



# **LEGAL AID IN MONGOLIA (NATIONAL REPORT)**

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# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF LEGAL AID SERVICES

- Country: Mongolia
- Population: 3,081.677
- GDP: 13\$ billion
- Poverty Line & percentage of Population in Poverty: 29.6% of population is living below the national poverty line
- Total No. of Practicing Lawyers in Mongolia: 2,077



# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF LEGAL AID SERVICES

After adopting new, democratic Constitution in 1992, which guarantees human rights and freedoms and free legal aid - The legal aid services in Mongolia was provided as following:

- 1994-2002 Association of Mongolian Advocates was responsible for organization of Legal aid in Mongolia.
- 2002-2013 Association of Mongolian Advocates was appointing cases to advocates as an obligation/responsibility.
- 2004-2006 Ministry of Justice and Home affairs in cooperation with Soros Foundation have established and ran two Legal aid centers



# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF LEGAL AID SERVICES

During the legal reform of 2013 in Mongolia new laws regulating Legal aid services were adopted:

- Law on legal aid for the indigent defendants (2013)
- Law on Legal status of Lawyers (2013)
- Criminal Procedure Law (2017)

The Legal aid services are regulated by these laws at the moment.



# LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS

## LEGAL AID CENTER

- Law on legal aid for the indigent defendants (2013)
- Total 52 State Attorneys in Mongolia
- Legal aid is provided to defendants in the criminal cases only

Legal aid and advocacy services provider for Indigent citizen's committee next to Mongolian Bar Association

- Law on Legal status of Lawyers (2013)
- Total 141 lawyers with a voluntary membership
- Legal aid could be provided to criminal, civil and administrative cases



# BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT LEGAL AID CENTER

- Date of Establishment: 2014
- Total number of applications received in the past year: 2,904
- Total number of Applications Approved in the past year: 2,648
- Total number of Applications Rejected in the past year: 256
- Total number of Legal Aid Lawyers: 52
- Total number of Non-Legal Professionals: 20
- Government budget and total legal aid expenses in the past year: 866,618,800 tugriks (approximately 350,000 USD annually)

