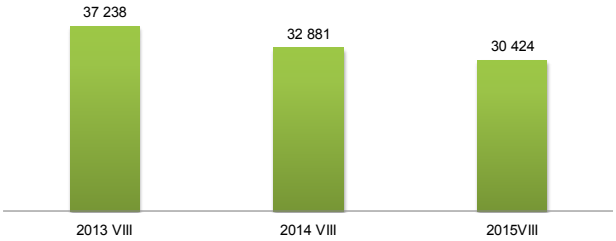
Social and economic situation of Mongolia
(As of the first 8 months of 2015)

I. Social indicators

***The number of unemployed** reached 30.4 thousand at the end of August 2015, has shown a decrease of 0.6 thous.persons or 2.0 percent from previous month, by 2.5 thous.persons or 7.5 percent over the same period of the previous year. 16.8 thous.persons or 55.1 percent of the total unemployed were female.*

Figure I.1

Number of registered unemployed, at the end of August, selected years



*In the first 8 months of 2015, **the revenue of Social Insurance Fund** amounted to 889.5 bln.tog, reflecting increase of 34.5 bln.tog or 4.0 percent and the expenditure of the fund reached 1020.0 bln.tog, it has shown of increase 178.0 bln.tog or 21.1 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

In August 2015 the revenue of Social Insurance Fund amounted to 122.5 bln.tog it has increased by 41.7 bln.tog or 51.6 percent and the expenditure of the fund reached 124.3 bln.tog it has shown increase of 6.8 bln.tog or 5.8 percent from the previous month.

*In the first 8 months of 2015, totally 98.2 bln. tog granted to 192.6 thous.persons for pensions and welfare benefits from **the Social Welfare Fund**, a number of persons received pensions and welfare benefits decreased by 4.2 thous. persons or 2.1 percent, and amount of pensions and allowances increased by 5.0 bln.tog or 5.4 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

In August 2015, amount of social welfare allowances and pensions reached to 12.4 bln. tug it has shown increase of 0.4 bln.tug or 3.5 percent from previous month and the social welfare benefits and concessions amounted to 4.4 bln.tug it has shown increase of 0.3 bln.tug or 7.1 percent from previous month.

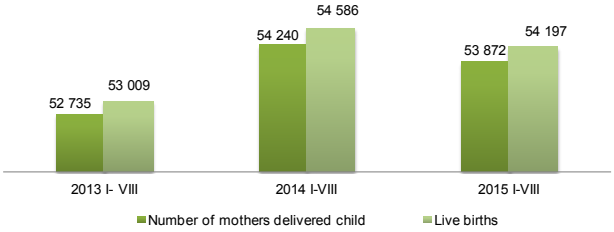
In the first 8 months of 2015, 163.4 bln.tog granted from the Human Development Fund to 1017.7 thousand children aged below 18 as a cash benefits.

*In the first 8 months of 2015, 53872 mothers delivered 54197 **children (live births)** it has decreased by 368 mothers and by 389 children or 0.7 percent respectively compared to same period of the previous year.*

In August 2015, 6789 mothers delivered 6839 children (live births) it has decreased by 272 mothers or 3.9 percent and by 267 children or 3.8 percent from previous month.

Figure I.2

Number of mothers delivered child, live births, in the first 8 months of selected years



*In the first 8 months of 2015, **infant mortality** reached 819 it has increased by 14 children or 1.7 percent and mortality under-five reached 975 has shown decrease of 9 children or 0.9 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

The infant mortality reached 92 in August, 2015 it has decreased by 5 children or 5.2 percent, mortality under-five reached 110 it has shown decrease of 17 children or 13.4 percent compared to previous month.

*In the first 8 months of 2015, the **number of infectious** disease cases were 45691, it has increased by 24089 cases or 2.1 times more compared to same period of the previous year. This increase was mainly due to increases of measles as 22009 cases although viral hepatitis cases decreased by 188 or 24.7 percent and mumps cases by 283 or 73.1 percent.*

Number of infectious disease cases were 2797, in August 2015, it has decreased by 4348 or 60.9 percent from previous month.

