

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

## Strengthening of Community Health System for Infectious Diseases Control



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## How do we solve infectious diseases control issues in a community?

Learn and leverage the experiences of Okinawa where dramatically improved the situation of infectious diseases during the post-World War II reconstruction period.



### Outline

This program is designed for nursing personnel or their supervisor who is in administrative position for planning, implementing, evaluating and managing community health system in order to control infectious diseases at the central or regional government engaged in public health activities.

The sessions will be held online (self-study and discussion with web live sessions) in participant's country and on-site in Japan.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program:

Online (in participant's country): from October 8 to October 21, 2025

On-site (in Japan): from November 3 to November 29, 2025

Course Capacity: 11



## JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, stated that "In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together." We believe that this 'Knowledge Co-Creation Program' will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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## For What?

#### Background

Many developing countries still face difficulties providing infectious diseases control services in all regions. There are many reasons for this, including lack of human resources, budget, equipment, and facilities. Regional disparity in infrastructure, patient transportation, and inadequate health administration are particular problems that need to be addressed. Improving health systems in developing countries is essential to achieving global health goals.

### Objectives

New action for infectious diseases control will be planned by health officials of central or local governments with utilization of acquired knowledge through this program.

## To Whom?

## Job Areas and Organizations

This program is designed for nursing personnel or their supervisor who is in administrative position for planning, implementing, evaluating and managing community health system in order to control infectious diseases at the central or local government engaged in public health activities.

The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

### **Targeted Countries**

Brazil, El Salvador, Indonesia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Sudan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Tuvalu

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.



# When?

#### **Program Period**



Online from October 8 to October 21, 2025

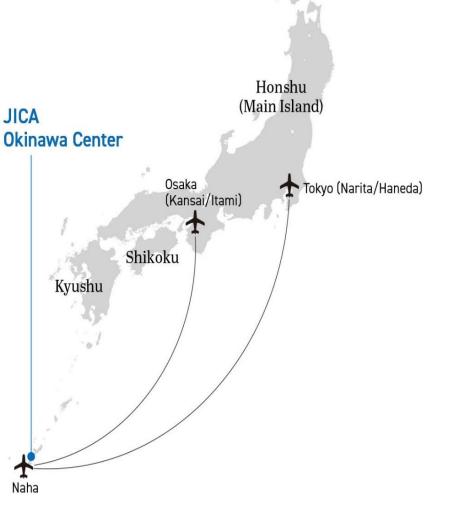


On-site from November 3 to November 29, 2025



This course is carried out in **Okinawa**, Japan, organized by the JICA Okinawa Center.

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# How?

#### How to Learn

- Online Self-Study
- Online Q&A Session
- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations

#### Language

English

#### Commitment to the SDGs



#### **Program Structure**

This program consists of the following components. The contents may be subject to modify.

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Watch

Experience

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Listen

Discuss

Discuss

Present

Present

Interact

<b>1. Preliminary Phase</b> Participating organizations make required preparation for the Program in the respective country.		
Expected Output	Activities	
Job Report	<ul> <li>(1) Analysis on the issues on infectious diseases control in working organization or in applicant's work responsibility</li> <li>(2) <u>Be sure to use the attached format</u> when making Job Report</li> <li>(3) Be sure to have the personnel in higher rank check before submission</li> </ul>	



#### 2. Core Phase

Participants attend online program through On-demand video sessions and Online live discussion.

discussion.		
Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
1.To sort and report the issues to be addressed on infectious diseases control in participant's country in order to share them with the program partners	<ol> <li>Sorting the issues on infectious diseases contol in participant's county</li> <li>Making short and concise presentation</li> </ol>	Online or On-Site discussions
2. To understand the public health administration in Japan and Okinawa (from post-World War II to present), medical care system, cooperation between medically related organizations, based on the measures of infectious diseases control	<ol> <li>(1) Overview of public health administration in Japan</li> <li>(2) Overview of public health, medical and welfare administration in Okinawa</li> <li>(3) Overview of public health and medical care activities in remote islands of Okinawa and mainland Japan</li> <li>(4) Infectious diseases control care services in medical facilities</li> </ol>	On-demand or On- Site sessions for lectures, field visit, and and exercise



3.To acquire the	(1) Overview of public health nurse	
specific idea about the	personnel stationing system in	
application possibility	communities	
of infectious diseases	(2) Overview of nursing	
control measures	administrations and human	
through learning the	resources development in	On-demand or On-
history of public health	Okinawa	Site sessions for
activities in Japan and	(3) Theory and practice of public	lectures, field visit, and
Okinawa, practice	health nursing activities	and exercise
(methods and	(4) Japanese experiences and	
techniques), health	global trends in controlling	
system, human	Malaria and TB	
resources	(5) Public health activities in the	
development	days "with COVID-19"	
4.To make feasible action plan to improve infectious diseases control in home country	<ol> <li>(1) Review the contents of the program</li> <li>(2) Making and presentation of "Action Plan"</li> </ol>	On-demand or On- Site sessions for lectures, field visit, and and exercise

**3. Utilizing Phase** *Participating organizations produce final outputs by making use of results reported by* participants. This phase marks the end of the Program.

