

Improving Comprehensive Services for Cervical Cancer

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Cervical cancer is a disease that is preventable and curable if detected early with proven strategies: (i) prevention by health promotion and HPV vaccination; (ii) screening and treatment of precancerous lesions; and (iii) management of invasive cervical cancer. However, these services are not widely available in Cambodia, and cervical cancer is estimated to be the second most common cancer in women with 1,000 new cases and 700 deaths every year. Ministry of Health has identified cervical cancer as the most urgent priority for cancer control.

To support strengthening of cervical cancer services in Cambodia, the first project (Project for Improving Women's Health Care of Factory Workers Focusing on Cervical Cancer) was carried out between 2015 and 2018.

The activities were conducted by the Cambodian Society of Gynecologist and Obstetrics (SCGO) in collaboration with the Japan Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (JSOG), by bringing together health professionals to improve quality of obstetrics and gynecologic services,

training and research.

To build on the outcomes and efforts further, the Project for Improving the Comprehensive Services for Cervical Cancer will be implemented from November 2019 to 2022. The aim of the project is to improve the quality of comprehensive services for cervical cancer through health promotion by expanding awareness of cervical cancer and improving cervical cancer screening system.

Assessment of health education for schoolteachers is planned in early 2020 to improve the health education program and contents that fit their knowledge and needs. Training of screening and treatment methods for the new gynecologists will start in February 2020 by the gynecologist trained in the previous project with technical support of the JSOG.

All activities of the project envision to improve the lives of women in Cambodia. Especially, since cervical cancer is preventable, awareness and access to screening and treatment services must be improved. ●

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JAPANESE ODA CONTRIBUTION TO HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING

Reconstruction and Development of Cambodian Health Sector



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Access to health is basic universal human rights. Every Cambodian citizen is entitled to access health care services with quality, affordability, efficiency and equity regardless of gender, race, religion or geographical location. Cambodian country health system had been heavily destructed by the time the civil unrest during the 1990s was concluded. Key health infrastructures, institutions and health personnel had also been affected without exception.

Witnessing this immense loss Cambodia faced, Japan has been actively involved in Cambodian health sector, reconstruction and development after the signing of Paris Peace Agreement.

Through its official launch of development cooperation in 1992, JICA has been representing Government of Japan in provision of official development assistance (ODA), making it the largest bilateral donor to Royal Government of Cambodia.

To strengthen health system, JICA has supported Ministry of Health in building health infrastructure, institutional capacity and health workforce development through grant aid and technical cooperation. JICA has implemented variety of projects to address mainly the improvement of newborn and maternal health, social health protection, human resource development, health infrastructure construction and medical equipment provision, tuberculosis control, and knowledge transfer to thousands of public health officials under out-country capacity training programs in Japan and the third countries.

Guiding by a vision in leading the world with trust, JICA remains committed to synergize our collaborative efforts as a contributing force to bolster sustainable health system in the government pathway towards achieving Cambodia Sustainable Development Goals (CSDGs) by 2030. ●

Impression of Ms. Tokugawa Shiori, Representative of JICA Cambodia Office for Private Sector and Social Development in Cambodia

What kind of skills are important in Cambodia?

People come to Phnom Penh for the first time will be amazed by the number of people on streets and the continuous sounds of construction. To accelerate the growth of Cambodia, it is vital to develop industrial human resources with certain skills including “soft skills”, which are consist of some factors such as communication skill, Problem-solving skill and Leadership.

The basis of “soft skills” are not only “cognitive skills” (reading, math, etc.) but also “non-cognitive skills” (perseverance, teamwork, etc.). James J. Heckman, a winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in economics, says that non-cognitive skills attained by quality

early childhood development are the driving force of health, economic and social advantages.

