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SDGs in Mongolia: Essentials for Successful Acceleration

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Mongolia's economic situation has improved

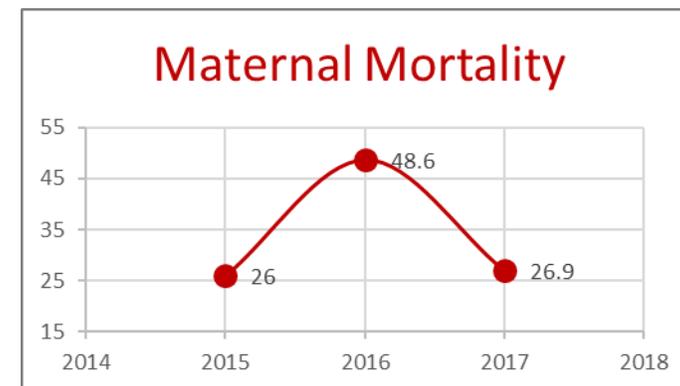
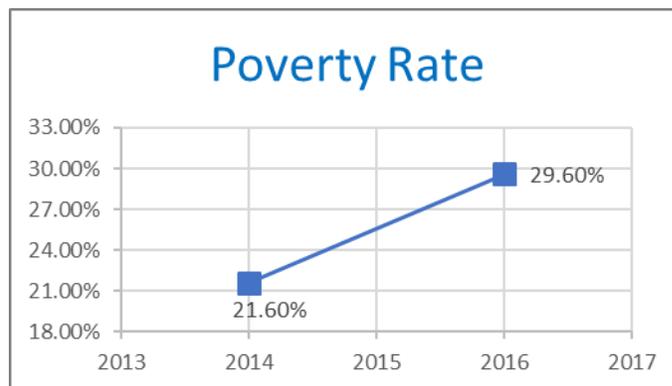
But risks remain:

Economic growth not met by social & environmental progress

- Big jump in **poverty**
- Growing environmental problems, urban & rural
- Some progress lost in **maternal mortality**

Economic progress can be undermined

- High short-term growth vs. sustained long-term growth



SDGs: an opportunity to confront these challenges

- Integrated package of economic, social & environmental policies and goals;
 - Growth
 - Poverty
 - Health
 - Education
 - Environmental sustainability
- A longer term vision to avoid the trap of short-term boom-bust or other unsustainable policy-making



