



## **Reaching OGP Eligibility through Budget Transparency and Asset Disclosure**

### **Session 3a**

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# Session Overview

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- ❖ Budget transparency and asset disclosure criteria to achieve OGP eligibility
- ❖ Current status of countries in Asia
- ❖ Why budget transparency is so important
- ❖ How stakeholders can effectively use budget transparency information
- ❖ Mongolia's OGP Action Plan Priorities



# OGP Criteria

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There are two main eligibility criteria related to budget transparency and asset disclosure for the OGP:

- ✓ Countries should have a law that requires public officials to disclose their income and assets;
- ✓ Budget information should be available publically
  - Law requiring disclosure (2 points)
  - Law requiring disclosure and making data available to the public (4 points)
  - Country without a disclosure law (0 points)
  - Mongolia – Anti Corruption Law (2006), Glass Budget Law (2014)



# Status in Asia



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# Importance of Budget Transparency

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## Strengthened Public Monitoring -

- ✓ Service delivery improved,
- ✓ risks of corruption reduced,
- ✓ public confidence enhanced,
- ✓ and public officials held accountable



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# Effectively Using Budget Transparency Information

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- System designed to capture budget data at regular intervals
- Budget data must be clear and understandable to the average citizen
  - e.g., open data, machine-readable formats with visualization tools
- Budget literacy capacity considered and strengthened where necessary
- Balanced training and information needs for public officials (responsible for budget reporting) and the civil society organizations or related associations



# Mongolia OGP Action Plan Priorities

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- ❑ Improve public service
- ❑ Increase transparency of public institutions and
- ❑ Enhance justice and reduce corruption

## 2014-2015 Action Plan Elements

- Introduce random disclosure to the public of assets and financial statements of any public servants
- Publish on a government website the assets and financial statements of officials who work in organizations that are reported to have higher levels of corruption





# Thank you

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