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Improvement of Community Health Center Project



A public health center supplied with material and equipment through this project

Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	1,644 million yen / 782 million yen
Loan Agreement	November 1994
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 2.6% p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	December 2000

Project Outline

By providing materials/equipments and personnel training to public health centers, the expansion of health care services to the regions and the increase of their quality were implemented, especially in order to provide medical care services in remote and poverty-stricken regions.

Results and Evaluation

Through this project, for each of the targeted provincial capital cities of the five provinces in Sumatra Island and 14 districts that have many poverty stricken villages, medical equipments and supplies; vehicles for traveling clinics/transport; non-medical equipments, such as computers were supplied, and the extension and reconstruction of health centers etc.; training in handling of medical equipment and supplies; and regional health center management training, etc. were implemented. However, the shortage of local currency due to the Asian currency crisis necessitated the reduction in the scope of the project. The equipments and supplies provided by the project have been effectively utilized, and regional expansion of health care service and rise in the quality were promoted through training and provision of equipment and supplies. Moreover, as a result of project implementation, the traveling clinics and ambulances were supplied, thereby increasing the efficiency of visiting clinics to the remote areas and villages of the targeted regions. Also the activities of "Posyandu" (village level health care sessions) and the referral system (a system by which patients according to their condition, can be introduced and transferred from health center outposts to higher medical institutions) were expanded.

Regarding sustainability, the future issues are the increase in the capability of health center staff and the maintenance of materials and equipment.