*In August 2015, according to the **report of the Institute of Meteorology** and Hydrology, a maximum precipitation was registered at 212.1 mm in Bulgan soum of Selenge aimag. Most areas of the country had the high air temperature exceeded 30.0°C and Tes soum of Uvs aimag had the highest air temperature (40.0°C).*

In August 2015, as measured by over 10 air quality monitoring stations, the average daily concentration of nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide exceeded by 1-22 times, dust content with less than 2.5 micron exceeded 1-2 times and dust content with less than 10 micron in the atmosphere of Ulaanbaatar have exceeded the maximum acceptable level by 8-19 times.

In the first 8 months of 2015, 4093 ***disasters and accidents*** *occurred. As a result, 137 people died, 143.1 thous.head livestock and animals were lost. There were reported 3406 construction fires and 145 animal madness diseases.*

Estimated damage caused by the fires of forest amounted to 22.0 bln.tog, construction fires amounted to 7.6 bln.tog, by heavy fall of snow and severe storms amounted to 5.2 bln.tog, by animal madness diseases 54.8 mln.tog and total expenditure for disasters and accidents reached 663.6 mln.tog.

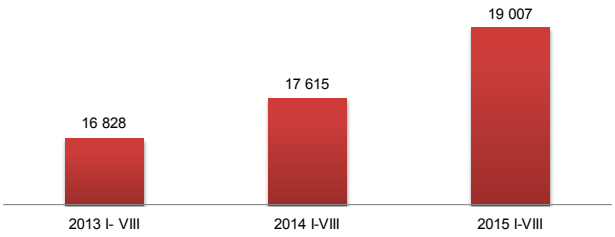
In the first 8 months of 2015, 73 people died from drowning in rivers and lakes, 40 people died from fires of consruction, 10 people from artisanal mining and rock falls, 5 people from fall mountain, 3 people from a severe storms, 2 people from cold rain and rainfall , 1 person died from fires of forest and thunder and plague, slug firearms accidents respectively.

The occurance of disaster and accidents have increased by 1000 compared to same period of previous year.

At the national level, 19007 crimes were registered *in the first 8 months of 2015, it has shown an increase of 1392 crime or 7.9 percent compared to same period of the previous year. This increase was mainly due to number of crime against the right of ownership (1206), crimes committed by domestic violence (246) crimes against the rules of safety of traffic and use of motor vehicles (110), economic crimes (237), compared to same period of the previous year.*

Figure I.3

Number of committed offences, in the first 8 months of selected years



In August 2015, 2339 crimes were registered it shows an decrease of 148 crimes or 6.0 percent from previous month.

In total 7319 people have injured and 737 people died caused by crimes. The number of injured has increased by 438 or 6.4 percent and the death cases has increased by 15 people or 2.1 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

II. Macroeconomic indicators

According to report of the Bank of Mongolia, ***money supply (M2)*** *reached to 10.0 trill.tog at the end of August 2015, increased by 100.9 bln. tog or 1.0 percent from the previous month and it has decreased by 171.7 bln.tog or 1.7 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

Table II.1

Money indicators, at end of August of selected years, bln.tog

Indicators	2014 VIII	2015 VII	2015 VIII
Money M2	10 136.0	9 863.4	9 964.3
Time deposit total	6 964.4	7 195.9	7 217.7
Time deposit in DC	5 447.0	5 154.4	5 074.9
Time deposit in FC	1 517.4	2 041.5	2 142.8
Total loans outstanding	12 338.4	11 992.8	11 840.8
Principal in arrears	527.1	716.4	780.4
Non-performing loans	620.0	824.6	865.5
Rate of principal in arrears in total loans outstanding	4.3	6.0	6.6
Rate of non-performing loans in total loans outstanding	5.0	6.9	7.3

At the end of August 2015, currency issued in circulation reached 774.4 bln.tog, it has increased by 15.4 bln.tog or 2.0 percent from the previous month and decreased by 105.7 bln.tog or 12.0 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

Loans outstanding *amounted to 11.8 trill. tog, at the end of August 2015, decreased by 152.0 bln.tog or 1.3 percent from previous month, by 497.6 bln.tog or 4.0 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

