Japan’s Commitment to Global Health Issues

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1. Overview on Japan’s Strategy & Emphasis (1/2)

- **Agenda Setting:**
  Put infectious & parasitic diseases high on the agenda of political arena
  “G8 Communique Okinawa 2000”, (Okinawa Japan)
  1) Set the numerical targets & gave to it a political commitment
     - Reduce the number of HIV/AIDS-infected young people by 25% by 2010
     - Reduce TB deaths and prevalence of the disease by 50% by 2010
     - Reduce the burden of disease associated with malaria by 50% by 2010
  **“Japan’s Initiative in the Fight against Infectious and Parasitic Diseases” (IDI), 2000**
  2) Intensify its own commitment
     - Allocating a total of 3 billion USD over 5 years
       e.g) improvement of public health, development of research networks,
       primary & secondary education, access to safe water, etc.

- **Comprehensive Approach:**
  Wider measures to build a sustainable health system, besides specific targets (MDGs)
  “Japan’s Initiative on Health & Development”, 2005 (successor of IDI)
  - Allocating a total of 5 billion USD over 5 years
    1) Build up pieces of higher public health
       - systems, human resources, facilities
    2) Assistance for related/horizontal areas
       - Education, Infrastructures, Water & Sanitation, Gender
    3) tackling specific targets (MDGs)
1. Overview on Japan’s Strategy & Emphasis (2/2)

- **Tackle the Hardest Challenge:**
  Focus on Africa (as Asian countries have mostly improved)
  - Doubling Japan’s ODA to Africa by 2012 ("Yokohama Action Plan in 2008")
  - Put emphasis on the most lagging MDGs; health & education
    1) Education
      i) Construction of school buildings & Establishment of teacher training systems
      ii) Child-friendly school environment (safe water, sanitation facilities, school meals, first aid, etc.)
    2) Health
      i) Strengthening health systems
        - Training of health workers (WHO target; 2.3 health workers/1000 people in Africa)
        - Expansion of health infrastructures & facilities
        - Encourage medical research to combating infectious diseases in Africa (Dr. Noguchi Prize)
      ii) Improvement of maternal, new-born and child health
        - Focusing on reducing under-five mortality rate & maternal mortality ratio
        - Promote seamless care for women & children from pregnancy to after childbirth
      iii) Measures against infectious diseases
        - Distribution of insecticide-treated mosquito nets
        - Eradicate polio from Africa through surveillance & vaccination campaigns
        - Eliminate “Neglected Tropical Diseases“ (awareness raising, access to safe water & sanitation, etc.)

"Toyako Framework for Action on Global Health” – Report of the G8 Health Experts Group-
- accelerate the momentum acquired in TICAD IV
- addressing “bottlenecks” impeding progress on the health MDGs -

**EMBRACE –Ensure Mothers and Babies Regular Access to Care-**

1) **Goals**
   (1) MDGs 4 & 5  
   - Save 11.3 million children’s lives (2.96 million newborns), 680,000 maternal lives
   (2) MDG 6  
   - Avert 470,000 deaths (AIDS), 990,000 deaths (TB), 3.3 million deaths (malaria)

2) **Measures** -Mobilizing 5 billion USD, with sustainable health systems at the center of assistance-
   (1) **MDGs 4 & 5:**
      i) **Maternal & Newborn Health**
         a) **Community-based preventive & clinical care**
            - technical assistance to develop human resources
            - antenatal care (at least 4 times), newborn care (temperature maintenance, early breastfeeding, etc.)
         b) **Facility-based preventive & clinical care**
            - develop facilities with the capacity to provide emergency obstetric care
            (post-partum hemorrhage, newborn complications, etc.)
         c) **Linkage between both systems** (continuum of preventive & clinical care by establishing referral system)
      ii) **Child Health**
         Scaling-up health interventions proven successful at the community level
         - Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI)+; immunization, multivitamin supplementation, etc.

   (2) **MDG 6:**
      **Scaling-up effective interventions through Global Fund (800 million USD)**
      i) Expanded & sustained access to quality health services
      ii) Human resource development & improved supply chain management
      iii) Prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, prevention of malaria infection
      iv) Greater synergies between Japan’s bilateral assistance & Global Fund’s activities
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