

The Problem of Poverty in Mongolia: From Socialism to the Millennium Development Goals

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Abstract

This paper traces the evolution of poverty in Mongolia in modernity and closes by highlighting progress towards Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and opportunities raised by Millennium Challenge Accounts (MCA). This paper includes a review of poverty literature content analysis of historical documents, national and multilateral reports. Finally, the paper analyzes data by province from the 2007 Human Development Report to identify longitudinal and geographic trends in development. Although development in 2006 is more dispersed, it is driven almost solely by GDP. Furthermore, there is risk of losing a high baseline in education and health provision. Education needs to be a priority to sustain and improve on existing levels of social development.

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