

# Evaluation of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA) to the Health Sector in Vietnam

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## Introduction

- Japan ranked the largest source of ODA in Vietnam
- Viet Nam's health sector received Japan's ODA in the early years, with several projects in different parts of the country.

# Objectives of evaluation

- To evaluate Japan's assistance in three perspectives "relevance of policies," "effectiveness of results" and "appropriateness of process"
- To obtain useful lessons and recommendations for Japan's future assistance policy in health sector.

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Under the component "Improvement of health and medical services", three projects selected for the evaluation in this component:

- The Bach Mai Hospital Project for Functional Enhancement (Technical cooperation. 2000-2005; and 2006-2009).
- Regional and Provincial Hospital Development Project (Yen loan)

Under the component "Prevention of infectious diseases" one grant aid and one technical cooperation project selected:

- The Project for Construction of the Facilities for Measles Vaccine Production in Vietnam (Grant aid. 2003-2006)
- The Project for Strengthening Capacity for Measles Vaccine Production in Vietnam (Technical cooperation. 2006-2010)

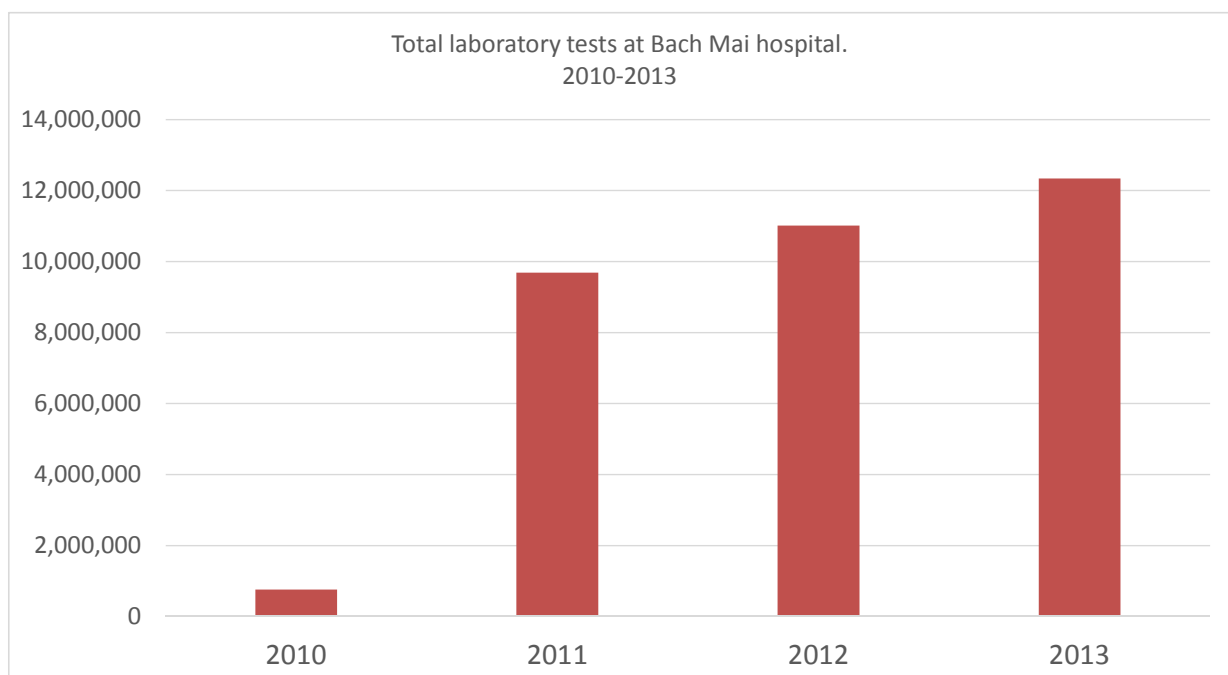
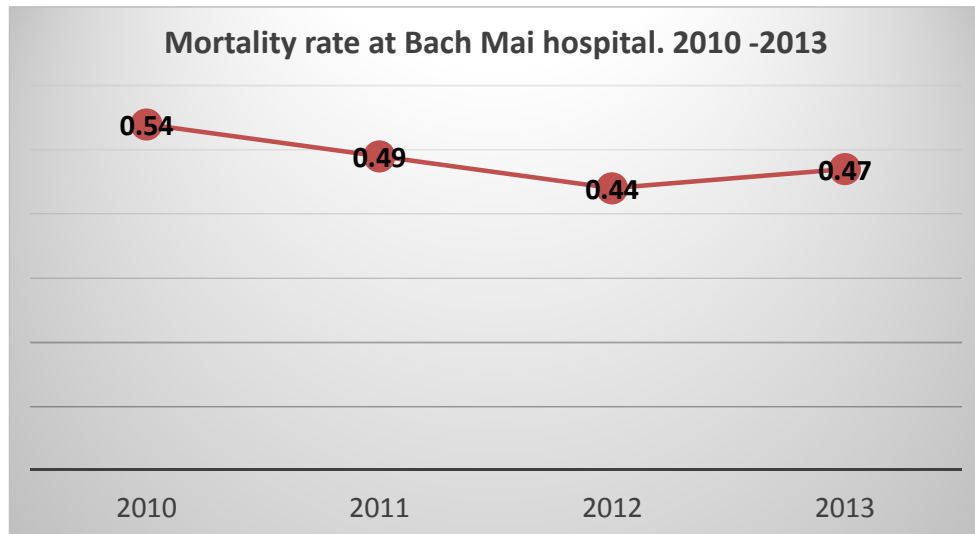
# Methods