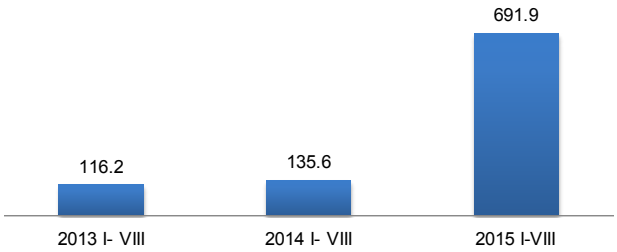
Principals in arrears reached 780.4 bln.tog at the end of August 2015, it has increased by 63.9 bln.tog or 8.9 percent from previous month, by 253.3 bln.tog or 48.0 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

At the end of August 2015, the non-performing loans over the bank system reached 865.5 bln.tog, it has increased by 40.8 bln.tog or 5.0 percent from the previous month, by 245.5 bln.tog or 39.6 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

In the first 8 months of 2015, 22.4 mln. shares were traded in the ***stock market*** *valued at 691.9 bln.tog. Shares trading has increased by 556.3 bln.tog or 5.1 times more and shares has decreased by 14.7 mln.pieces or 39.7 percent compared to same period of the previous year.*

Figure II.1

Total turnover of stocks, in the first 8 months of selected years bln.tog

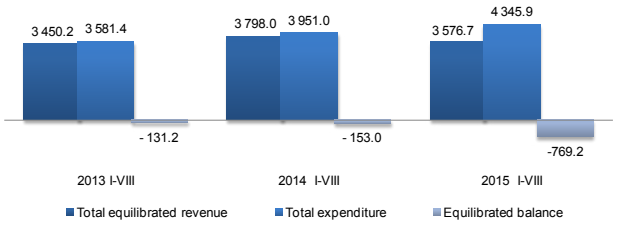


In the first 8 months of 2015 ***total equilibrated revenue*** *and grants of the General Government Budget amounted to 3576.8 bln.tog and total expenditure and net lending amounted to 4345.9 bln.tog, representing a deficit of 769.2 bln.tog in the equilibrated balance.*

In August 2015 total equilibrated revenue and grants of the General Government Budget amounted to 433.9 bln.tug it has shown decrease of 68.9 bln.tug or 13.7 percent from previous month, and total lending and net lending amounted to 565.2 bln.tug it has shown decrease of 40.5 bln.tug or 6.7 percent from previous month. But equilibrated balance of General Government Budget amounted to deficit of 131.3 bln.tug it has shown decrease of 28.4 bln.tug or 27.6 percent from previous month.

Figure II.2

Total equilibrated revenue, expenditure, equilibrated balance of General Government Budget in the first 8 months of selected years, bln.tog



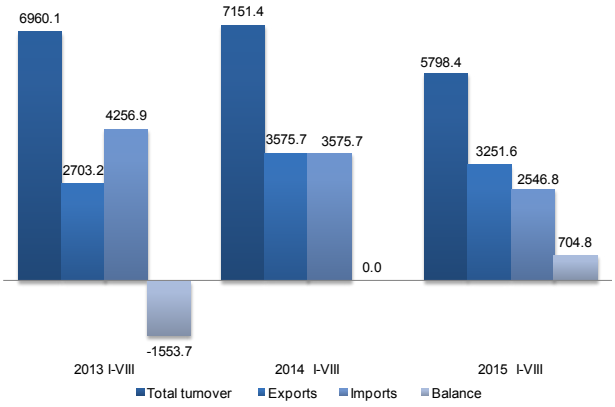
Tax revenue has decreased by 165.2 bln. tog or 5.1 percent compared to same period of the previous year. This decrease was mainly due to decreases of 216.1 bln.tog or 24.5 percent in value added taxes and 30.2 bln.tog or 12.4 percent in taxes on international trade and transactions, 65.0 bln.tog or 12.7 percent in other taxes although tax revenue from social contribution increased by 70.3 bln.tog or 11.7 percent and excise taxes by 63.8 bln.tog or 21.3 percent.

In the first 8 months of 2015, total expenditure and net lending of the General Government Budget reached 4345.9 bln.tog it has increased by 394.9 bln.tog or 10.0 percent compared to same period of the previous year. This increase was mainly due to increases of 145.1 bln.tog or 9.1 percent in expenditure on goods and services, 128.3 bln.tog or 52.4 percent in interest payments and 116.5 bln.tog or 9.0 percent in current transfers compared to same period of the previous year.

