

September 24th, 2025, 8:00-9:15

@Riverpark, 450 E 29th St, New York, NY 10016

UNGA80 SIDE EVENT

JAPAN'S INNOVATION AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS FOR TACKLING NCDS: ADVANCING THE PATHWAY TO UHC

- ❑ Host: Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (JPMA)
- ❑ Co-Sponsor: Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (JPN Mission)
- ❑ With support from
International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers & Associations (IFPMA)

✂ Please note that photography and recording will take place during this event. Selected photos and highlights may be shared in the post-event report on JPMA's official website and social media channels.

7:30 Door Opening and Networking Breakfast

8:00 Opening remarks

Dr. Satoshi Ezoe, Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan

8:05 Keynote lecture:

Mr. Ikuo Takizawa, Principal Research Fellow, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

**Building Capacity for Lasting Impact:
Japan's visionary role in the global NCD response through UHC and beyond**

8:15 Panel discussion by leading experts:

**Multi-Sectoral Approaches to NCD Implementation:
Accelerating Progress Toward UHC**

Moderator: Herb Riband, Executive Director, Access Accelerated

- Mr. Ikuo Takizawa, Principal Research Fellow, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- Dr. Devina Nand, Head of Wellness at the Ministry of Health & Medical Services, Fiji
- Dr. Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo, Chair, NCD Alliance Kenya
- Dr. Monique Vledder, Head of the Global Health, Nutrition and Population Department at the World Bank
- Fumie Griego, Ph.D., Head of Global Public Affairs Takeda Pharmaceuticals

8:55 Q&A Session

9:10 Closing remarks

Dr. Sunao Manabe, Vice President, JPMA



【Keynote lecture】

“Building Capacity for Lasting Impact: Japan’s visionary role in the global NCD response through UHC and beyond”

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Executive Director,
[Access Accelerated](#)

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【Panelist】



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**Dr. Mary Amuyunzu-
Nyamongo,**
Chair, NCD Alliance, Kenya



Dr. Monique Vledder,
Head of the Global Health,
Nutrition and Population
Department at the World
Bank



Mr. Ikuo Takizawa,
Principal Research
Fellow, Japan
International Cooperation
Agency (JICA)



**Fumie Yokota Griego,
Ph.D.**
Head of Global Public
Affairs
Takeda Pharmaceuticals



Herb Riband

Executive Director, Access Accelerated

- Herb Riband is the Executive Director of [Access Accelerated](#), based in Geneva, Switzerland, where he has lived and worked for over 25 years.
- Access Accelerated is a collective of innovative pharmaceutical companies that works via a technical partnership with the World Bank and in collaboration with Results for Development (R4D).
- In 2024, together they launched the [Financing Accelerator Network for NCDs \(FAN\)](#) to help low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) address one of the greatest gaps in the NCD response: sustainable health financing.
- Herb brings 38 years of international experience, including senior leadership roles in multinational biotechnology and medical technology corporations. At Amgen and Medtronic, he led international efforts in innovative healthcare delivery models, market access, healthcare policy, government affairs, strategic philanthropy, corporate communications, and law functions—all of which inform his work supporting LMICs in designing and implementing sustainable, locally led financing solutions to ensure peoples' access to quality care for NCDs.

Dr. Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo

Chair, NCD Alliance, Kenya

- Dr. Mary Amuyunzu-Nyamongo is the Chair of the NCD Alliance of Kenya and the co-Chair of the NCD Intersectoral Coordination Committee of the Ministry of Health, Kenya.
- She is also the Founder Director and Technical Adviser of the African Institute for Health and Development (AIHD), an organization based in Nairobi, Kenya that conducts research, training and advocacy on health and development issues.
- Mary has published widely in the areas of health and development, focusing on NCDs, HIV/AIDS, gender, youth, mothers and children under-five, rural and urban poverty, and health promotion in general.
- She is currently the Chair of the NCD Alliance of Kenya. She is a member of the East Africa NCD Alliance, NCDI Poverty Network; and the Africa CDC NCD Advisory Board.
- She co-chairs the NCD Intersectoral Coordination Committee (ICC) for Kenya with the Director General of Health. Mary is an Adjunct Faculty at Strathmore University, Kenya. Mary holds a PhD (Social Anthropology) from Cambridge University in the UK.





