

Capacity Development Support. The following are the highlights of some of the achievements realized by the Project during the year 2010:-

1. AOP 6 development with evidence-based budgeting for systems bottlenecks.
2. Conducting core management training.
3. Support to holding the provincial community health strategy stakeholders' forum.
4. Development of health facility/resource directory based on health mapping, health promotion and community strategy assessment.
5. Publication and issuance of Project newsletter.
6. Holding the 1st year progress review workshop.

During the year in review, JICA organized management training in Japan for the Project counterparts in the fields of health systems management, health administration, maternal and child health and health information.

Interventions at District Level: Community Health Development in Taita

On the district front, the JICA Expert on Community Health Development continued her assignment at the District Office of Public Health and Sanitation, Wundanyi, Taita, through the period under review. The Expert provided support to the District Health Management Team (DHMT) to implement the action plan as developed in the previous year with four targeted outputs. The main activities included training of community health workers (CHWs), community health extension workers (CHEWs) and members of Community Health Committees. The training was intended to catalyze the re-organization and vitalization of Community health activities within the existing and newly established Community Units (CUs). Monthly feedback and review meetings were held with CHWs, health facility in-charges and the DHMT to discuss progress and address the emerging challenges in implementation.

Recognizing the link between health and other social determinants such as food, water and income, the DHMT strengthened collaboration with other line ministries such as Agriculture, Social Services, Water, and Coast Development Authority, as well as other Partners to reinforce its health strategy on the ground. According to Ms. Miriam Wakio, District Coordinator of Community Health Strategy, *"Health is one of the various aspects in life of people and often, people prioritize more pressing issues such as food and income than health. So, if health is addressed with other closely related issues in their life through CHS, people will appreciate CHS and*



Demonstration on use of leak tins as a hygiene measure after toilet visits.

CHWs more". In her own view, JICA Expert says that "Majority of people have already been exposed to good information and even understood them correctly although they have not practiced and changed their behaviors. I think that CHWs with other actors in CHS can make sort of movements in the community which can reach people's hearts to make their lives change with confidence".

Some of the notable achievements during the year under review were as follows:-

1. The DHMT through its CHS dedicated sub-group was responsible for leading CHS implementation in the district.
2. Key partners (APHIAII Coast, World Vision, St. Joseph and line ministries) positively participated in CHS implementation and tried harmonizing their activities in CHS in line with Taita's vision and approaches for CHS.
3. The DHMT was able to capture progress and problems in CUs through monthly CHS review meetings.
4. The local leaders in the district appreciated CHS and gave their commitments to secure some funds to procure equipment required in the CHW kits and other necessary materials.
5. The Project realized the establishment of two new CUs in Bura and Kidaya Ngerenyi areas.