



【Society for protecting people's lives】 Strengthening Resilient and Inclusive Health and Medical Systems:

Promoting the strengthening of the health systems to achieve the resilient UHC (Development of “JICA’s Initiative for Global Health and Medicine” in the African region)

Status Quo and challenges

- There are significant challenges in health sector (Infectious disease deaths (2.7 million per year), high mortality and stunting among children under 5, impoverishment due to health expenditure, increase in non-communicable diseases, etc.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has reaffirmed the importance of crisis preparedness and the strengthening of health systems during the time without health emergency. Prevention and health promotion such as water, sanitation & hygiene (WASH), nutrition improvement are also important in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Direction of Activities towards TICAD-8

The "JICA’s Initiative for Global Health and Medicine" (Treatment, Precaution and Prevention) will be promoted with the following three pillars to strengthen the efforts for UHC as a Japanese brand.

1. Responding to health crises, including COVID-19

【Strengthening Treatment System】 strengthening medical services by updating facilities and equipment, while investing in the capacity development of medical professionals(including strengthening regional cooperation, Public-Private Partnership and Utilizing DX)

【Enhancing Infectious Disease Research and Alert System】 Further enhancing resilient health systems including regional cooperation through training in Japan / third countries, and cooperation with international organizations such as Africa Centers for Disease Control and private sector.

【Promoting Infectious Disease Prevention (vaccine deployment)】 Promoting rolling out COVID-19 vaccines taking the operations of COVAX and other partners into account to contribute to building the resilient society to the threat of infectious diseases.

2. Health Systems Strengthening

Emphasizing "no one left behind" by strengthening the health systems in the With/Post-COVID-19 era. Developing regional cooperation by utilizing JICA's assets

Establishing medical care system and improve quality and quantity of health care services (collaboration and synergy with various stakeholders).

3. Strengthening prevention (nutrition, water and sanitation, environmental management, urban development, etc.)

(Nutrition) Supporting proactive and sustainable efforts in each country to realize the TICAD 7 "Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA) Yokohama Declaration 2019".

(WASH) Promoting the increase of water supply population and capacity development by supporting sustainability and the growth of urban water services. Promoting regional cooperation to improve access to safe water and promote hygiene activities such as hand washing.

(Environmental management) Promoting further scale-up through knowledge sharing through ACCP and collaboration with development partners, and support waste and water pollution management.

(Urban development) Supporting for the development of cities resilient to external shocks including infectious diseases, based on the results of surveys and studies conducted for situation analysis on the Urban Development on COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.



Contributing SDGs





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JICA's Efforts to Date



UHC: Promoting UHC as a Japanese brand. "Project for Strengthening Capacity of Community Health Insurance System and Free Health Care Initiatives" in Senegal



Infectious diseases: Strengthening of laboratory functions through human resource development and network strengthening. Support for Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (Ghana).



Nutrition: Supporting implementation of the country strategies created under the Initiative on Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA). (The Data Collection Survey on Facilitation for ICSEA (IFNA Country Strategy for Actions) and Training Course for IFNA)



WASH: Efforts to improve access to safe water and sanitation for 10 million people.



Environmental Management: Study Tour of African Clean Cities Platform (ACCP). (2018@Ethiopia)



Urban Development: Program Formation Study on the Urban Environment for COVID-19