



Happy New Year 2025

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Wishing you a year filled with joy, prosperity, and lots of success.

We are so grateful for your continued support to JICA for the past year. Despite the challenges we all faced, we have stayed committed to finding solutions, overcoming obstacles, and making achievements. We are proud of our dedication and resilience. As we move forward, we are excited to take on new challenges and continue to contribute to the growth and the development of Iran and to the happiness of the Iranian people with your support.

Looking forward to strengthening our partnership and reaching new heights together. Here is to our bright future!

Best regards,

*TANAKA Osamu,
Chief Representative of JICA Iran Office*

JICA and Iran's Dynamic Cooperation Through Conducting Training Programs Transferring Japanese Medical Management Models



In a ground-breaking effort to improve Iran's healthcare standards, JICA Iran has successfully conducted five impactful training programs in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the I.R of Iran (MHME) between August 13 to November 26, 2024.

These initiatives, as part of JICA technical cooperation project entitled as “Project for Improving Medical Services in the Iran through Japan’s Medical Management Models”, are designed to inspire Iran's medical services with Japan's cutting-edge medical management models, fostering more qualified healthcare excellence.

Through these programs, Japan's extensive knowledge and experience in medical management were shared with nearly 100 Iranian professionals from MHME, enabling them to adapt and implement the gained valuable insights within Iran's healthcare system.

In the wrap-up meeting, the successful completion of the training programs was celebrated by the Chief Representative of JICA Iran Office, Mr.

TANAKA Osamu and the Director General of International Cooperation and Assistant to the Minister of Health, Dr. Mohammad Hossein NIKNAM. Both parties expressed their desire to further expand mutual collaboration recognizing the significant benefits it brings to the people of Iran.

As JICA and Iran continue to forge a path toward a healthier future, the impact of these training programs extends beyond the immediate benefits. The shared knowledge and expertise not only enhance the capabilities of Iranian healthcare professionals but also pave the way for sustainable development and improved health outcomes, aligning with the global vision of Sustainable Development Goal 3. “Good Health and Well-Being”. Not just improving healthcare, JICA and Iran are building a legacy of excellence and well-being for generations to come together.

Japan Disaster Relief and Its Global Humanitarian Impact

Volume 1: A Lifeline in Crisis

When disaster strikes, swift action and international cooperation are crucial, and Japan has been at the forefront of global disaster relief. Upon official request, Japan dispatches the Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDR), with the JICA's coordination as its secretariat.



The JDR system, established under the Act on Dispatchment of the Japan Disaster Relief Team (1987), ensures effective assistance whenever a disaster-affected country, or an international organization in place of them requests relief activities through diplomatic channels.

The JDR framework enables the rapid deployment of search and rescue teams, medical teams, infectious disease response teams and expert teams. When needed, emergency supplies are also donated to disaster-affected areas through JICA. This initiative reflects Japan's commitment to humanitarian assistance, resilience-building, and international cooperation.

JDR operations are aligned with the global humanitarian frameworks, including:

- UN International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG), and
- World Health Organization (WHO) Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) initiative.

To date, Japan has conducted over 50 search and rescue operations, 57 medical deployments, and hundreds of emergency relief deliveries, reinforcing its role as a global leader in disaster response.

The types of JDR and JICA's Support are as follows:

1. Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR)

- Certified as an INSARAG 'Heavy' Team with advanced capabilities for collapsed structures.
- Specialized in search and rescue at collapsed reinforced concrete buildings.
- Operates 24/7 for up to 10 days with full self-sufficiency.
- Equipped with search and rescue dogs, medical personnel, and cutting-edge rescue tools.



JDR's USAR Deployment to Iran

In response to the 1990 Earthquake in Roudbar and Manjil, Japan dispatched its JDR USAR team to assist in rescue operations. The team contributed to search and recovery efforts in the affected areas, demonstrating the strong humanitarian ties between Iran and Japan.

2. Medical Teams

- Verified by WHO as EMT Type 1 (Field Clinic) and Type 2 (Field Hospital).



- Provide outpatient services, surgical operations, and inpatient care.
- Can handle 7 major or 15 minor surgeries per day in Type 2 facilities.
- Support public health measures, infectious disease prevention, and emergency treatment.

JDR Medical Assistance to Iran

Medical Team was once sent to Iran which provided essential emergency medical support.

Additional information can be found in newsletter number 5:

https://www.jica.go.jp/Resource/iran/english/office/others/fh2q4d000000qk6t-att/newsletter_05.pdf

3. The Infectious Disease Response Team

The Infectious Disease Response Team does infectious diseases prevention and control in the fields of Epidemiology, Laboratory examination, Clinical treatment and Infection control, Public health response and Logistics.

4. Relief Supply Delivery

- JICA is aiming at delivering necessary relief supplies within 24-48 hours after receiving an official request such as:

Tents, blankets, medical kits, generators, and water purifiers.

Japan's Relief Assistance to Iran

JICA has provided multiple rounds of emergency aid supplies in response to various disasters. The most recent response was for the Khoy earthquake in January 2023. These efforts have strengthened the Japan-Iran cooperation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.



In the newsletter No. 10, we will introduce other types of the assistance with more focus on the mechanisms and procedures about JDR teams dispatched to affected areas...