



In Japan & Online

**Knowledge Co-Creation
Program
(Group & Region Focus)**

General information on

Improvement of Maternal and Child Nutrition

課題別研修「母子栄養改善」

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Course No.: 202514982J001

Course period In Japan: November 1st to November 26th, 2026

Online Follow-Up Program: December 22nd to 23rd, 2026

This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, which stated, "In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together." JICA believes that this 'Knowledge Co-Creation Program' will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

Background

Why Nutrition Matters at the Global Level?

Adequate nutrition is essential for good health; however, many countries continue to face the double burden of malnutrition, where undernutrition and overnutrition coexist. Undernutrition among children under five remains prevalent, affecting growth and future health, while rising overweight and obesity increase the risk of diet-related non-communicable diseases (NCDs). As malnutrition is often transmitted across generations, comprehensive life-course interventions—from pregnancy (fetus period) to older age—are increasingly needed.

Why Japan's Experience Offers Valuable Insights?

For many years, the Government of Japan has positioned nutrition as one of key issues on the international development agenda. Japan contributed to the establishment of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Trust Fund in 2009 and announced the Global Health Strategy in 2022, which emphasizes integrating nutrition into efforts toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC) ¹.

While undergoing a nutrition transition from post-war undernutrition to overnutrition, Japan has maintained relatively low obesity levels and achieved high life expectancy. This has been supported by a comprehensive, multisectoral nutrition approach embedded in the health system, including maternal and child nutrition support for the first 1,000 days of life and throughout early childhood up to 5 years of age, school meals and shokuiku (food and nutrition education), and NCD prevention through collaboration among health professionals, communities and other sectors of the society.

JICA's Cooperation Strategy "JICA Global Agenda" No7. Improving Nutrition"

To contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030, JICA has established 20 sectoral strategies. Nutrition improvement is positioned as an independent sector (No. 7) among these strategies. Under this framework, the Improving Nutrition Through the Life-Course Cluster Strategy is positioned as a key approach within the health and education sectors. This training course is implemented based on this Cluster Strategy.

For further details, please refer to:

https://www.jica.go.jp/activities/issues/nutrition/_icsFiles/afieldfile/2025/03/07/nutritioncluster_description.pdf

¹ Universal Health Coverage (UHC) refers to a situation in which all people have access to appropriate health promotion, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services at an affordable cost.

The KCCP “Improving Maternal and Child Nutrition” course has been implemented since 2014 for SUN (Scaling Up Nutrition) member countries, including other countries that have expressed strong interest in cooperation with JICA in the field of nutrition.

For what?

This course aims to strengthen participants' capacity to improve maternal and child nutrition. Participants will learn the importance of a continuum of care for nutrition from a life-course perspective, with a focus on pregnancy, the first 1,000 days of life, through early childhood up to pre-school age (U5); explore policies, programs and initiatives in Japan and good practices from participating countries; and enhance their capacity to develop and implement a Mini Action Plan.

For whom?

This course is designed for central or local government officials engaged in nutrition improvement, involved in maternal newborn and child health, and community health, with priority given to officials from SUN member countries, while also accepting participants from other countries that have expressed strong interest in cooperation with JICA in the field of nutrition.

How?

1. Through case studies and practical examples, participants will learn effective approaches to strengthening and scaling up maternal and child nutrition services within health systems.
2. Through practical examples, participants will explore effective ways to improve maternal and child nutrition through collaboration between the health sector and other relevant sectors and stakeholders.
3. Through discussions and group work, participants will share and analyze good practices and experiences from their respective countries.
4. Building on these insights, lessons and experiences, participants will develop and implement a Mini Action Plan for improving maternal and child nutrition tailored to the country context.

II. Description

1. Title (Course No.)

Improvement of Maternal and Child Nutrition (202514982J001)

2. Course Period

In Japan: November 1st to November 26th, 2026

Face to face session and sites visits.

Online (Follow-Up Program): December 22nd to 23rd, 2026

* Two day online follow-up program (three hours per day) will be conducted approximately 1 month after the completion of the program in-Japan.

3. Target Regions or Countries

Angola, Indonesia, Jordan, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Yemen

4. Eligible / Target Organization

This course is designed for central or local government officials engaged in nutrition improvement, involved in maternal newborn and child health, and community health, with priority given to officials from SUN member countries while also accepting participants from other countries that have expressed strong interest in cooperation with JICA in the field of nutrition.

This course is open to staff of relevant organizations in these countries who meet either of the following criteria (A) or (B):

(A) Personnel working in central or local government are engaged in the formulation or implementation of policies related to maternal and child nutrition.

(B) Personnel working in organizations related to nutrition improvement, maternal and child health, or community health who can implement action plans for maternal and child nutrition improvement.

5. Capacity

12 participants

6. Language

English

7. Course Objectives

Participants will strengthen their capacity to improve maternal and child nutrition through effective strategies and interventions, including strengthening nutrition services within health systems and promoting multisectoral collaboration. Through the course, the participants will develop

an Action Plan and strengthen their ability to promote, gain approval for, and facilitate its implementation within their respective organizations.