In Japan, the school activity has contained both cognitive and non-cognitive learning since 19C. Nowadays, teachers teach their children combining those activities, following not only the curriculum but also their own educational visions. What kind of skills Cambodian teachers want their students to have may be the foundation of the quality industrial human resources. I would like to do my best to add value on their efforts to develop human resources for the growth in Cambodia. ●

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JICA IN THE MEDIA

“Cambodia’s fishing fortunes to grow with JICA’s support”

Phnom Penh Post
29 November 2019

“ជំនួយជាង២២លានដុល្លារ របស់ជប៉ុន នឹងជួយដល់ ពលរដ្ឋជាង២៥០គ្រួសារក្នុង ខេត្តពោធិ៍សាត់ ឲ្យមានទឹក ស្អាតប្រើប្រាស់”

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 18** PR Seminar and Student Study Tour 2019 on JICA’s Cooperation in Economic Infrastructure Development
- 24** Grant Aid Signing for Wastewater Project
- 21** ENJJ Agriculture and Rural Development Sector Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1** Final JCC Meeting for MARDeC/TCP
- 5** Equipment Setting Ceremony, Yamanashi University (JPP)
- 7** AUN/SEEDNet Regional Meeting
- 22** ENJJ Education and Industrial Human Resource Development

DECEMBER

- 4** EN Signing for Pursat Water Supply Project
- 17** PE Teacher’s Manual for Lower Secondary School Completion Ceremony (JPP-Heart of Gold)
- 19** JPP Kitakyushu Drainage Project Final Seminar

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JICA'S SUPPORTS IN IMPROVING CONTINUUM OF CARE WITH FOCUS ON INTRAPARTUM AND NEONATAL CARE IN CAMBODIA

Improvement of maternal and child health to reduce preventable neonatal deaths



Photo: IMAMURA Kenshiro / JICA

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Improvement of maternal, neonatal and child health care has been one of the top priorities for Cambodia since the 1990s. Cambodia has successfully decreased its Neonatal Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Ratio to 18/1,000 and 170/100,000 livebirths respectively*. Effective interventions for the further reduction of neonatal mortality have been required as the health status among children has improved. To realize better health status among newborn infants and their mothers, the five-year Project for Improving Continuum of Care with focus on Intrapartum and Neonatal Care in Cambodia "IINeoC Project" was launched in May 2016.

This project aims to strengthen the continuum of care with a particular focus on the intrapartum and neonatal periods, in Kampong Cham and Svay Rieng provinces, and the National Maternal and Child Health Center in Phnom Penh. There are three main activities of the project: 1. Intrapartum and Immediate Newborn Care (INC) 2. Management of sick newborns and preterm/low-birth-weight infants 3. Follow-up for high-risk infants discharged from neonatal care units or showing danger signs.

*Cambodia Demographic Health Survey 2014

The JICA IINeoC Project closely collaborates with relevant development partners and supports following activities:

Support Immediate Newborn Care training for all staff who work in the field of intrapartum and neonatal care in Kampong Cham and Svay Rieng province. All staff have received this training and supportive supervision. IINeoC project has supported building up INC training system and capacity in both provinces and 'Annual review meeting on Early Essential Newborn Care' has been held in both provinces.

National Maternal Child Health Center (NMCHC) core members and JICA IINeoC developed the 'Initial Assessment Sheet (IAS)' and its guideline for quality improvement of intrapartum care, based on Cambodian Maternal Newborn Child Health (MNCH) policy and guidelines (Safe Motherhood Protocol, Health Center Midwifery curriculum, etc.). One of biggest expected outcomes of IAS is midwives could identify and refer 'real' emergency pregnant woman adequately.

IAS and its record sheet will be introduced into facilities (with lots of normal deliveries) in Kampong

Cham and Svay Rieng through the training for midwives.

The project also provides technical support on revision of the clinical manual and monitoring for quality of care at the neonatal care unit of the National Maternal and Child Health Center.

The Project has developed a Cambodian version of the Mother and Child Health Educational Handbook (Booklet) with the National Maternal and Child Health Center based on some national guidelines and WHO recommendations. This booklet contains information on how to maintain health care for mother and child, introducing topics of danger signs during pregnancy and newborns, nutritious information, and immunizations, etc.

The booklets have been distributed with existed national records (1. Record Card for Antenatal Care, Delivery and Postnatal Care, and 2. Record Card for immunization and Growth Monitoring Chart) as a comprehensive package in one cardholder at selected health centers of Svay Rieng Province since February 2019.

