source: zasag.mn](https://zasag.mn/)

UN AND KOICA PROVIDED 1 BILLION MNT ASSISTANCE FOR WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE FACILITIES



In 2020, UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) provided 1 billion MNT assistance to Govi-Altai province for building climate resilient, energy-efficient, innovative water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. Specifically, to improve access to safe water supply and improved sanitation, water supply facilities with portable tank were installed, smart technologies were introduced and renovations were made in Darvi, Altai, Tugrug, Yesunbulag, and Sharga soums, public baths were built in Jargalan, Erdene and Bugat soums, upgrades and renovations made in sanitation facilities in schools and hospitals of several soums and center of the province. Sanitation and hygiene facilities for households and the public were built and improved in Tugrug, Darvi, Erdene, Yusunbulag and other 14 soums as well, said the Governor’s Office of Govi-Altai province.

[Source: montsame.mn](https://montsame.mn/)

WATER SCIENCE

O. NASANTOGTOKH WAS SELECTED AS AN OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCIENTIST FOR HER SCIENTIFIC WORK ON NEW TECHNOLOGY TO REMOVE ARSENIC FROM WASTEWATER



With an aim to encourage young Mongolians to be actively involved in labor, creative industry, and scientific development, the President of Mongolia annually presents awards to outstanding young scholars, engineers, and workers leading in their respective sectors. According to the tradition, the President of Mongolia Kh. Battulga issued a decree to present the 2020 Presidential Award to 5 outstanding young fellows. O. Nasantogtokh, researcher at the Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology, the Academy of Sciences, Ph.D., was awarded as an Outstanding Young Scientist for her scientific work “Removal and fixation of arsenic by forming a complex precipitate containing scorodite and ferrihydrite”.

“I am planning to do a lot to further improve my scientific work in the next five years and make it ready to put into practice. If there is anything impossible to accomplish here in Mongolia, then I will go abroad to continue my work. I need to find out how to use the technology in factories,” said Nasantogtokh.

[Source: president.mn, ergelt.mn](https://president.mn, ergelt.mn/)