



Human Resource Development

Life and Health Is the Top Priority Development Issue; Learning Is the Key to Solving Any Issue



Director General's Message

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Sectoral Issues

- ➔ Two out of every five children in the world lack basic literacy and numeracy skills. Opportunities to receive higher education and vocational training in developing countries are less than one-third of those in Japan.
- ➔ About 15% of the world population live with disabilities, many of whom live below the absolute poverty line.
- ➔ Every year, nearly six million children die before the age of five in developing countries.

Fiscal 2015 Initiatives

- ➔ JICA actively implemented its cooperation by leveraging Japan's strengths and experience.
- In the education sector, JICA focused on mathematics and science education, lesson study, school management improvement, and higher engineering education. In the health and social security sectors, universal health coverage (UHC), maternal and child health, nursing care for the elderly, and disability and development are focused on.
- ➔ The outcomes of these efforts were scaled up across national borders through mutual learning among developing countries.

Future Cooperation

- ➔ For human security and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), JICA will prioritize (i) protecting people's *life and health*, which is the basis of any development issue, and (ii) expanding people's potential by promoting people's *learning*.
- ➔ Through aligning one project with another, JICA will make the most of the opportunities for Japan and developing countries to learn from each other's experiences and lessons learned.

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A look at
programs by
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8 million copies

In Japan, one million copies of the *Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Handbook* are distributed to pregnant women every year. Originally developed in Japan, the *MCH Handbook* was introduced to more than 20 countries and modified to accommodate local contexts. More than eight million copies are issued every year.

Ghana: A Community Health Officer offers postpartum guidance to a mother. The picture cards shown were developed jointly by Ghanaian counterparts and the JICA project. (Photo by Takeshi Kuno)