COVID-19 response by JICA

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Japan’s responses to COVID-19

- **Early responses**: entry restrictions from abroad
- **Cluster Approach**
  - Countermeasures to track and test close contacts of infected patients
  - Preventing one cluster of patients from creating another cluster
- **State of emergency without punitive measures**
  - Voluntary stay-at-home orders
  - Call on the public to limit face-to-face contact by 80%
  - Without penalties or other forms of enforcement
- Encouraging preventive measures in daily life
  - Avoid “3 Cs”
  - Washing hands
  - Cover mouth and nose with mask
Potential South-South Cooperation responding to COVID-19

**PREPARE since 2016**

(Partnership for Building Resilience against Public Health Emergencies through Advanced Research and Education)

1. Strengthening capacity of **national core laboratories** in Africa

2. Strengthening capacity of **disease control experts** in Africa (regional training) & Japan (Post doctoral, Ph.D., MPH)

3. Networking with regional and global disease control initiatives in Africa (AFRO, Africa CDC, etc.)

Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, JICA in Ghana trained health care professional from 9 west African countries in COVID-19 Lab. Test
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Community Care Service Model in Thailand
Project on Long-term Care Service Development for the Frail Elderly and Other Vulnerable People (LTOP), 2013-2017

Outputs of the Project

- Policy recommendations on the long-term care for the elderly
- “Model Services” based on care management
- Training programs for the care workers

Situation under COVID-19...

Older persons are isolated at home due to restriction and other infection prevention measures.

Good model cases of community care system:
Care managers and care workers visit older persons in need and support providing foods or medicines in collaboration with community hospital nurses.

Future possibilities to share experiences with other countries
Quick analysis and JICA’s urgent commitment to COVID-19

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS
FIGHTING AGAINST COVID-19
IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

WHAT CAN WE LEARN?

- Low- and Middle-income countries demonstrated ownership over their challenges.
  - Many countries responding with
    - Self-motivated Individuals & Communities
    - Scientific Knowledge
    - Resilient and Flexible Governance
  - and cooperation from international society
- Comparative analysis: correlated factors to COVID-19 deaths
  - High GDP
  - Resilient Health Systems
  - Aging
  - Obesity
  - Urbanization
- A new look on a healthy society

GLOBAL SITUATION
The following three different dimensions were observed in the world incl. high-income countries.
1. Direct health crisis
2. Overwhelmed health care systems
3. Impact beyond the health sector

JICA’S COMMITMENTS
1. Respond to the urgent needs
2. Build resilient, flexible health systems and realize UHC
3. Establish a sustainable “New World” & realize human security