

RRHMP Newsletter

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What is “RRHMP”

Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children (MoHCDGEC) with further support of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has since May, 2015, launched the Project to strengthen the management of Regional Referral Hospitals (RRHs) in Tanzania. This Project is known as Regional Referral Hospital Management Project abbreviated (**RRHMP**) and is being implemented in collaboration with President's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government (PO-RALG) and JICA.

Outline of RRHMP

RRHMP is a five-year technical cooperation project, implemented by MoHCDGEC and JICA in strong collaboration with PO-RALG.

Period of project implementation is divided into two phases: 1) Phase one started from May. 2015 to Aug.2016, 2) Phase 2: Oct. 2016 to May. 2020.

Targets of the Project are 27 Regional Referral Hospitals in Tanzania mainland (Note that Referral Hospitals at Regional level are not included in this project).

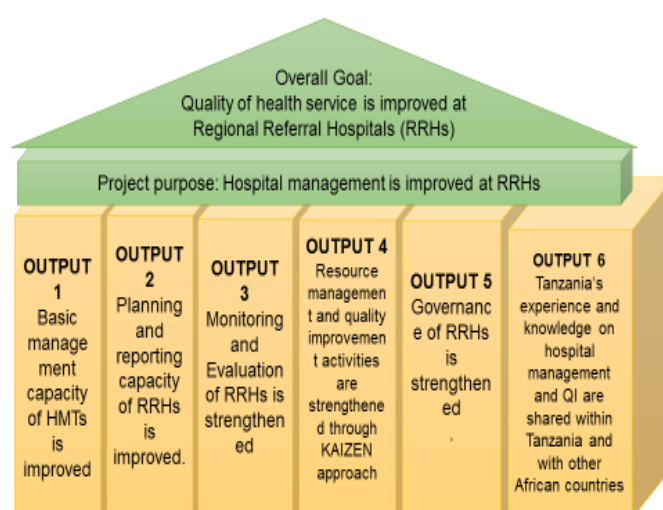


Figure 1: Outline of RRHMP

RRHMP is logically designed to achieve overall goal of the Project, which is to improve quality of health services at RRHs. Clear “project purpose” and “six major outputs” are set to achieve the overall goal of the Project as described in Figure 1.

Implementation structure for the RRHMP

As mentioned in the above, MoHCDGEC and JICA implement RRHMP, in collaboration with PO-RALG. Implementation structure of the Project is as follows:

MoHCDGEC.

- Dr. Ulisubisya Mwasumbi MPOKI, Permanent Secretary as The Project Director
- Mr. Bernard H. KONGA, Director of Policy and Planning as The Project Manager
- Mr. Fares MASAULE and Mr. Raynold JOHN, Policy and Planning as The Project Coordinators

PO-RALG

- Mr. Didace MUTAGWABA, Assistant Director-Regional Health Administration, Department of Health and Nutrition

JICA experts

- Hisahiro ISHIJIMA, Chief advisor/Hospital Management
- Noriyuki MIYAMOTO, Quality Management (5S-KAIZEN-TQM)
- Shuichi SUZUKI, Hospital planning
- Mari SHIMIZU, Training management

RRHMP is working closely with different partners and stakeholders to achieve all Outputs as described below in Figure 2.

