

ASEAN-Japan UHC Initiative

ASEAN Member States and Japan further collaborate, synergize and promote our engagement to achieve sustainable UHC in ASEAN Member States and Japan toward 2030 set as one of the SDGs under ASEAN-Japan UHC Initiative, with two objectives: 1. Build quality health data and research systems and promote as a foundation for sustainable UHC, and 2. Develop human resource and share the knowledge for health systems strengthening toward UHC.

1. Build quality health data and research systems and promote as a foundation for sustainable UHC

1-1. Support the promotion of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) and the basic health data system

ASEAN Member States and Japan promote CRVS in ASEAN Member States, which is a foundation to elaborate health data including the indicators of health-related SDGs. To this end, Japan, the WHO, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the UN ESCAP collaborate and cooperate with ASEAN Member States under appropriate arrangement.

1-2. Promotion of ASEAN-Japan Joint Research

Policy researches play a crucial role to achieve and advance sustainable UHC. ASEAN Member States and Japan promote joint research by the researchers from ASEAN Member States and Japan for common research topics on ageing/UHC including nutrition and physical exercise, while establishing a network of policy researchers and leveraging research scheme of the WHO Center for Health Development (WHO KOBE Center).

2. Develop human resource and share the knowledge for health systems strengthening toward UHC

2-1. Promoting the development of human resources for health policy

To strengthen the health system, ASEAN Member States and Japan promote the development of health policy experts by utilizing training program of the WHO, P4H and other relevant partners. Additionally, ASEAN Member States and Japan encourage the triangle cooperation such as The Partnership Project for Global Health and Universal Health Coverage and UHC for Children and Mothers.

Potential programs of relevance:

- Training programs in Japan (WHO Fellowship, P4H, MHLW Japan)
- Dispatch of experts (MHLW Japan)
- Promoting Mutual Learning (The Partnership Project for Global Health and Universal Health Coverage)

2-2. Dispatch of UHC policy advisers

Upon the agreement among ASEAN Member States and Japan, Japan considers dispatching the policy experts depending on country context through JICA to support countries' effort toward sustainable UHC and to share the knowledge and lessons learnt, especially the adaptation of health systems, which respond to demographical transition and changes of economic status.