

Rabdan Samdandobji

Rotarian Chief of Mongolian Red Cross

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Rabdan Samdandobji (Рабдан Самдандобжи) (1951-2020), affectionately known as “Samdan”, was President 1999-2000 of Ulaanbaatar Rotary Club (Улаанбаатар Ротари клуб), Mongolia. His classification was a professional administrator of Red Cross, in his official position as the Secretary General of the Mongolian Red Cross Society (Монголын улаан загалмай нийгэмлэг) from 1997 until 2020. He was also a member of the Development Commission of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies,

Samdan was born on 10 October 1951 in Chandmani Soum, Gobi-Altai Aimag. Prior to his work with the Red Cross, he had been:

- (1) 1978-1981 --- Advisor, Mongolian Revolutionary Youth League
- (2) 1981-1983 --- Deputy Chairman, Mongolian Student Union
- (3) 1984-1985 --- Administrator of Foreign Relations Department, Mongolian Revolutionary Youth League
- (4) 1985-1991 --- Representative & Secretary, World Federation of Democratic Youth
- (5) 1991-1992 --- Director, International Friendship Camp
- (6) 1993-1996 --- Chief Director, “Sunny” Children's Center

Other than the above working experience, Samdan also participated actively in these organizations:

- (1) Vice President of the Asia-Pacific Family Organization
- (2) National Representative of the International Federation of Volunteer Organizations of Mongolia
- (3) Head of the C-I-S-V Association
- (4) Head of the Mongolian Children’s Rights Center

- (5) Deputy Head of the Gobi-Altai province's local council in Ulaanbaatar
- (6) Head of the Mongolian Liver Protection Fund
- (7) President of the Mongolian Volunteers Association
- (8) Head of the Mongolian Consumer Protection Association
- (9) Head of the Danish-Mongolian training center DAMOST

Samdan was also an expert of the Kyokushuzan Development Foundation, a member of the Mongolian Society for the Future, the Mongolian Management Association, and also a leader of the Mongolian Herder's Science Center.

Samdandobji passed away in October 2020 due to illness of stomach cancer.

The Mongolian Red Cross Society

The Mongolian Red Cross Society (MRCS) is the largest humanitarian organization in Mongolia. It was established in 1939 as a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and is an auxiliary service to the Mongolian Government.

MRCS serves vulnerable Mongolians through a volunteer-based network which promotes humanitarianism values and the principles of the Red Cross / Red Crescent movement. With 33 midlevel branches and over 800 primary level branches across Mongolia, MRCS is able to serve communities nationwide. The Mongolian Red Cross Society conducts 7 core programs.

Disaster Management

The Disaster Management program helps communities to build resilience to natural and man-made disasters such as dzud, earthquakes and floods. They do this by assisting communities to be prepared for disasters through training and awareness campaigns and providing timely disaster relief and rehabilitation activities.

Health and First Aid

The Health and First Aid program aims to strengthen community health by providing first aid education and practical skills. MRCS conducts first aid training for volunteers as well as commercial and industrial organizations.

Social Care

The Social Care program provides services to support the well-being and livelihood of vulnerable groups in Mongolian society such as elderly, migrants and disabled people. Volunteers are mobilized to provide psychosocial support and help vulnerable people with everyday tasks such as preparing wood for heating and collecting drinking water, as well as accessing to governmental care services. MRCS has a large volunteer base, with over 15,000 people offering their services each year.

Youth Program

The Youth program educates young people on humanitarian values and principles to further developing voluntary service and participation at all levels of society. Red Cross youth clubs are established in many schools and universities to engage young people in humanitarian activities and further promoting these principles to the community. Activities include peer

training in health and first aid, earthquake preparedness, water and sanitation, HIV/AIDS awareness, youth camps and intercultural exchange. There are 75,000 MRCS youth members.

Water and Sanitation

The Water and Sanitation program aims to help decreasing infectious diseases transmitted through dirty hands by supplying the community with access to safe and clean drinking water, improving toilet and sanitation conditions as well as providing hygiene education.

Blood Donor

The Blood Donor program works with related governmental and non-governmental organizations to recruit and increase the number of voluntary, non-remunerated blood donors.

HIV/AIDS Concern

The HIV/AIDS Concern program aims to decrease the prevalence of HIV/STIs in Mongolia and alleviate discrimination against infected people.