In the first 8 months of 2015, Mongolia traded with 140 countries of the world and ***total external trade turnover*** *reached 5798.4 mln.US dollars, of which 3251.6 mln.US dollars was made by exports and 2546.8 mln.US dollars by imports.*

Figure II.3

Total turnover of foreign trade in the first 8 months of selected years, mln.USD



Total external trade turnover decreased 1353.0 mln.US dollars or 18.9 percent, exports decreased by 324.2 mln.US dollars or 9.1 percent, imports by 1028.9 mln.US dollars or 28.8 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

In August 2015, exports were 438.7 mln.US dollars, it has decreased by 4.0 mln.US dollars or 0.9 percent, imports reached 338.0 mln.US dollars it has decreased by 32.1 mln.US dollars or 8.7 percent from previous month.

External trade balance showed zero in the first 8 months of 2014, while it was in surplus of 704.8 mln.US dollars in the first 8 months of 2015.

Table II.2

Exports by some commodities, in the first 8 months of selected years, thous.t

	2014 I-VIII	2015 I-VIII	2015 I-VIII/ 2014 I-VIII, %
Coal	12 242.9	9 616.2	78.5
Copper concentrate	844.3	930.0	110.2
Iron ores	3 761.4	3 055.2	81.2
Crude petroleum oil (thous.barrel)	4 441.2	5 193.1	116.9
Zinc ores and concentrate	68.7	72.1	105.0
Gold, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms	5.1	7.0	135.8

In August 2015, the ***national consumer price index*** *increased by 0.1 percent from previous month by 3.4 percent from beginning of the year and by 6.6 percent over the same period of the previous year.*

An increase as 3.4 percent from beginning year was mainly due to increases of 39.5 percent in education, 25.0 percent in food and non-alcoholic beverages group and 19.1 percent in clothing, footwear and cloth group.

Table II.3

National consumer price index, by group

percent

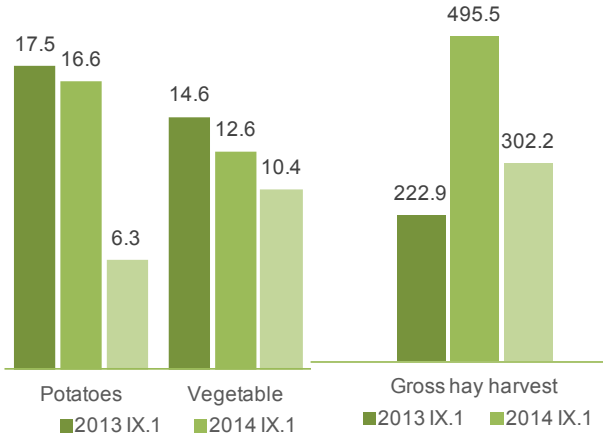
	Weight	2015 VIII / 2014 VIII	2015 VIII / 2014 XII	2015 VIII / 2015 VII
Overall index	**100.0**	**106.6**	**103.4**	**100.1**
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	29.3	103.1	102.9	95.7
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco	3.2	105.5	101.6	100.1
Clothing, footwear and cloth	16.1	108.9	103.5	100.2
Housing, water, electricity and fuels	12.3	110.8	98.4	100.5
Furnishings, household equipment	4.7	107.5	103.9	100.3
Health	3.6	104.8	102.5	100.1
Transport	12.2	102.3	101.2	100.0
Communication	4.4	99.3	99.4	100.0
Recreation and culture	2.8	103.6	101.9	100.2
Education	4.7	123.1	123.1	123.1
Restaurants and hotels	2.6	104.6	103.5	100.1
Miscellaneuos goods and services	4.1	106.5	104.5	100.3

III. Economic sector indicators

On the 1-st of September 2015, ***6.3 thous. tons of potatoes, 10.4 thous.tons of vegetable*** *were harvested and 302.2 thous.tons of gross hay harvest, 4.4 thous.tons of handmade fodder were produced. Compared to same period of previous year harvest of potatoes decreased by 10.3 thous.tons or 62.0 percent, vegetables by 2.2 thous.tons or 17.1 percent, gross hay harvest by 193.3 thous.tons or 39.0 percent, handmade fodder down by 1.1 thous.tons or 20.3 percent.*