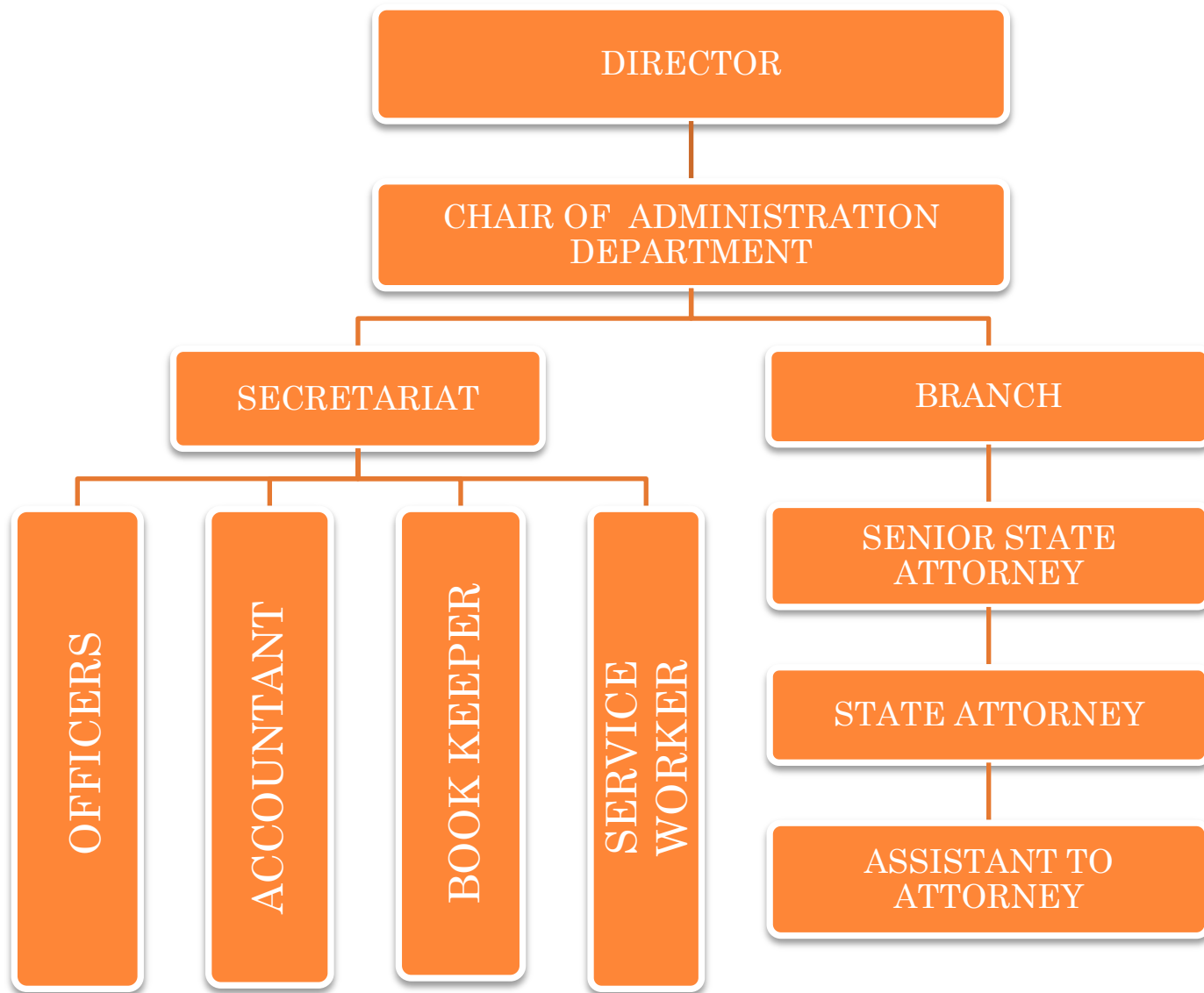


# LEGAL AID CENTER

- Established in 2014 Legal aid Center organizes and coordinates the work of 52 “State attorneys”, who are working in 21 provinces of Mongolia and six districts in Ulaanbaatar city.
- Legal aid center is part of Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs, therefore Government organization.
- The State is responsible for funding of Legal aid Center, which is around 866,618,800 tugriks (approximately 350,000 USD) annually.



# STRUCTURE OF LEGAL AID CENTER





# STATISTIC DATA OF LAST YEAR

The classification and percentage share of cases resolved in court or before going to the court by state attorneys in 2017 as follows:

- Theft – 744 or 38,7%;
- Causing of light, heavy and serious intentional injury to human health - 435 or 23%;
- Disturbance of public peace - 129 or 6.7%;
- Robbery - 120 or 6%;
- Violation of vehicle safety and operational rules - 97 or 5%;
- Murder - 69 or 3.6%;
- Other crimes - 326 or 17%



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## Information about your country and your organisation:

<b>Your Country</b>				
Country	Population	GDP	Poverty Line & Percentage of Population in Poverty	Total No. of Practicing Lawyers in the Country
Mongolia	3,081,677	\$13 billion	29.6 percent of population is living below the national poverty line	2,077
<b>Your Organisation</b>				
Name of Legal Aid Organization(s)	Date of Establishment	Total No. of Applications Received in the Past Year	Total No. of Applications Approved in the Past Year	Total No. of Applications Rejected in the Past Year
-Legal aid center	- 2014	- 2,904	- 2,648	- 256
Total No. of Legal Aid Lawyers (including staff and private lawyers)	Total No. of Non-Legal Professionals (e.g. social workers, counselors, community/culture workers)	Government Budget for the Legal Aid Organisation in the Past Year	Total Legal Aid Expenses in the Past Year	Proportion of Legal Aid Budget Funded by the Government
- 52	- 13 workers, 7 assistants to advocates	- 866,618,800 tugriks	- 866,618,800 tugriks	- Information not available