



## PROJECT NEWSLETTER

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has contributed to the development of the health sector in Republic of Tajikistan (RT), in particular maternal and child health care through provision of vaccine and IMCI medicine, improvement of water supply and drainage system at maternity department of central district hospital, provision of medical equipment with maternity hospital and technical assistance for improving maternal and child health care system. Although JICA's technical cooperation project "the Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Oblast (2012-2016)" indicated that technical cooperation had brought certain positive impact to the target areas, Khatlon oblast, most populated region, remains as the lowest maternal and child health indicators in the country.

In order to expand target districts and strength oblast health administration, the Government of RT requested the Government of Japan to launch the second phase of the technical cooperation project "the Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Oblast II" focusing increase of function of maternity department of district hospital.

#### ◆ **Project Period**

August 2017 – July 2021 (4 years)

#### ◆ **Project Target**

Bokhtar district, Sarband city, Norak city, Baljuvon district, Khovaling district and Muminobod district

#### ◆ **Project Structure**

- Steering Committee (JCC) chaired by the First Deputy Minister, hold every 6 months to confirm a progress and discuss about issues related to project management and implementation.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) chaired by the Director of Khatlon Public Health Department, hold every quarter at the regional level to discuss about technical issues.

### Message from Dr. Mallazoda, Director of Khatlon PHD



"The collaboration with JICA project is our pleasure and proud that "Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Oblast phase II" intervenes not only maternal and child health care but also provides medical equipment in 6 target districts hospitals of Khatlon oblast. We hope that phase II project will also conduct a training after providing medical equipment in 6 target districts. Our hope is that tie with JICA project will get stronger and stronger and we would like to express our appreciation to JICA for a further collaboration."

### Progress of the Project (2017.8-2017.12)

- ◆ 3 Project Offices were opened -Dushanbe, Kurganteppa and Kulob
- ◆ Facility and medical equipment assessment was conducted at 6 target district hospitals and numeral hospitals to identify needs and develop the procurement plan.
- ◆ Baseline survey was conducted from Oct to Dec 2017 to assess health professional's skill, current referral practice and monitoring system of practice.
- ◆ 1st Technical Working Group Meeting (Sep 2017) and Steering Committee (Oct 2017) were hold and the work plan was approved.



Steering Committee Meeting



Baseline Survey

### Introduction of Project member

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