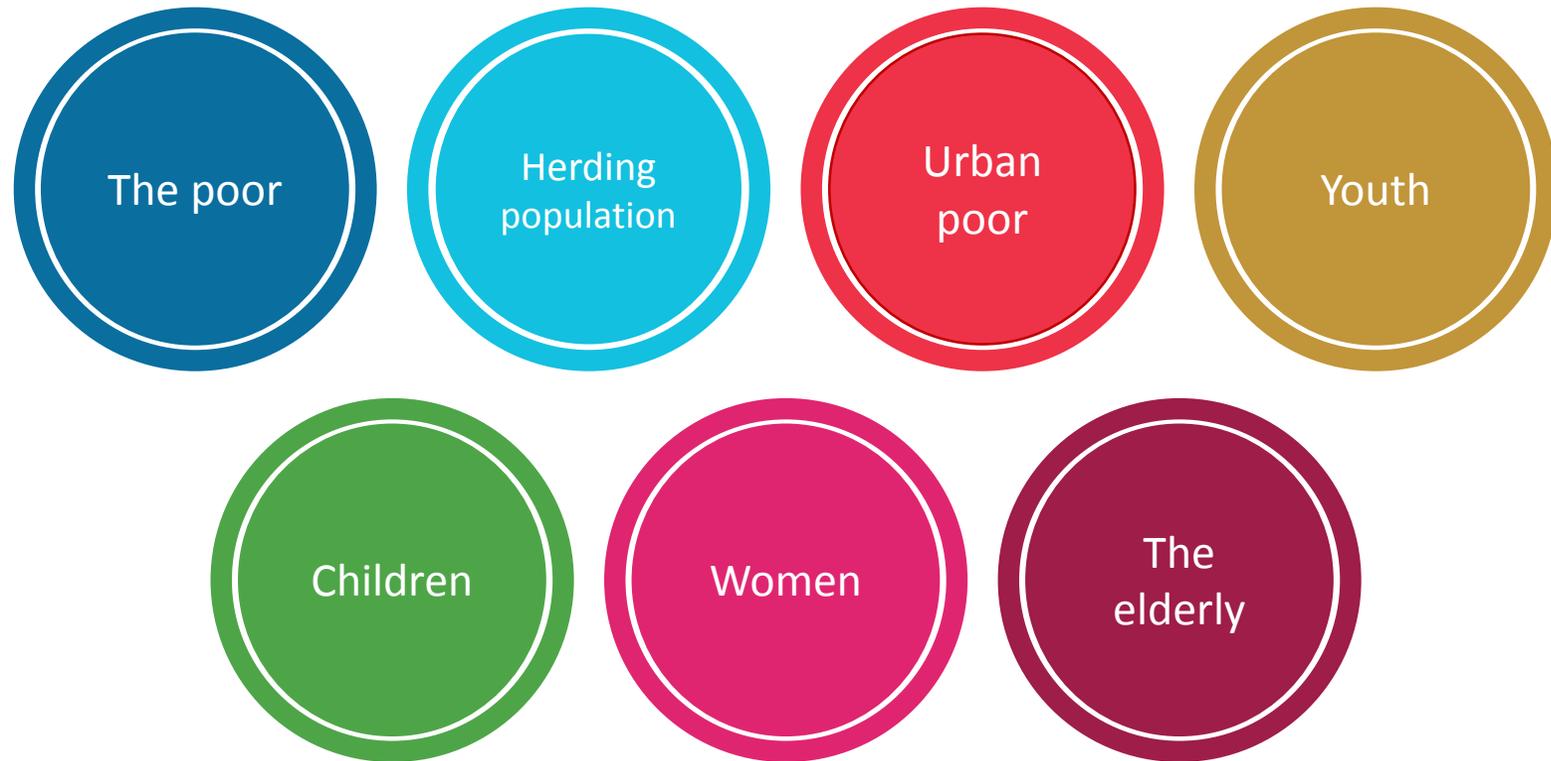
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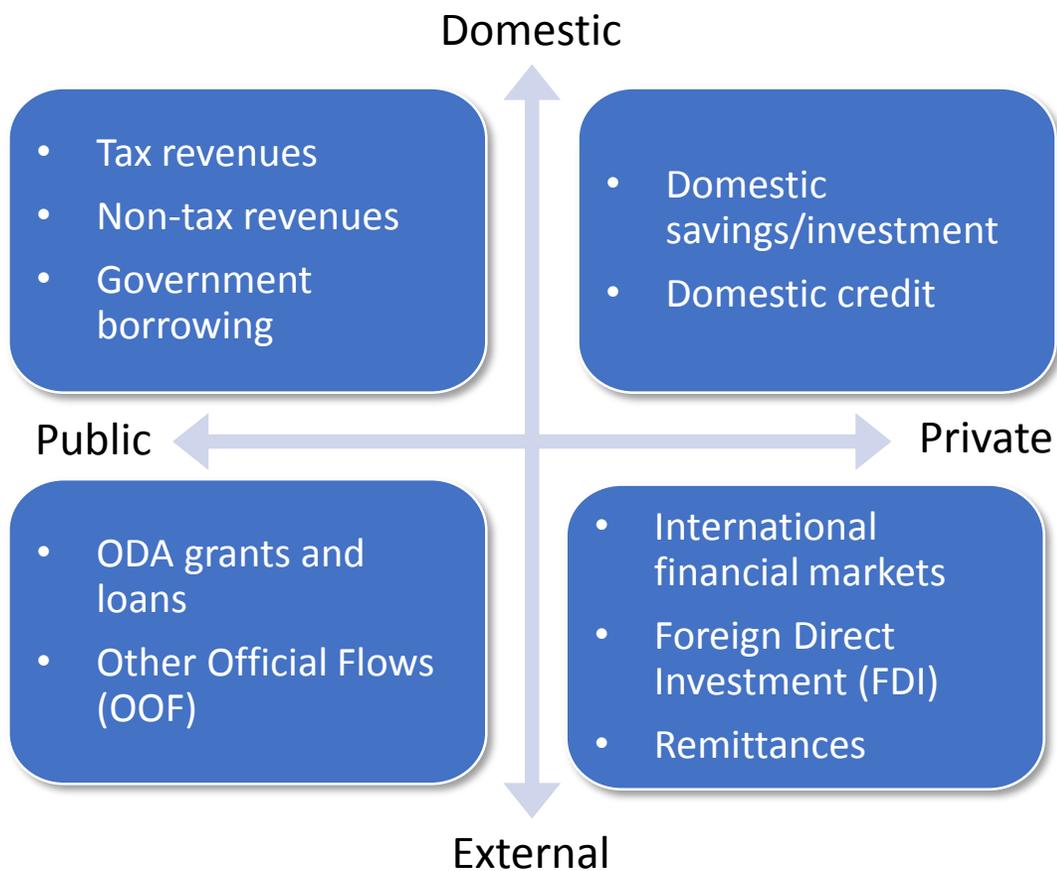


Sustained long-term growth

The population groups at risk of being left behind:



SDG financing and investments



- Diversify and strengthen revenue and financing strategies
- Domestic and foreign / public and private
- Develop Sector level expenditure and financing strategies (agriculture, environment)
- Strengthen the enabling environment for accountability and dialogue – citizen oriented budget



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- Coherent cross sectoral policy making
- Strong institutional coordination anchored at the highest level
- Set clear and consistent indicators and targets
- Assign responsibilities clearly for monitoring & reporting
- Aligning short-term budgeting with long-term plans

MAPS follow up support by UN agencies & ADB



Coordinated and Coherent Policymaking

- Enhance legal basis for development planning;
- Map the Law on Development Policy Planning
- Development of tools, guidelines and structures to ensure alignment of sectoral policies with SDV/ SDG;
- Medium term Development Plan in line with SDGs.

Systems to monitor progress

- SDG dashboard;
- Increase the number of available SDG indicators.

Stronger alignment of budget with SDGs/SDV

- Alignment of budget with SDGs;
- SDG-informed budget process;
- National Programme on Maternal, Child and reproductive Health;
- Maternal and Child Health Law;
- Domestic financial flows into biodiversity protection.



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Recommendations for continued Govt Action

- Strong leadership from the very top of Government
- MOF steering the effort to align the budget with SDV and SDGs
- Active debate and contributions from Parliament
- Close engagement with civil society and with private sector

SDG targets are “guided by the global level of ambition, but taking into account national circumstances”

All focused on the same underlying long-term agenda; a sustainable path to a bright future for the Mongolian people



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Thank you!