

DREAM-IT Project

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Development Research to Empower All Mongolians through ICTs (DREAM-IT) project has been recently approved for funding by Canadian International Development Research Center (IDRC). The main objective of DREAM-IT project is to contribute to development solutions in Mongolia by visibly and concertedly informing, influencing, and impacting on the ICT4D scene in Mongolia through a sustained series of ICT research project interventions that relate to:

- Policy research (build evidence and promote dialogue to inform policies)
- Applied research (pilot ICT innovations to meet specific needs of Mongolian stakeholders)
- Socio-economic research (acquire understanding of the socio economic effects of ICTs applied on Mongolian communities)

The project will be implemented by Datacom Company and the board will oversee project implementation, identify gaps and challenges in different areas and initiate projects to address those gaps and challenges.

Based on preliminary discussions held with representatives of education, government, health, agriculture, environment and ICT practitioners on gaps in development of ICTs and possible research and development projects in these areas, a total of 6 projects were identified to be implemented initially, namely: 1) On-line psychological service for health professionals; 2) Blended technology education project; 3) Curriculum development for University ICT and Math subjects; 4) Information System to motivate reliable business relation for Gobi eco-system; 5) Identifying necessary information for citizens from Government officials and 6) Opening up Parliament to general public.

Questions to Think About

What is the current situation with research and development in your area? What can be done through DREAM-IT project to make research work for policy making and what is the process?