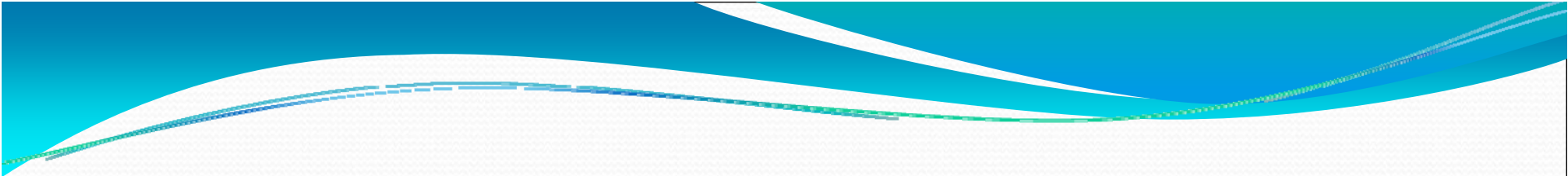


Student financial assistance in Mongolia – equity concerns

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- Background
 - Policy on the student financial aid
 - Statistics on the STF spending
 - Discussions and next steps

BACKGROUND

- Tuition fee introduced into the HE system – 1992
- Establishment of State Training Fund – 1993
 - Coordination of financial assistance

Types of financial assistance by State Training Fund (I)

Loans for students

- from families below the poverty line
- from families with parents who lost employability
- whose both parents are retired
- “half”-orphans from families below the poverty line
- graduate students with >3.5 GPA

Types of financial assistance by State Training Fund (II)

Scholarships

- winners of international Olympiads (high school)
- winners of national Olympiads (high school)
- undergraduate students with >3.8 GPA for 4 consecutive terms

Types of financial assistance by State Training Fund (III)

Grants

- disabled students from extremely poor families
- students who are orphans
- students from herder families with less than 500 heads of livestock
- students from families with more than 3 children at HEIs
- **1 full-time undergraduate student from government employee families**



Should government employees be
classified as disadvantaged?

Discussions and policy implications

- Equity
- Political will to change the policy
- Resistance from beneficiaries

Next steps

- Open up discussions with stakeholders
 - Roundtables
 - Forums
- Advocacy activities
 - pressure group
 - NGOs
 - media