On February 14th, 2024, the government of Mongolia declared an elevated state of readiness until May 15th due to a severe dzud. These intense, prolonged periods of cold are characterized by heavy snowfall preceded by summer drought. This past February, 90% of the country was covered in snow and ice, disrupting access to social services, depriving animals of suitable grazing grounds, leading to a loss of 9% of livestock across the country.