

Project Outline

- **Duration:** 2021 ~ 2024
- **Sector:** Health
- **Counterpart Institution:** Mozambique Ministry of Health
- **Type of ODA:** Technical Cooperation
- **Total Cost:** 300 million Japanese Yen
- **Project Overview:** The project will first develop a maternal and child health (MCH) handbook. Health workers and community health workers (APEs) will be trained to utilize the MCH handbook in their MCH and nutrition service provision at health facilities and communities. Their activities will be periodically monitored and supportively supervised.



Development Issues / Background

- The maternal mortality rate is 289 per 100,000 live births, the neonatal mortality rate is 28.5 per 1,000 live births, and the under-five mortality rate is 74.2 per 1,000 live births. (UNICEF, 2019)
- One of the underlying causes for the above situation is the high prevalence of chronic malnutrition in Mozambique. According to WHO, around 45% of deaths of children under five years of age are linked to undernutrition. (WHO, 2021)
- Over the past 20 years, the chronic malnutrition rate in Mozambique has been approximately 40%, without any signs of improvement.

Expected Impact on the Health Sector

ProNUT aims to develop a nutrition service model (the Model) utilizing the MCH handbook, which contributes to reducing undernutrition among women and children in Gaza and Niassa provinces. The Model focuses specifically on the critical first 1,000 days for child development.

ProNUT is one of the three JICA projects under multi-sectoral collaboration among health, agriculture, and water and hygiene in Niassa.