Success story: Control and Prevention of Asbestos Related Disease in Mongolia

WHO Mongolia Office
2009-2013
Asbestos containing materials are used widely in Mongolia.
1. Baseline study on use of asbestos containing materials and asbestos related diseases in Mongolia
2. Developed methods, norms and standards

- Analytical methods for sampling and analysis
- TLV for asbestos fiber in airborne dust
- Guideline for safe removal of asbestos containing materials
- Standard training program for workers for safe removal of asbestos containing materials and abatement
3. Capacity development for health and non-health staff

- Training on early diagnosis of Asbestos related diseases conducted 2 times in Mongolia with technical support of Japanese experts in 2010 and 2011
- 2 person from Mongolia trained on analysis of asbestos fibers at KOSHA, Republic of Korea, 2010, 2011
Advocacy meeting, workshops and seminars
- 2 person from the Ministry of Labor and Ministry of Health attended Asian Asbestos Initiatives 2 (AA), 2009
- 2 person from Center for Occupational Health, Ministry of Labor and Public Health Institute attended AA3, 2010
- 3 person from Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Center for Occupational Health attended AA4, 2011
- 2 person from Professional Inspection Agency, School of Public Health, HSUM attended AA5, 2012
Training on air borne sampling and inspection of asbestos containing materials
Training on safe removal of asbestos containing materials
4. Improvement of laboratory capacity for asbestos analysis and sampling of the National Center for Public Health

The first laboratory for asbestos analysis established at the National Center for Public Health
5. Awareness raising activities for community and exposed workers

Training conducted for workers at the market of construction materials, power plants in UB, Darkhan and railroad.