Dr. Monique Vledder, Head of the Global Health, Nutrition and Population Department at the World Bank

- Since December 2022 Monique is Head of the Global Health, Nutrition and Population Department at the World Bank leading a team of health experts responsible for the technical support, analytical work, learning and capacity building as well as strategic partnerships necessary for the World Bank to deliver high quality projects and policy advice in client countries. Under her leadership the department is reorienting its focus to be in line with countries priorities including adapting to the impact of climate on health, pandemic preparedness and disease control, and service delivery.
- Previously Monique was the Head of the Secretariat for the Global Financing Facility for Women, Children and Adolescents (GFF), a multi-stakeholder global partnership and financing mechanism housed at the World Bank ensuring all women, children and adolescents can survive and thrive. Monique led the design of the GFF business model as well as the establishment of the GFF Secretariat and the successful expansion to 38 partner countries. The GFF provides catalytic financing and technical assistance to low and lower-middle income partner countries, supporting the development and implementation of country-led national health plans to scale up access to care. Monique successfully led the mobilization of \$2.5 Billion in grant funding linked to World Bank IDA financing with a 1:7 ratio. Under her leadership the GFF successfully built a broad donor base to mobilize funding as well as various innovative financing approaches to increase the scale of financing for service delivery in partner countries.

Mr. Ikuo Takizawa,

Principal Research Fellow, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

- **Ikuo Takizawa** obtained a Master of Science degree in population and international health from Harvard School of Public Health.
- He joined the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 1992 and has been involved in JICA's health and health-related projects and programs over 30 years in diverse settings in Asia, Africa, Middle East and the Americas, covering broad development issues including universal health coverage, pandemic prevention, preparedness and response, and application of technological and social innovations.
- During COVID-19 pandemic he led the operation of the Office for COVID-19 Response which was created to mobilize organization-wide response in JICA against the pandemic. Currently he supervises JICA research institute's research projects in human development cluster (health and education) focusing on global health challenges.





Fumie Yokota Griego, Ph.D.

Head of Global Public Affairs

Takeda Pharmaceuticals

- Fumie Griego joined Takeda as the Head of Global Public Affairs in Global Corporate Affairs in September 2023. She is responsible for engaging global policy stakeholders to advance patient-centered policy solutions to accelerate global, equitable access to innovative life-transforming medicines and vaccines.
- Prior to joining Takeda, Fumie was Deputy Director General and Chief Operating Officer at the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) in Geneva, Switzerland (2017-2023). Previously, she was Head of Global Oncology Policy and Strategy, Global Government Affairs & Policy at Merck KGaA (2016-2017) and Vice President for International Health Policy at Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) in Washington DC (2011-2016). Prior to joining PhRMA, Fumie was a senior economist in the White House's Office of Management and Budget where she provided U.S. senior policy officials in both the Bush and Obama Administrations with policy advice on a range of health policy issues (2002-2011).
- Fumie holds a PhD in Health Policy from Harvard University and a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Earth Systems (concentration in environmental economics and policy) from Stanford University.

Dr Devina Nand,

Head of Wellness, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji

- Dr Devina Nand leads the fight against non-communicable diseases in the country. She plays a critical role in developing and implementing strategies to address and mitigate the impact of non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, mental health and chronic respiratory diseases.
- Her capacities include **Strategic Planning:** Developing and implementing a strategic plan to address NCDs within the country; **Policy Development:** Developing, advocating for, and implementing policies and regulations aimed at preventing and controlling NCDs. This involves collaborating with government agencies and other stakeholders to shape health policy; **Data Analysis and Surveillance:** Collecting and analyzing data on the prevalence of NCDs, risk factors, and health disparities. Monitoring trends and using this information to inform policy and program development; **Program Development:** Creating and managing programs and initiatives that promote NCD prevention, early detection, and management, including, public health campaigns, educational programs, and community interventions.
- Dr Nand has worked in various capacities across Fiji in the capacity of medical officer, senior medical officer and chief medical officer including Naitasiri and Cakaudrove. Her qualifications include Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Masters in Public Health, Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching, Fellowship in International Society for Cardiovascular Epidemiology and Prevention.