Expected Output	Activities
To share the learning from the program with colleagues at work	• Presenting the outline of this program in a report meeting such as a workshop for the beneficiaries including co-workers, and discussion how the learning from the program can be applied to the home country

The finalized program schedule will be given after the acceptance notice.

## **Eligibility and Procedures**

#### 1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.
- (3) As this program is designed to facilitate participants to come up with the plan to bring a change in their organization. Participating organizations are expected to make due preparation with the participants by carrying out the activities of the Preliminary Phase.
- (4) Participating organizations are also expected to make the best use of the results achieved by their participants by carrying out the activities of the Finalization Phase.
- (5) Participating organizations are requested to allow the participants to learn online program for two to three hours a day and attend online live sessions (2-3 times, as shown below) during the online program period without disturbing by daily work.





#### 2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

[ Remarks ] Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

#### (1) Essential Qualifications

- Current Duties: be a nursing personnel or its supervisor who is in administrative position for planning, implementation, evaluating and managing of infectious diseases control at the central or regional governments which address to improve public health
- Experience in the Relevant Field: have <u>at least 7 years' working experience</u> in the field of public health
- Educational Background: be a university graduate or equivalent and licensed in clinical nursing and/or public health professional
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 100 or above in order to make an oral presentation and write reports. (This program includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English.
   Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC, etc, if possible)
- 5) Availability: be able to participate in both "online in home country" and "on-site in-Japan" programs
- 6) IT environment (PC with the Internet access and web camera): possess a PC with the Internet access to YouTube (streaming), Google Classroom (or other learning management system such as Cornerstone), and Zoom. Also with a web camera for the online live sessions. Connection from a smartphone or tablet is <u>not</u> appropriate for this program.
- Time management: have permission to participate in the online program for two to three hours a day, including several live sessions
- 8) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. To reduce the risk of worsening symptoms associated with respiratory tract

infection, please be honest to declare in the Medical History (QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION of the application form) if you have been a patient of following illnesses; Hypertension / Diabetes / Cardiovascular illness / Heart failure / Chronic respiratory illness.

#### (2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Expectations for the Participants: Those who have relation with JICA health project will be preferable.
- 2) Age: between the ages of thirty (30) and forty-nine (49) years when the online program starts.
- 3) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

#### 3. Required Documents for Application

(1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)

\* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

(2) **Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

\*The following information should be included in the photocopy:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date

\* It is highly recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.

- (3) **English Score Sheet:** to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores. (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS)
- (4) Job Report with Questionnaire: to be submitted with the application form.Fill in Annex in this document.

#### \*Remarks: The Application Form and the Report (ANNEX) must be made by

the applicant him/herself without the help of AI (Artificial Intelligence). And it must be computer-printed, NOT handwritten. There are some cases which applicants are rejected since the application form is not readable.

#### 4. Procedures for Application and Selection

#### (1) Submission of the Application Documents

Closing date for applications: Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).

(All required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan <u>by August</u> <u>8, 2025.</u>)

#### (2) Selection

Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

#### (3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results <u>not</u> <u>later than September 8, 2025</u>.

## 5. Additional Document to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

**Result of Chest X-ray:** Due to the possible hospital and/or health facility visit, the accepted participants are required to submit the **Result of Chest X-ray** taken within the six months prior to the date of receiving the notice of acceptance. Please submit the signed result, not the image data, by October 7 (in Japanese time zone), the day before the online program starts.

#### 6. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
- (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "3.Expenses", "Administrative Arrangements",
- (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
- (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.



### **Administrative Arrangements**

#### 1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) Center: JICA Okinawa Center (JICA OKINAWA)
- (2) Program Officer: Ms. NAKAMA Naoko (oicttp@jica.go.jp)

#### 2. Implementing Partner

- (1) Name: TA Networking Corp.
- (2) URL: <u>http://www.ta-n.com/eng/index.html</u>
- (3) **Remark:** The technical advice will be provided by University of the Ryukyus.

#### 3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment <u>are not</u> <u>included</u>).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of the brochure for participants titled "KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK," which will be given before departure for Japan.

\*Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian):

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\_work/types\_of\_assistance/tech/accept\_

#### 4. Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be held at respective country's JICA office (or the Japanese Embassy), to provide Participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the course, and other matters.