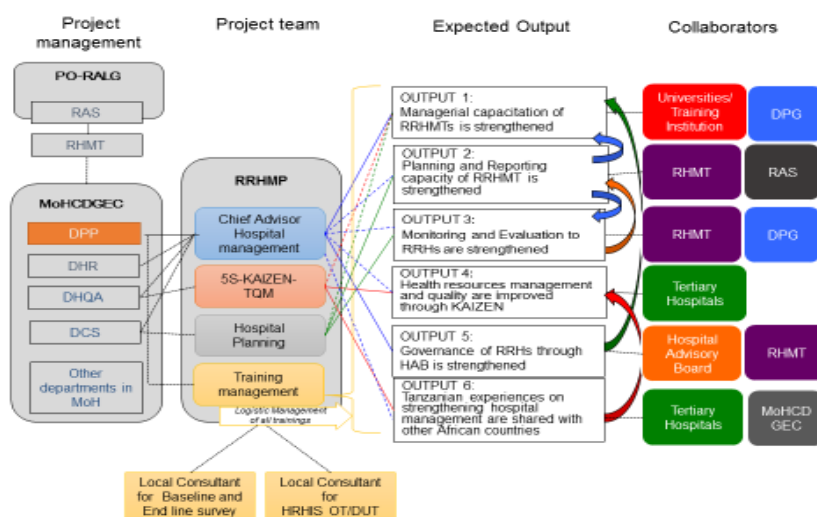


Figure 2: RRHMP implementation structure

Message from the Project

COMMENTS from Director of Policy and Planning, MoHCDGEC

We appreciate the extended support from JICA for Strengthening of Regional Referral Hospital Management especially when we would like to see them running on their own through their own resources. We hope the training and orientation provided to the Hospital Teams will be incorporated into the daily functions of the Hospitals to achieve desirable sustainable progress through the expected outputs highlighted in this newsletter. Be responsible and play your part



COMMENTS from Assistant Director Regional Health services, PO-RALG

It's my pleasure to have the opportunity to comment on the importance of this newsletter. This is a first Edition for the RRHMP, therefore information on structure and operation of the activities and expected outputs are given. As more editions will be produced, I hope that the RRHMP will give room to RRHMT members to explain to the public, important events and best practices on health related activities from their respective areas. Don't loose this opportunity!



Update on the status of implementation of the Project

Activities related with Output 1

- Field study was conducted to identify training needs from RRHMTs
- Draft of Basic Hospital Management Training materials, facilitators guide, and participants manual are developed
- Draft of Advanced Hospital Management Training materials on financial and information management are developed



Activities related with Output 2

- Draft of Comprehensive Hospital Operation Plan (CHOP) Guideline is developed
- CHOP formats and reporting formats are revised



Activities related with Output 3

- Draft guideline for Internal Supportive Supervision (ISS) for RRHs is developed
- Tools for ISS is developed
- Development of guideline and tools for external hospital performance assessment is on going



Activities related with Output 4

- 10 KAIZEN Facilitators were newly trained
- KAIZEN TOTs are conducted in September and December 2015. All 27 RRHs were participated
- Consultation visit for supporting implementation of 5S-KAIZEN activities at RRHs is started from January 2016.



Activities related with Output 5

- HAB operation guideline is drafted
- Training facilitators for HAB training was conducted in Morogoro from Feb.15-17 2016
- Pilot HAB training was conducted in Morogoro from Feb.18-19 2016, with the participation of RHMT members from 3 regions and MO-in charge from 3 RRHs

Activities related with Output 6

- Received a study tour on 5S-KAIZEN activities from seven African countries

What is coming next?

1. **5S implementation for commodity management**

JICA and MoHCDGEC agreed on amendment of Record of Discussion of the project to add activities related with Big Results Now (BRN) initiative. RRHMP is going to train CHMTs and district health facilities on 5S-KAIZEN to improve commodity management. RHMTs in BRN target regions are also trained on M&E of 5S-KAIZEN activities. These activities are expected to start from April 2016.

2. **Pilot trainings on hospital management, internal supportive supervision etc.**

Series of pilot training for testing training materials and tools will be conducted from March. This process is very important to finalize the variety of documents, materials and tools before training of all 27 RRHs in 2nd phase of the Project.

3. **Continuation of Consultation visit (CV)**

RRHMP continue visiting RRHs to monitor the progress of 5S-KAIZEN activities. CV team is interested to see the progress of agreed KAIZEN theme "Revenue collection of NHIF is improved" at each RRH. All RRHs are requested to continue KAIZEN activities based on the agreed KAIZEN theme.

4. **Progress Report Meeting (PRM)**

MoHCDGEC is conducting PRM in coming July. All RRHMT must present their outputs of agreed KAIZEN theme and 5S activities, which mentioned in the above, in front of other RRHs. Therefore, once again, all RRHMTs are strongly advised to implement agreed KAIZEN theme "Revenue collection of NHIF is improved" and complete KAIZEN cycle before the end of June 2016.

Message from the editorial team

We are pleased to issue RRHMP Newspaper Vol.01.

We are committed to improve the hospital management and the quality of the service at RRHs. We appreciate your cooperation and support in order to improve RRHs further. On behalf of the editorial team, I thank each one of you who is a part of the team for RRHMP. Thank you for your hard work and understanding.

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Next issue will be June 2016 !

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