Figure III.1

Crops, by types, gross hay harvest and fodder by 1-st of September of selected years



The industrial production index *(seasonally adjusted) in August 2015 was 157.5 (2010=100) it has increased by 21.1 percent from the previous month, by 17.2 percent from begining of the year and by 33.4 percent over the same period of the previous year.*

In the ***mining and quarrying sectors*** *the mining products such as gold, copper with concentrate, crude oil, molybdenium with concentrate have increased by 13.4-26.7 percent, the production of products such as spirit, liquid medicine, carpet, biscuit, buuz and dumpling, felt, kind of sausage, vacuum windows and doors, beer, railway sleeper, cement, combed down, camel woollen blanket, small intestine, leather boots and shoes, copper (99%) increased by 1.3 percent to 7.4 times in the manufacturing sector compared to the same period of the previous year.*

Table III.1

Gross industrial output, in the first 8 months of selected years

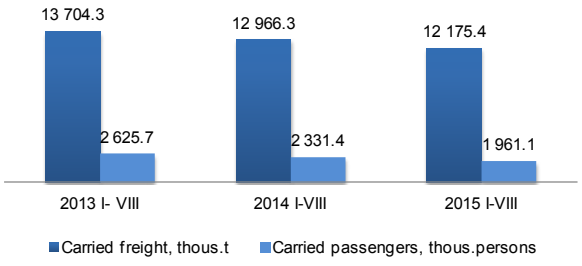
	2014		2015		2015 I-VIII / 2014 I-VIII, %
	VIII	I-VIII	VIII	I-VIII	
Total	817.3	5748.8	733.4	5520.2	96.0
Mining and quarrying	595.3	3939.0	536.1	3655.3	92.8
Manufacturing	182.7	1417.8	149.4	1398.1	98.6
Electricity, thermal energy and water supply	39.3	391.9	47.9	466.9	119.1

But in the mining and quarrying sectors the mining products such as zincum concentrade, iron ore, flour spar concentrate, broken or crashed stone decreased by 6.1-44.9 percent compared to the same period of the previous year. In the manufacturing sector the production of products such as bakery products, fodder, sawn wood, bread, articles of iron concrete, knitted goods, newspapers, milk, alcoholic beverage, metal steel, lime, metal sleeper, metal foundries, sweets, beauty cream, wheat flour highest grade, noodles, cigarettes, steel casting, sheepskin coat, wooden building door and windows, electric wire decreased by 3.4-64.8 percent.

In the first 8 months of 2015, 12175.4 thous.. tons freight and 1961.1 thous.passengers (double counting) were carried by ***railway transport****. Compared to same period of the previous year, the carried freight decreased by 790.9 thous. tons or 6.1 percent and the number of carried passengers by 370.3 thous.persons or 15.9 percent.*

Figure III.2

Carried freight and passengers by railway, in the first 8 months of selected years

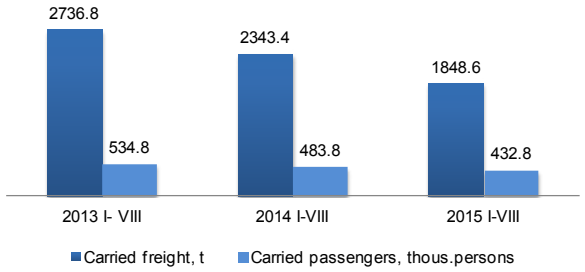


The revenue from railway transport in the first 8 months of 2015 reached 248.6 bln.tog it has reflected a decrease of 24.3 bln.tog or 8.9 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

*In the first 8 months of 2015, 1848.9 tons freight and 432.8 thous.passengers (double counting) were carried by **air transport**. Compared to same period of the previous year, carried freight decreased by 494.8 tons or 21.1 percent and carried passengers by 51.0 thous. persons or 10.5 percent.*

Figure III.3

Carried freight and passengers by air transport in the first 8 months of selected years



In the first 8 months of 2015, the revenue of air transport reached 174.6 bln.tog it has increased by 3.4 bln.tog or 2.0 percent compared to same period of the previous year.

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