Building Capacity for Lasting Impact

Japan's visionary role in the global NCD response through UHC and beyond

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Ikuo Takizawa

Principal Research Fellow (Global Health)

Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development

Japan International Cooperation Agency

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 - UHC
 - Planetary Health
 - Human Security
3. Way forward

Japan in global health perspective

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Lowest risk of dying from NCDs

(Probability of dying from cancer, CVD, CRD and DM, between 30 and 70 years of age, among 185 countries studied.)

Source: NCD Countdown 2030 Collaborators (2025)

Benchmarking progress in non-communicable diseases:
a global analysis of cause-specific mortality from 2001
to 2019

NCD Countdown 2030 Collaborators*

Japan in global health perspective

Least increase in death during the pandemic

(Excess deaths divided by expected deaths for 2020-23, among 30 most populous countries.)

Source: The Lancet Commission on Investing in Health (2024)

29.3%
population aged 65 and over (2024)



Global health 2050: the path to halving premature death by mid-century

Dean T Jamison*, Lawrence H Summers*, Angela Y Chang†, Omar Karlsson†, Wenhui Mao†, Ole F Norheim†, Osondu Ogbuoniji, Marco Schäferhoff†, David Watkins†, Olusoji Adeyi, George Alleyne, Ala Alwan, Shuchi Anand, Ruth Belachew, Seth F Berkley, Stefano M Bertozzi, Sarah Bolongata, Donald Bundy, Flavia Bustreo, Marcia C Castro, Simiao Chen, Victoria Y Fan, Ayodamope Fawole, Richard Feachem, Lia Gebremedhin, Jayati Ghosh, Sue J Goldie, Eduardo Gonzalez-Pier, Yan Guo, Sanjeev Gupta, Prabhat Jha, Felicia Marie Knaul, Margaret E Kruk, Christoph Kuroski, Gordon G Liu, Saeda Makimoto, Awad Matara, Rachel Nugent, Hitoshi Oshitani, Ariel Pablos-Mendez, Richard Peto, Neelam Sekhri Feachem, Srinath Reddy, Nisreen Salti, Helen Saxenian, Justina Seyi-Olajide, Agnes Soucat, Stéphane Verguet, Armand Zimmerman, Gavin Yamey