The Project and Svay Rieng Provincial Health Department have hold trainings for midwives from Health Centers of Svay Rieng to improve health worker's knowledge and enhance health educational skill using the booklet.

Through this booklet, we hope pregnant mothers gain essential knowledge for improvement of maternal and child health.

All activities of the Project have been to support for babies, mothers and families in Cambodia. Especially, to reduce preventable neonatal deaths more, service continuity from fetus to baby should be improved. We are working hard to achieve our goals: strengthening the continuum of care from intrapartum to neonatal period.●

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Cambodia: Emerging public transport service under new authority

Japan applying 100 years' of experiences to developing countries from driving technologies to management

In Japan, the public transport service (in the form of car sharing) started in Kyoto in 1903. Since then, the bus business developed as one of the means of transportation throughout the nation.

The bus business, in terms of cost-effectiveness, affordability to the public, and competitiveness against other transport modes, is essential as public transportation in developing countries. JICA has been for decades supporting bus operations in a number of countries by taking advantage of the more than 100 years of knows how of Japanese bus operators. The following summarizes JICA's on-going and notable technical cooperation programs in three Southeast Asian countries.

In Phnom Penh, the capital city of Cambodia, where the City Bus Authority (CBA) was recently established in September 2014 and thus lacking knowledge and experiences in public transport service and business, JICA-supported "the Project for Improvement of Transportation Capacity of Public Bus in Phnom Penh" has been underway since January 2017. Before starting the said Project, the CBA operated only three

routes with 57 buses and has been expanding its transport network and service fully utilizing 80 buses donated by the Government of Japan. Together with buses donated by China, the network and service have by now expanded to 13 routes and 235 buses, and the number of passengers has increased from 6,000 in 2017 to 30,000 per day in 2019.



A Phnom Penh city bus donated from Japan. A widely used mode of transportation for the residents

"Eighty percent of road traffic in Phnom Penh is motorbikes, and private passenger cars are rapidly increasing. The Phnom Penh City Administration has been actively engaged to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the number of accidents as part of urgent and central issues. A team of JICA Experts has been

supporting the CBA to improve the network and service of the bus to provide an alternative transport mode for private car and motorbike users. As part of these exercises, JICA Experts assisted the CBA to offer an app-based service to allow bus users to understand the bus location and the CBA to monitor the operation status," says TAKAHASHI Kiminari, Chief Advisor of JICA Project. All 235 buses were equipped with GPS, and the location information of the bus is available on smartphone apps. The number of downloads rapidly exceeded 50,000 since the operation officially started in July 2019 and is becoming very popular among bus users.

In addition, the data obtained by GPS is fully utilized in collaboration with Eagle Bus, a Japanese bus operator in Saitama Prefecture, to develop scheduling of the bus, implement regular inspection and maintenance of the bus fleets, and optimize the deployment of drivers. This, therefore, contributes to the improvement of safety and management efficiency.●

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Executive Senior Vice President Koshikawa welcomed AUDA-NEPAD CEO

On Nov. 6, JICA Executive Senior Vice President KOSHIKAWA Kazuhiko held talks with Ibrahim Assane Malaki, CEO of the African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), at JICA Headquarters in Tokyo.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Koshikawa congratulated Dr. Mayaki on his receipt of the "Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun" at the 2019 Autumn Conferment of Decorations. He also stated that JICA would like to deepen cooperation to promote the African Union (AU) "Agenda 2063" by focusing especially on the "business" and "innovation" highlighted in TICAD 7. In response, Dr. Mayaki welcomed continued partnership and cooperation based on priority areas identified in TICAD 7. Vice President Kayashima and others from JICA, and Dr. Mayaki and others from

AUDA-NEPAD, participated in the subsequent annual partnership dialogue between JICA and AUDA-NEPAD. The two parties confirmed the achievements of cooperation to date in the three fields of (i) regional infrastructure development, (ii) agriculture and nutrition, and (iii) KAIZEN.

They also affirmed the future collaborative action plans for the three fields and cooperation aimed at strengthening the AUDA-NEPAD system as the development agency of Africa.

JICA and AUDA-NEPAD will continue to further strengthening their partnership to contribute to the development of the entire African continent.

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