

Stop TB Japan Action Plan

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I. Overview

- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) of Japan drew up the "Stop TB Japan Action Plan" jointly with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association (JATA), and Stop TB Partnership Japan. Under this Action Plan, the Government of Japan, civil society, and the private sector express their willingness to work with each other in order to promote international cooperation to fight TB, keeping in mind the period until 2015.
- This Action Plan also includes actions such as providing technical assistance and human resource development utilizing the expertise that Japan acquired through its national TB control during the post-war era, as well as public-private partnership to promote international cooperation making use of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the "Global Fund").
- This Action Plan was announced at the International TB Symposium held by MOFA and other co-organizers at the United Nations University on July 24, 2008 as a follow-up to TICAD IV and the G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit.

II. Major Points

1. The Global TB Situation

- TB is one of the three major infectious diseases, having overall approximately 2 billion people infected with TB globally and some 1.66 million deaths for the year 2006. It is a major factor inhibiting economic and social growth in developing countries. In recent years, the spread of multi drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) and the increase in co-infection of TB and HIV have become major issues.

2. Targets and Implementation Structures

- This Action Plan aims to contribute to the attainment of international targets established in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), The Global Plan to Stop TB 2006-2015, and so on, bearing in mind the goal of saving the lives of 10% (160,000 people) of the world's annual TB mortality.

3. Concrete Actions

(1) Contributions through the Global Fund

- The Government of Japan will support the participation of Japanese NGOs in Global Fund projects and aim to dispatch Japanese consultants to developing countries through the use of financial contributions to the WHO.
- Japanese NGOs will make efforts to participate in Global Fund projects (engagement in project management, planning and formulation of proposals, etc.).

(2) Bilateral Cooperation

- JICA and JATA will aim to further enhance both Training in Japan and Third Country Training.