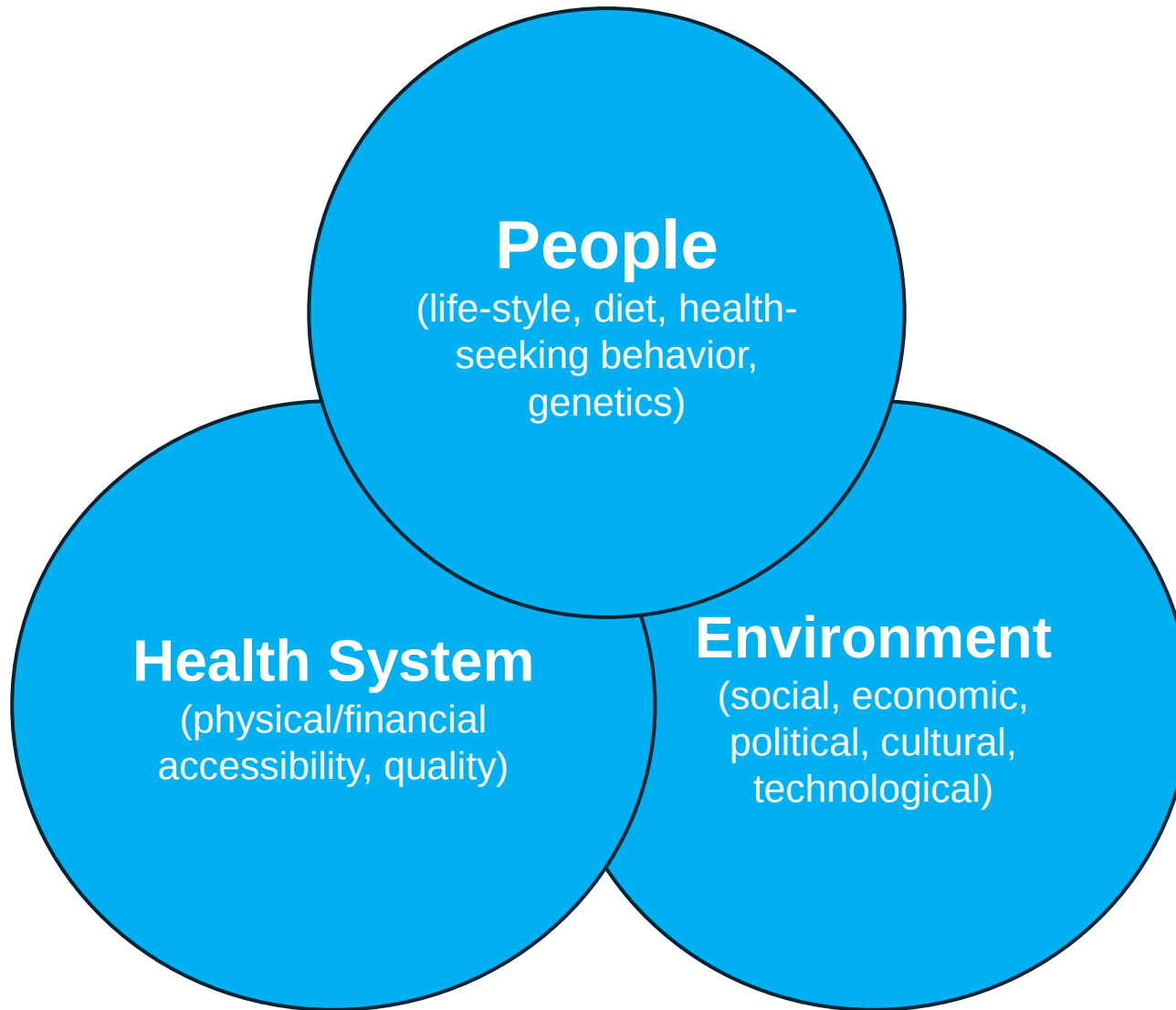
Japan in global health perspective

Promotion of UHC and PPR

(Japan's Global Health Strategy 2022, reflected in G7 Hiroshima Leaders' Communique 2023.)

Japan in global health perspective

Multiple dimensions of capacity to deal with NCD challenges



Japan' s role in global NCD response: **with UHC vision**

UHC: Center of excellence approach

Bolivia-Japan Institute of Gastroenterology, est. 1979



Outstanding features:

Establishment of the center in 1979

Technical cooperation 1979 – 1995

Designated WGO Training Center in 2005

Regional training of specialists 2005-

UHC: PHC approach

NCD services integrated into family and community health, Central America



Outstanding features:

National adaptation and standardization

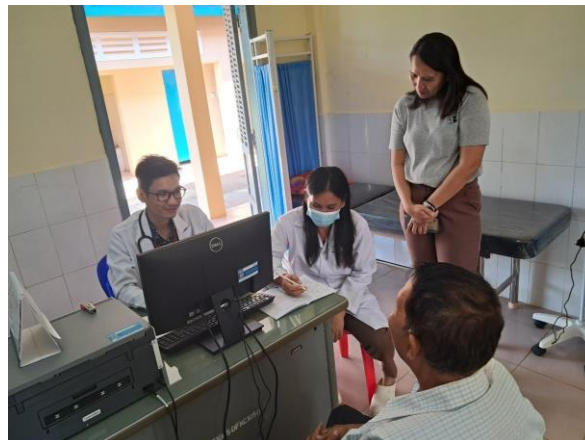
National and international partners

HRD integration for sustainability

Community engagement

UHC: Health systems approach

NCD services through PHC and referral hospital, Cambodia



Outstanding features:

NCD screening and care through PHC

Specialized care at referral hospitals

HRD through technical cooperation

Grant/loan investment in facilities

UHC: Engagement approach

NCD screening and follow-up in workplace and community, Fiji

- Political commitment : National NCD Strategic Plan 2020-25
- Whole-of-society approach : Healthy Settings Program (community, home, school, workplace, town, sports setting and FBO)
- Multiple partners : WHO, WB, Australia
- JICA's role : Focus on prevention/early intervention (Wellness Promoting System, Health Promoting Workplace and Motivational Interview)
- **Outstanding features :**
 - Inspiring (Japan's experience in public health interventions, corporate health and productivity management practices)
 - Collaborating (Integration of WHO/PEN risk assessment up, co-financing from WB project, private sector engagement)
 - Streamlining (Reducing workload of health workers in recording/analyzing checkup results by simple digital tools)
 - Institutionalizing (Sustainable HRD through pre-service training by FNU)



Japan' s role in global NCD response: with **Planetary Health vision**

Planetary Health: Call for triple duty actions

Report by the Lancet Commission on obesity (2019)

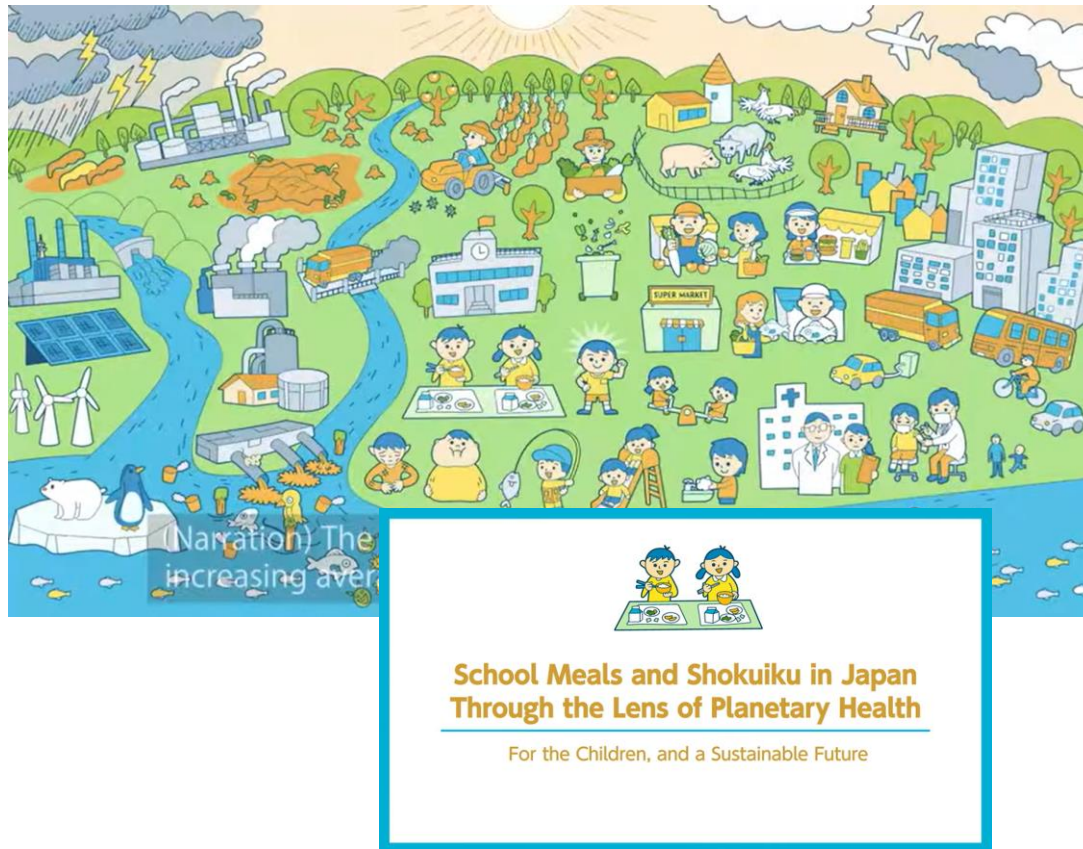
The Global Syndemic of Obesity, Undernutrition, and Climate Change: *The Lancet* Commission report