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan		
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw	
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan		
JICA Okinawa	https://www.jica.go.jp/okinawa/english/office/index.html	

If the link of these youtube URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the nessesary information from the key word.

https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02

#### 5. Reference

#### PDF: KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech\_pro/acceptance\_training/\_ic sFiles/afieldfile/2025/03/21/2025\_pc\_en.pdf



Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing For more information on life in Japan and KCCP https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw



Website: JICA English/French/Spanish/Russian <u>https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\_work/types\_of\_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html</u>

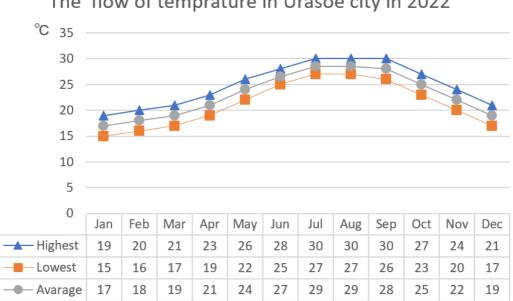


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## Other Information

#### 1. Climate in Okinawa

Okinawa is located at sub-tropical zone (southern edge of Japan) but climate varies depending upon seasons. While it is hot and heavily humid in the summer season (June to October), it becomes a bit chilly in the winter season (December to March) due to strong northerly wind. Participants are recommended to bring suitable clothing (details are mentioned in below 4.) The graph below shows the flow of temperature in Urasoe City where JICA Okinawa Center (JICA Okinawa) is located.



The flow of temprature in Urasoe city in 2022

#### Major facilities in JICA OKINAWA: 2.

We are equipped with a variety of facilities for training and welfare activities such as seminar rooms, library, accommodation rooms (details are mentioned in below 3.), dining hall, clinic for medical consultation, gym, and recreation rooms.

At the dining hall, "HALAL" meals for the Muslim and vegetarian meals are available. Internet connection available (either by cable or Wi-Fi) at accommodation rooms and other buildings.

#### 3. Accommodation in JICA OKINAWA:

Accommodation building, which is called "dormitory", has 96 single rooms. Every room is furnished with bed, desk, chair, bookshelf and closet. Also, there are TV (with satellite channel), DVD player, safety box, telephone, LAN cable jack, etc. in each room.

It has a tea lounge and laundry room on each floor. In addition, there is an exercise room, open from 6 am to 10 pm. Iron, musical instruments, sports gears, variety of DVD selections, and personal computers are available for rent. Towels and toiletries are provided upon check-in.

Please note that cooking at JICA Okinawa accommodation is strictly prohibited.

#### 4. What to bring

(1) References for the course

1)National Health Plan: To be used when making Action Plan.

2)Some examples: Data and sample materials relevant to the examples such as health and health services data, indicators and statistics in your catchment areas (preferably including electronic files that you will be able to use on a computer during the course)

3) Relevant photographs (preferably as electronic files) such as:

(a) Health and health services activities related to your work:

(b) Health facilities and staff (e.g., health posts and centers, hospitals, colleagues, teams, facilities, clients or target groups, community health workers and facilities, etc)

(c).Your target groups' life styles and health-relevant practices (e.g., housing, clothing, foods, transportation, water systems, traditional practices or customs)

4) Your own PC (notebook or laptop): To be used in the course and in your work after returning to your country. Having your own computer will enable you to install and use software needed during the course and useful later in your work, to more easily handle and analyze your own and other data, and to develop and revise your Action Plan and other documents.

(2) Clothing

A Participant is recommended to bring appropriate clothing according to the

season during Participants stay in Okinawa (\*refer 1. Climate of Okinawa). The accommodation front desk has jackets and coats for rental in case of study tour to mainland Japan during wintertime.

#### (3) National Costume

There are some occasions like opening and closing ceremonies when the participant is requested to wear formal clothing. Nevertheless, casual clothing is acceptable even during course hours of most programs. A participant is strongly recommended to bring national or traditional costumes for opening and closing ceremony and for other activities that participants may have opportunities to join.

For your information, there will be Okinawa Global Festa 2025 is scheduled on November 16 (during on-site program) where the participants will be requested to introduce each home country. It will be a pleasant occasion to put on the national costume.

#### (4) Photos and Movies

During participant's stay in Okinawa, JICA Okinawa and/or the local media (TV, newspapers, etc.) may interview with him/her. A participant is requested to bring some photos and videos introducing him/her country, daily life, office, etc. Please note that photos and videos must be copyright cleared or taken by a participant.

#### 5. Environmental conservation activities in JICA Okinawa

We emphasize on the environmental conservation activities such as energy saving, rubbish separation, recycling, etc. Participants are kindly requested to cooperate to these activities during their stay at JICA Okinawa. Details will be given on arrival to JICA Okinawa.

#### 6. For your Information

Information of Okinawa is available at following URLs.

(1) Homepage of Urasoe city (where JICA Okinawa is located)

http://www.city.urasoe.lg.jp/ (Basic information of Urasoe City in English.)

(2) Homepage of Okinawa Prefecture: <u>https://www.pref.okinawa.lg.jp/</u>
 Basic information of Okinawa prefecture is covered (Urasoe City is one of the

municipalities of Okinawa prefecture) in English.

- (3) Homepage of Okinawa Convention & Visitors Bureau: <u>http://www.ocvb.or.jp/foreign/en</u>
- (4) YouTube channel : <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02</u>
- (5) Facebook of JICA Okinawa: https://www.facebook.com/jicaokinawaoic/

More information is available at the reception of JICA Okinawa.

(6) Instagram of JICA Okinawa



## For Your Reference

#### JICA and Capacity Development

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized course cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

#### Japanese Development Experience

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.



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