

# **Internship Report: Promoted Human Rights Fields by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Mongolia**

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## **Initial Situation**

In the context of the human rights project I undertook an internship between 3<sup>rd</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with the foreign office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in Mongolia. The KAS is a German political organisation with a close relation to the Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU), pursuing political objectives in Mongolia. I chose this internship because I was keen to learn more about German international aid and the objectives, contents and methods of a political organisation. Moreover, I expected the KAS office to be a good base for me to start off a research for my Master's thesis. Whilst my Master's thesis concerned the human rights situation of the marginalised population in informal settlements at the edge of Ulaanbaatar - also called Ger Areas - special attention was given during my internship to the impact the KAS aims to take on societal processes concerning this marginalised group. The questions which led my human rights project were therefore to find out which human rights are specifically promoted by the KAS, concerning the human development in the transition process of the country? I therefore started my human rights project with the following question:

1. How does the foundation's activities impact on the economic, social and cultural rights of the Mongolian citizens? E.g. the right to housing, the right to adequate health care, the right to adequate food and clothing, the right to education and the right to social security.
2. How does the foundation's activities impact on the rights of Mongolian women and contribute to decreasing discrimination against them, shall mean any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex? E.g. the right to equal chances in accessing training programs, the right to equal occupational outlook, the right to equality in wedlock and family, the right to be entitled to work in public and non-governmental organisations, the right to contribute to the elaboration in government policy and the right to hold a public office.
3. How does the foundation's activities impact on the collective rights of Mongolian citizens? Those play especially in Asian cultures, which are subject to a critical human rights discourse, an important role. E.g. the right to economic development, the right to live in a cohesive and harmonious society, and environmental rights such as the right to breathe unpolluted air and the right to clean water.