Care, commitment and communication for a healthier world

National Center for Global Health and Medicine
Bureau of International Health Cooperation
Since the foundation of the organization in 1986, we have been providing international cooperation as a leading Japanese agency by dispatching experts to technical cooperation projects, training healthcare personnel inside and outside of country, and conducting global health research in coordination with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and World Health Organization (WHO). We are providing a wide range of technical assistance to lead to comprehensive solution finding from policy formulation on the global level to improvement of community healthcare services. We dispatch dozens of experts abroad, comprised of doctors, nurses, midwives, public health nurses, pharmacists and laboratory technicians.

**Technical assistance and emergency disaster relief operation**

We dispatch experts to provide technical assistance through JICA, WHO, or other organizations in the field of health systems strengthening, maternal, neonatal, and child’s health, and infectious disease control. We also send experts for international or emergency disaster relief operation.

**Global health policy formulation**

We contribute policy formulation processes at global levels by attending international meetings, such as World Health Assembly, and sharing our field experiences as well as research outputs.

**Human resources development**

We provide variety of learning opportunities to personnel in both Japan and developing countries to develop global health human resources by holding lecture series, conducting trainings, and having field works.

**Global health researches**

We carry out field researches in the areas of health systems strengthening, maternal, neonatal, and child’s health, and infectious disease control. In response to the requests from JICA or other organizations, we conduct monitoring and evaluation researches for project activities.

**Networks**

We build global health networks with international organizations, public and private sectors, and academic societies to conduct joint researches, personnel trainings, and other activities.

**MISSION**

Aiming to realize the world where all the people can equally lead healthy lives, the Bureau of International Health Cooperation supports developing countries to improve their healthcare using our expertise and contributes to healthier lives of Japanese people by bringing these experiences back to Japan.

**WEA**

We dispatch experts such as doctors, nurses, midwives, laboratory scientists and pharmacists to technical cooperation projects in each country in order to solve health-related problems based on agreements between the Japanese government and governments of developing countries.

The projects have a diverse range of objectives such as the strengthening of health systems, the construction of systems that provide training for healthcare personnel such as doctors, nurses and midwives, and dissemination of prevention measures for infectious diseases. The experts determine the issues that need to be prioritized on the national level in collaboration with the administration and healthcare facilities of the host country, set up countermeasures together and work on the improvement of healthcare in coordination with the Japanese head office. These operations are carried out by respecting the autonomy (ownership) of the host country so that the results of technical cooperation would firmly take root in the developing countries even after the projects have been completed.

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION**

The number of dispatched experts
We are providing abundant opportunities of training for healthcare personnel all over the world in order to deal with various global health issues. Public health officers and healthcare workers from various countries have participated in our training courses. The overall goals of these trainings include the improvement of healthcare services and reinforcement of health systems in each country. We aim to train personnel who learn specialized knowledge and skills through the trainings and will be able to improve the circumstances on the field in their own country.

The number of trainees by region

We are conducting research necessary for the better policy and practice by taking advantage of abundant fields of activity and a high degree of expertise in developing countries. NCGM has its own research budget for global health that is utilized for three main areas; health system strengthening, maternal, neonatal and child’s health and infectious disease control. The findings of these research have contributed to implementing better healthcare services and developing better policy at the national and local levels.

Moreover, we are also paying attention through our research activities to the reinforcement of systems that enables the effective and efficient creation of global knowledge and the establishment of research methodologies that emphasize balance between scientific precision of research contents and flexibility to respond to the circumstances in the fields of activity.

Principal fields of research

- Health systems
  - Strengthening of health systems
  - Training of health personnel
- Maternal and child health
  - Health of pregnant women and newborn children
  - Reproductive health
- Infectious disease control
  - HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria
  - Vaccine preventable diseases
  - Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases
  - Measures against hospital-acquired infections
  - Viral hepatitis
- Other
  - School health
  - Parasites
  - Research methodologies
  - International medical cooperation
  - Disaster medical care
  - Healthcare for foreign residents in Japan
  - Non-communicable diseases
  - Travel medicine

We are implementing training for public health officers in the Ministry of Health and regional health offices in various countries of Francophone Africa to learn about better maternal and child health services, based on the “Continuum of Care”* initiative. The objective of this training is to be able to read just their national and regional planning of MCH services including activity, human resources and budget plans in order to proper care services in accordance with each country’s circumstances.

Counterpart training

We organize the trainings for public health officers who work for the technical cooperation projects between our organization and each country’s ministry. The programs focus on resolving issues raised within the projects.

* Initiative to continuously offer healthcare services covering pregnancy, childbirth and post-birth childcare depending on lifestyle on different levels such as household and community to clinics and hospitals.

** Japanese-style quality management system centering on the following five elements: (Seiri/Sort) (Seiton/Set) (Seisou/Shine) (Seiketsu/Standardize) (Shitsuke/Sustain)
NCGM has concluded cooperation agreements (MOUs) with governments and institutions around the globe on technical assistance, research, and human resources development.

**Cambodia**

**National Maternal and Child Health Center (NMCHC)**

We concluded an agreement with NMCHC on technical assistance, research, personnel exchanges, and training in the fields of obstetric care, neonatal care, and maternal and child health.

**Viet Nam**

**Cho Ray Hospital**

It is the largest hospital in southern Viet Nam, and one of the leading facilities in the country to provide quality health service and to develop health professionals. We have been conducting collaboration research in infectious diseases and lifestyle related diseases. We have been dispatching medical doctors and JICA project experts, and accepting variety of health workers for training programs in Japan.

**Lao PDR**

**Laos Pasteur Institute**

We have started the research collaboration with the Laos Pasteur Institute. It has been conducting joint research on parasitic diseases such as malaria and schistosomiasis mekongi.

**Nepal**

**Tribhuvan University Institute of Medicine**

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