

# **Discussion Points on Asia's Social Infrastructure Investment and Pandemic Resilience**

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# A Thought-provoking Important Work

- **First estimate of social infrastructure** demand in Asia
- Reminding us **the importance of appropriate hospital investment**
  - **Health infrastructure demand** is relatively large in social infrastructure
  - Emphasizing importance of costing **O&M and rehabilitation, repair, renovation cost**: addition to new construction
- Adding **pandemic resilience lens**

# JICA's Cooperation on Health Infrastructure

- **JICA's long-standing focus** : health system strengthening
- **COVID-19 response support** : 224 hospital infrastructure in 44 countries
- **Experience in health infrastructure construction/upgrading:**
  - Examine health service delivery/access equity, capacity, expected functions in national health system, resource availability
  - Ensuring skilled HR, management system, O&M, long term maintenance plan implementation
- **New Cluster Strategy (Apr 2025):**
  - **Focus:** Resilient, equitable and sustainable health service delivery for UHC (Universal Health Coverage)
    - UHC: all people have access to the necessary quality health services when and where they need without financial hardships.
  - **Covers:** from PHC to Hospital as one health service delivery system
  - **Integrated approach** : 1) Infrastructure(facility and equipment), 2) management (facility and financing), 3) Human Resource, 4) leadership/governance, 5) health information
  - **Tools:** technical cooperation, grant aid, concessional loans, private-sector investment, co-creation with stakeholders

# Points for Discussion

- **“Hospitals” infrastructure**

- Need to consider in **the linkage of health service platforms** in a country
  - Community, health center, first level to tertiary hospital, population-based intervention
  - Most health services can be provided at **primary health care (PHC)** level
  - Some arguments on strengthening investment to **first level/referral hospitals**
- Appropriate hospitals require **not only infrastructure**

- **Consideration of climate resilience**

- Heat, disaster preparedness, digitalization, energy/water/waste management

- **Filling Investment Gap**

- Strengthening **public financing management** in health sector, Improve **efficiency**, evidence-based prioritization, shared Health Sector Investment Plan, **Understanding of financing ministries**
- **Innovative and blended financing**, expanding partners through **impact investment**, **result-based financing** etc.

Thank you