



Special Feature

Infectious Disease Control

Japanese Technology Saving Lives

We live in an age of convenience where advanced transport systems take all types of goods and people to every corner of the globe. However, once bacteria, viruses, or parasites enter the body and cause an infectious disease, it can quickly become a contagious disease that easily jumps across borders from person to person and from animal to human. The spread of infectious disease is an issue that needs to be handled on a global scale, and many countries—including Japan—have established systems in accordance with the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations.

While access to health advice and immunization provided by health professionals is taken for granted in the developed

world, many countries are yet to reach this level of service. Having created advanced infectious disease control systems and successfully garnered community participation, Japan is well positioned to help developing countries establish their own systems. Japan is committed to working with developing countries to enhance their capacities by implementing programs to strengthen health systems and train personnel capable of taking the lead in infectious disease control.

So how is JICA helping countries in need to develop their infectious disease control systems and save people's lives?

In this issue, we follow the Japanese working on the front lines to see what is being done.

