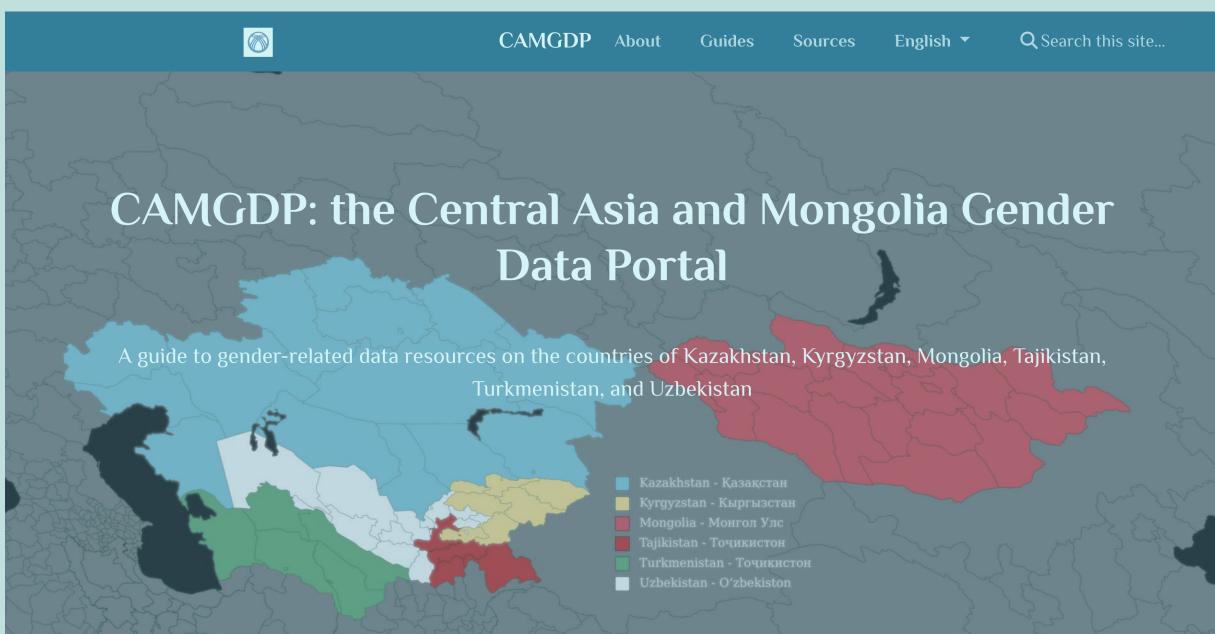
# CAMGDP.org

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The Central Asia and Mongolia Gender Data Portal (CAMGDP) is designed to assist scholars, academics, activists, students, and other citizens in finding gender-related data on the countries of Central Asia and Mongolia. The portal compiles quantitative and qualitative data sources, informational websites, media publications, social media, and organizations of various levels ranging from the international to the local that work in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.



# Why Gender Data?

International data may highlight gender issues, but is limited. The region's own official sources often are without a gender lens. Information on minoritized populations or othered gender and sexual preferences may be suppressed, covered only outside of the mainstream. This portal attempts to bridge this gap. Gender itself intersects with education, health, economic outcomes, and many other dimensions of interest to researchers.

#### Why Central Asia and Mongolia?

Home to 80 million people, these countries share a common heritage as post-Soviet states and linguistic and cultural background from the Turkic and Mongolian nomadic empires that shaped their history. Since independence, they have attempted to recover their cultural heritage under changing economic models, a process that can be particularly gendered as well.

#### Mission

To provide a guide for non-violent knowledge production on Central Asia and Mongolia. Our portal prioritizes local initiatives and grass-roots organizations, with context on data quality and availability. We hope to develop a tool for collaborative and egalitarian research with Central Asian and Mongolian communities that respects local knowledge.



# Central Asia and

Mongolia

Gender Data Portal

collecting quantitative and

qualitative resources

highlighting regional data from

local sources on gender issues

that may otherwise be suppressed

# at CAMGDP.org



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#### Collaboration

A primary long term goal of CAMGDP is to enable collaboration and contributions from anyone with an interest in gender data for the region. Github and contact links on every resource page enable easy contributions. To reach out to scholars, CAMGDP will be featured in presentations at CESS (Central Eurasian Studies Society) in Almaty in June and ASEEES (Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies) in Boston in November. Please spread the word!

#### **Features**

CAMGDP contains two major sections:

**Sources** - descriptive entries of resources that provide relevant data and information. CAMGDP does not host datasets, but serves as a gateway to data resources.

Guides - The Getting Started guide for each country explains the main features of the site in context, with links to selected resources about that country. The Gender Research Guide takes a more expansive approach, describing the historical and social context for each country and limitations and considerations in gathering research data on that nation.

Descriptive information is provided on the **About** page. Resources are **tagged** by country, language, source type, contributor, and theme. The tag schema is flexible, so additional criteria may be added over time, such as dates of coverage or data features. As sites are added, tags are combined and refined to best reflect the resources.

## Languages

Support for multiple languages is a core feature of CAMGDP. To make the site accessible to members of Central Asian and Mongolian communities, the **Guides** and **About** sections are/will be translated into each national language (Uzbek and Kazakh completed), and English and Russian serve as linguae francae. While the descriptions of **Sources** are in English, languages tags allow the identification of sites with content in specific languages.

### Platform

CAMGDP is built with **Hugo** and the **Docsy** template. Docsy provides direct implementation of multiple language internationalization of site content. Hugo-generated content resides on **GitHub**, providing a complete version history. The site's web presence was migrated from **AWS** to **Render** due to the unreliability of AWS. Render provides rapid refreshes of site content whenever the source GitHub content is updated, making site maintenance easy.

### Development

CAMGDP is under active development. Research on Kazakhstan began in summer 2022, along with prototyping of the website. The initial public release of the website was in May 2023. Research on Uzbekistan was conducted in summer 2023, with work on Uzbek translations, additional resource descriptions, and site refinements ongoing until May 2023, when release 0.3 was finalized. Each year another country will be researched, with Mongolia research to begin in summer 2024.

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