



JICA Donates Vehicles to Montserrado County Health Team (MCHT) for the Project “Management Capacity Development for Health Services”

On February 1, 2017, JICA Liberia Field Office handed over 2 Jeep and 1 pick-up truck to Montserrado County Health Team (MCHT) for supervision and outreach activities in Montserrado County. This donation is part of the program to support building resilient health system after the Ebola Virus Diseases (EVD) crisis in Liberia. It was done through the Management Capacity Development Health Services Project to enable MCHT to work more effectively and timely in supervision and other outreach activities in the Montserrado County.



*Dr. Yatta-Sackie Wapoe
Montserrado County Health Officer*

Upon receiving the vehicles from JICA, Dr. Yatta-Sackie Wapoe (County Health Officer) who is grateful and impressed with the donation stated that: “JICA is committed to help the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Health to build a resilient health system. JICA has just solved the problem of lack of logistics which often prevent the team from carrying out supervision and this will go a long way in helping the County Health Team meet their target, thus improving relevant indicators.”

JICA has been implementing Management Capacity Development Health Services Project (December 2015- August 2018) with four (4) Japanese experts to work in collaboration with MCHT in order to support and strengthen its governance and accountability capacity. To keep smooth operation with MCHT, the Steering Committee (SC) which is comprised of MCHT senior staff and JICA consultants meets 2 to 4 times a month for monitoring progress and discussing issues on the day-to-day operation of activities. In addition to the SC meeting, some working groups are organized with MCHT staff and JICA consultants. The intimate and open working relationship between MCHT and JICA has contributed to the activities based on the mutual understanding, promoting MCHT’s ownership and solving problems in early stage.



Three vehicles handover to MCHT

The project has initiated good practice for MCHT as follows:

1. Through the Joint Integrated Supportive Supervision (JISS) which was conducted in 17 health facilities by MCHT in October 2016, the problems found from JISS were shared and the solutions were discussed among supervisors. This has contributed to strengthen the effective supervision and feedback system in MCHT.
2. Provision of PC trainings in the project has improved the managerial of MCHT staff in report writing, data entry and so on. According to the survey on the two PC trainings result from the participants after training, it shows that more than 85% of participants were “satisfied” or “very satisfied” in both trainings.
3. Management Capacity Development Health Services Project supported 8 seminars in Montserrado for community health policy dissemination, which was first time to fund jointly with MCHT, International Rescue Committee/Partnerships for Advancing Community-Based Services (IRC/PACS) and JICA. This resource collaboration with other donors enables the implementation of the program efficiently and effectively.
4. In order to learn from the experiences of other County Health Team in county health management, 10 MCHT staff visited Bong CHT on November 22, 2016. This exchange visit provided the opportunity to interact with other CHT colleagues about the challenges and innovation for the management of CHT, which inspired MCHT to make more effort for an innovative, high-performance CHT with strong leadership, committed staff especially in and plan reviews.



Japanese Experts at work



*JICA Official, Japanese Experts
and MCHT Staff at the ceremony*

Dr. Wapoe believes JICA’s Project will impact MCHT positively especially as it relates to gaining knowledge and acquiring professionalism. Her overall assertion is that the project is benefitting a lot of the staff members both at District and County Levels, and it allows them to continue their routine work and at the same time, build their capacity.

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JICA Training Program

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