



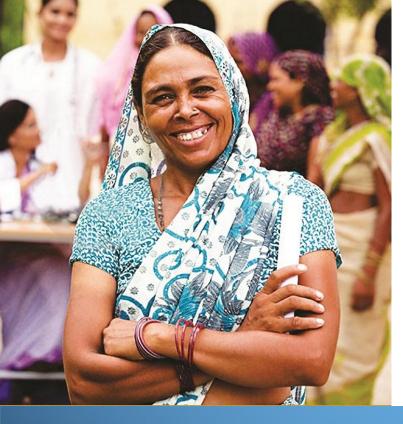
# The big difference

### Incredible Impacts Award 2023 Winner



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The launch of the Women's Empowerment Summit by ACWW marked an extraordinary expansion of their initial project, broadening their efforts aimed at empowering rural and nomadic women within Khovd Province, Mongolia. The summit provided a platform for these women to harness education, skill development, and leadership initiatives to foster environments where they could flourish in diverse spheres, be it economic, social, or cultural.

**ACWW Women's Empowerment Summit:** May 2022 to February 2023

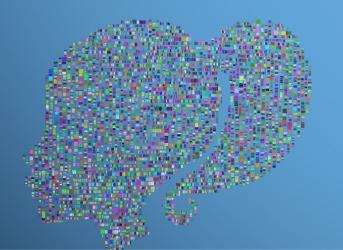
#### **Objectives:**

- Address issues faced by rural women, such as domestic violence, climate change impacts, and lack of legislative representation
- Expand the impact of the original project to include more women from a wider geographical area
- Provide training on sustainable agriculture, income generation, awareness and access to support services and women's rights
- Provide access to skills and services for increased financial independence and status for women in their own communities



#### **Event Highlights**

- ACWW introduced workshops on topics such as Sexual and Reproductive Health, Citizenship and Human Rights, Financial Literacy, Gender-Based Violence, and Climate Change Impact Discussions
- The Summit adapted its presentations and training due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather and flight cancellations
- The Summit kicked off with a Cultural Festival, celebrating traditional arts and practices, and reinforcing the importance of indigenous heritage
- ACWW integrated local governments, community safeguarding, and practical skill-building sessions



#### **Impact**

- 12 women are receiving support for domestic violence from The Summit
- 120 women are forming income-generating groups
- Men's group created to continue work on engaging other men to prevent gender-based violence
- ACWW collected vital data on climate change impacts, living conditions, and challenges faced by women
- Ongoing evaluations and follow-up sessions are scheduled to track the long-term impact of the program and identify areas for improvement



#### **Future Plans**

- Collaborations with the UK National Commission for UNESCO to explore fundraising for similar programs
- Organize a follow-up event in 2024 for indigenous nomadic women, building on the baseline survey and addressing ongoing challenges
- Access to medical check-ups for women affected by health issues worsened by climate change
- Preservation of indigenous culture through teaching and passing on traditional songs, dances, and other artisanal skills like sewing national clothes
- Expansion of training for men in rural communities to create awareness and behavioural changes regarding gender-based violence





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