- Desk study;
  - Semi-structured interviews with key informants at different levels;
  - Observations at project sites
  - Collection and analysis of secondary data.
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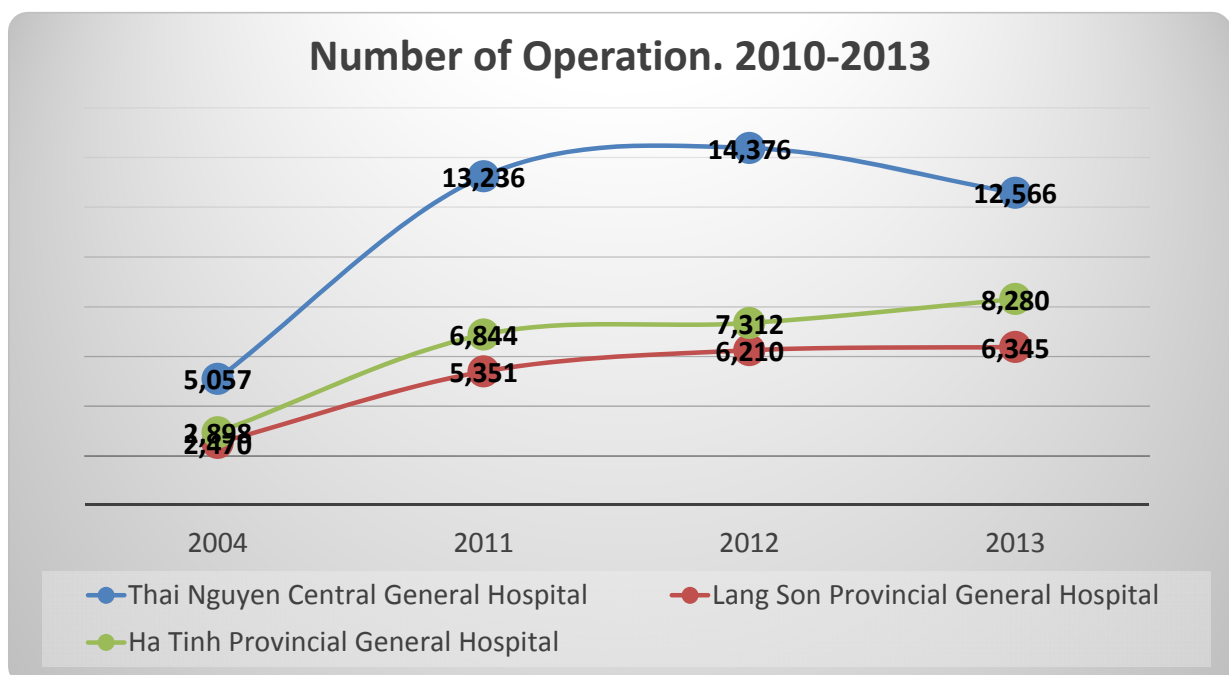
## Findings: Relevant to policies

- ODA support for the health sector in Vietnam highly consistent with the needs of Vietnamese's health sector, Japan's policies and strategies, international agenda for health care provision, and inline with the Millennium Development Goals.
- E.g. Objectives of Regional project was 'to strengthen referral system and improve quality of health service around the 3 target hospitals in the Northern part of Vietnam through providing medical equipment and improving capacity of medical staff members, thereby contribute to improve health status' contributes to MDG 4, 5, 8

# Findings: achieved planned outputs



# Findings: Successful achieved planned outputs



## Annual Supply Amount of Measles Vaccines produced by POLYVAC against the Total Supply Amount of Measles Vaccines in Viet Nam

	2009	2010	2011
POLYVAC measles vaccines purchased by MOH (millions doses)	1.3	2	3.2
Ratio of POLYVAC vaccines against the total supply in VN (%)	43	56	65

### Finding: Appropriateness of process

1. Project Identification and Formulation/preparation;
2. Request and Approval;
3. Plan Examination/Ex-Ante Evaluation and;
4. Project Implementation/Terminal Evaluation;
5. Exchange of notes and aid/loan agreement; and
6. Ex-Post Evaluation and follow-up.

# Recommendations

- Continue Japan's ODA assistance to the health sector of Vietnam, particularly support to improve human resources, health system management, health information systems, improve quality of medical services
  - Strengthen participatory management and communication between partners;
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# Recommendations

- Improve monitoring and evaluation systems should be improved;
- Carry out research on the cost of effectiveness to help JICA and the Ministry of Health to measure the effectiveness of projects, and design evidence-based investment.

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