

# Mongolia

## OVERVIEW

The International Republican Institute (IRI) began working in Mongolia in 1992, providing parliamentary development assistance by working closely with the State Great Hural (SGH) and members of parliament; political party development by working with all major parties; and electoral capacity improvement by working with the General Election Commission. In addition, IRI has provided support to numerous civil society organizations working on diverse issues and has worked with the Mongolian Parliamentary Women's Caucus since its inception. For more than 30 years, IRI has been committed to the idea that freedom is the inalienable and universal right of all human beings, and have helped men and women working to build strong, lasting democracies.

Recent and current IRI programming includes a range of initiatives that support Mongolia's evolving democracy and facilitates its role as a democratic leader in the region:

- Supporting Mongolia's fight against corruption by working in Ulaanbaatar with the municipal government and civil society to help bolster open and transparent government by facilitating initiatives that increase transparency and accountability based upon its Vulnerabilities to Corruption Assessment and the anti-corruption strategic plan developed by the city government.
- Assisting efforts to identify, highlight and share Mongolia's experiences and lessons learned in democratic transition and governance with other countries that are either currently undergoing a democratic transition or considering political reforms through our Chronicling Mongolia's Experience in Transition Advisory Board.
- Engaging young emerging leaders from public, civic, and private sectors and equipping them with knowledge, skills, connections and resources to become Mongolia's next generation of democratic champions and facilitating the development of a regional network of youth leaders where Mongolia's experience in transition serves as an example.
- Providing technical legislative expertise that encourages effective representation of constituents through our work with the SGH through the House Democracy Partnership, a global program that strengthens ties between 16 member parliaments and the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Facilitating an inclusive, representative political and electoral environment by working with women who seek to become elected representatives and influential political party members, political parties to expand their ability to serve as effective advocates and representatives of citizens and disenfranchised or underrepresented communities such as persons with disabilities and youth.

IRI was founded in 1983 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing democracy, freedom, community-driven development and the rule of law worldwide. IRI programs are nonpartisan and adhere to the principles of individual freedom, equal opportunity and the entrepreneurial spirit that fosters economic development. IRI has conducted programs in more than 100 countries, and along with the Women's Democracy Network and Generation Democracy, is currently active in more than 80 countries. IRI receives funding through grants from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and other donors around the globe.