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Planetary Health: Triple duty action in practice

Promotion of *shokuiku* (食育, food and nutrition education)



- Eat healthy, stay healthy.
- Learn early, live wisely.
- Grown locally, eaten locally.
- Healthy people, healthy planet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjE3EqwNKEQ>

Planetary Health: Triple duty action in practice

Promotion of *shokuiku* through school meal program in Mongolia and others



Sharing of experience

Adaptation to country/local context

Standardization and training

- Improvement in nutritional quality
- Increase in local food procurement



Malaysia

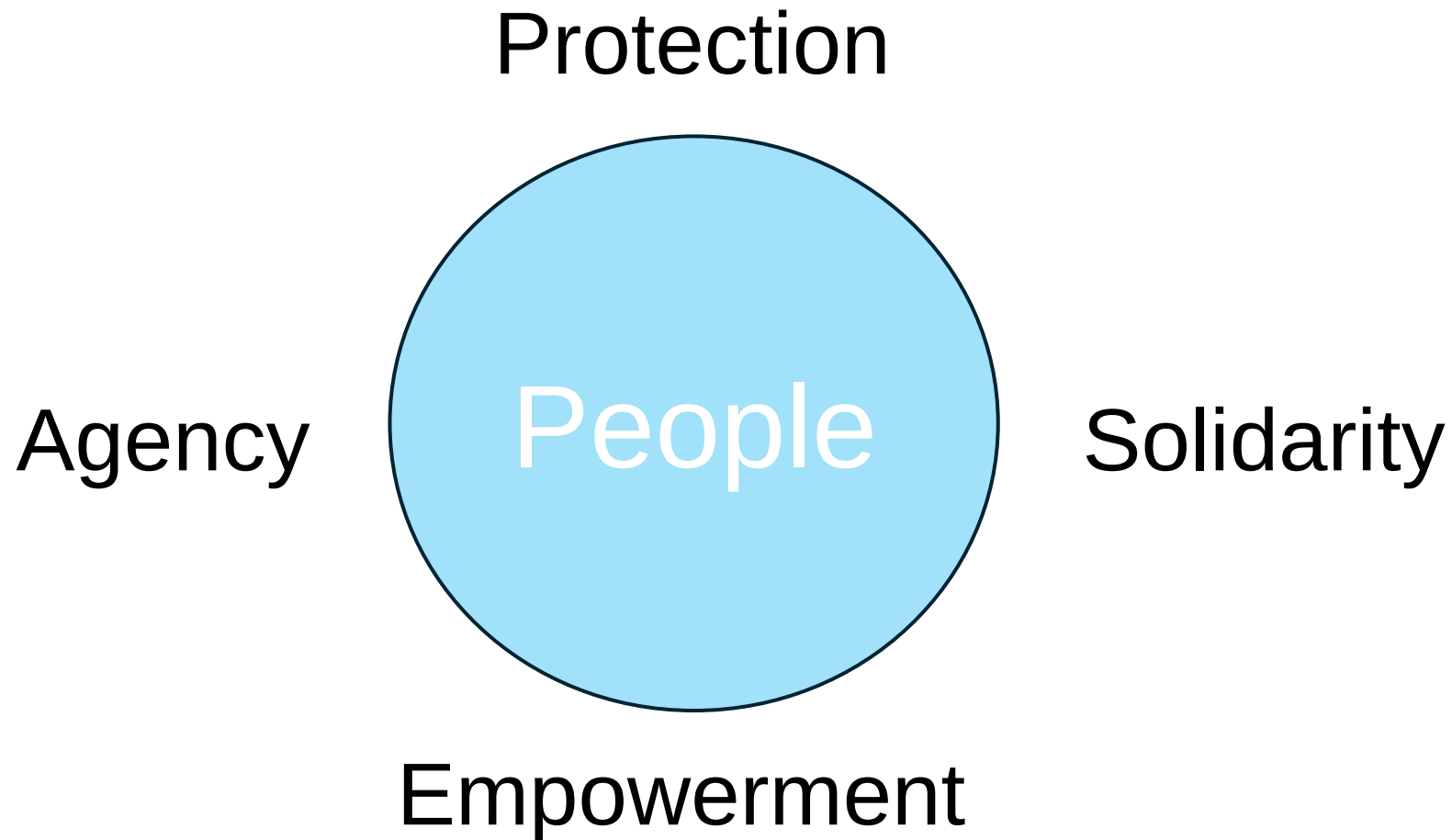


Indonesia

Japan' s role in global NCD response: with **Human Security vision**

Human Security: People at the center

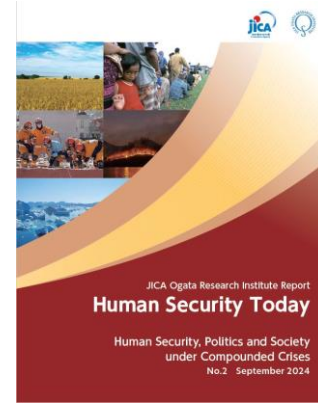
Human Security, guiding principle of Japan's development cooperation



Responding to complex crisis
exacerbated by human activities



UNDP (2022)



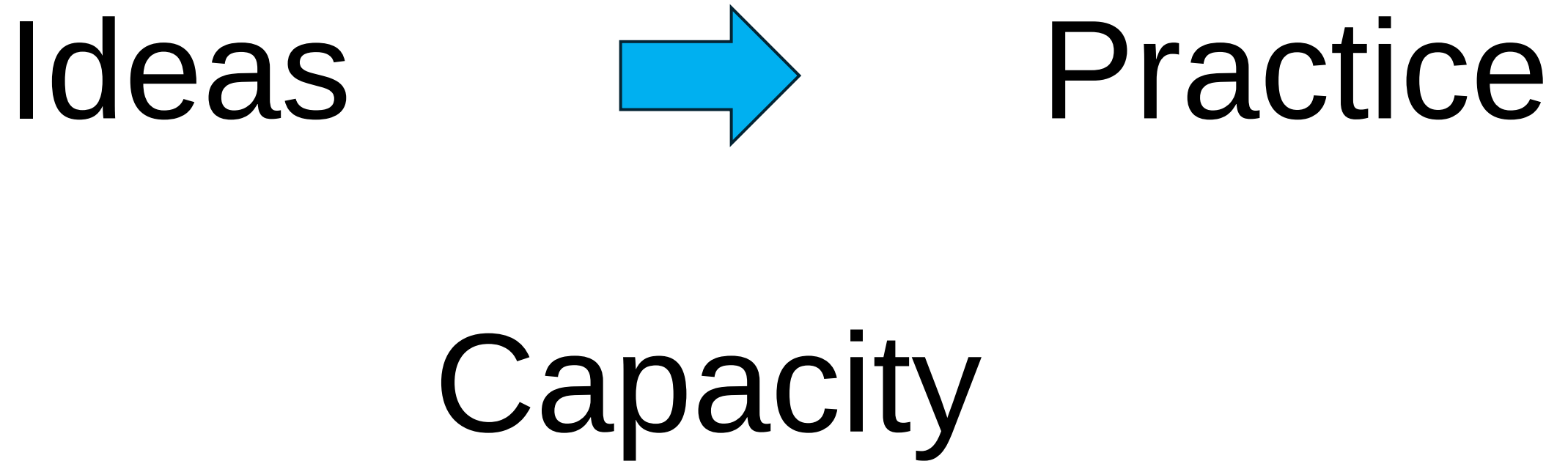
JICA RI (2024)

Way forward

Japan's visionary role in global NCD response

- UHC vision
- Planetary Health vision
- Human Security vision

Japan's visionary role in global NCD response



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