8. Overall Goal

Through the development and implementation of participants' **Mini Action Plans**, effective and sustainable efforts to improve maternal and child nutrition will be promoted. This will contribute to the achievement of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, particularly **Goal 2 (Zero Hunger)** and **Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being)**, and through these efforts, contribute in a cross-cutting manner to the attainment of all SDGs.

9. Expected Module Output and Contents

This course consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below.

1) Expected Module Outputs

Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
<p><u>Output 1</u> To be able to explain using specific examples, effective approaches to strengthening and scaling up maternal and child nutrition services in health systems.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Discussions and trends in global nutrition 2) Overview of nutrition issues in Japan and nutrition policies from the perspective of health system 3) Sharing good practices on similar nutrition issues in low- and middle-income countries 	<p>Lecture, Exercise, site visits, Discussion and presentation</p>
<p><u>Output 2</u> To be able to explain, using specific examples, effective approaches to promoting maternal and child nutrition through collaboration centered on the health sector and other sectors and stakeholders.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nutrition from the perspective of gender and socio-cultural equity 2) Multi-sector and multi-stakeholder collaboration emphasizing on the concept of "planetary health" 	<p>Lecture Exercise, site visits, Discussion and presentation</p>
<p><u>Output 3</u> To develop a Mini Action Plan (MAP) for improving maternal and child nutrition tailored to the country or regional context, and to analyze, review, and share the progress, achievements, and challenges in its implementation.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Based on the knowledge and lessons learned from the training course, participants will develop a Mini Action Plan to strengthen existing maternal and child nutrition programs. 2) Participants will submit a follow-up report on the actions taken after returning to their respective countries. 	<p>Discussion, individual / group works and presentation</p> <p>*Analysis and sharing of MAP progress will take place during the online follow-up program</p>

2) Tentative schedule (subject to change)

① In Japan

● 1st week in Tokyo

Beginning with the kickoff session, participants review country-specific challenges and learn about policy framework, the key features of Japan's maternal and child health system, including relevant laws, national strategies, and roles of central and local government. Participants also learn about Japan's approaches to nutrition improvement, including Shokuiku (Food and Nutrition Education). The program also includes lectures and site visits on nutrition promotion through multisectoral collaboration and on nutrition support provided in maternity hospitals, including approaches that promote respectful maternity care.

● 2nd and 3rd week in Obihiro (Hokkaido)

Participants travel to Obihiro City, Hokkaido, to learn about comprehensive community-based approaches to improving maternal and child nutrition. The program includes lectures on nutrition interventions integrated into the municipality's continuum of maternal and child health services, hands-on cooking practice to promote healthy nutrition throughout the life course, and learning opportunities on multisectoral approaches to Shokuiku and community-led health promotion initiatives.

● 4th week in Tokyo

Participants reflect on and consolidate the lessons learned in Obihiro City, Hokkaido, and further analyze maternal and child nutrition challenges in their respective countries. Based on the priority issues identified, participants formulate a Mini Action Plan (MAP) with country-specific strategies for improvement.

② Online Follow Up Program (2days)

A two-day online follow-up session is organized after participants return to their home countries to review and share the progress of their MAPs.

10. Online Follow-Up Program

All participants are required to attend the online follow-up program as scheduled after the completion of the in-Japan program. Participation in the full two-day follow-up program is mandatory in order to receive the official course certificate.

All the participants are also required to participate in an online connection test prior to the online follow-up program.

11. Timetable for Online follow up program

Participants are required to attend this session by using the computer, not by smartphone or tablet.

Online follow up program: December 22 and 23 (three hours per day)	Starting Time (Local) (Japan time 17:00~)
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• Angola	9:00
• Indonesia,	15:00
• Jordan,	11:00
• Pakistan,	13:00
• Rwanda	10:00
• Sierra Leone	8:00
• Somalia	11:00
• South Sudan	10:00
• Tanzania	11:00
• Timor-Leste	17:00
• Yemen	11:00

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This program is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Participating organizations are expected to use the project for those specific purposes.
- (2) In this connection, applying organizations are expected to nominate a qualified candidate(s) to address the said issues or problems, carefully referring to the qualifications described in section III-2 below.
- (3) Applying organizations are also expected to be prepared to make use of knowledge acquired by the nominees for the said purpose.

2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

【Remarks】

Gender: Each Organizations is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: Central or local government officials (preferably from the Ministry of Health) involved in maternal newborn and child health, nutrition improvement and community health.
- 2) Professional background: have minimum of three (3) years' experience in the field.
- 3) Educational Background: be a degree holder specializing in at least one of the following: public health, maternal health, newborn and child health/nutrition or related fields.
- 4) Language: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency.
*Since this program is discussion-based, a high level of English proficiency is required.
- 5) **Health:** Must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arriving in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out of pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points

below.

① Questionnaire

("QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION")

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

Applicable cases:

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)

③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy and pre-existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

*Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

*Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

- 6) IT Skills: must have basic IT skills such as OS (Windows or Mac), browser, and Microsoft Office.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years

*** Applicants are expected to be in good health physically since field visit is scheduled many times during this program.**

- 2) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: JICA seeks more female applicants due to the past records of fewer applications from women. JICA is committed to promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and provides equal opportunities for all applicants regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 3) Related to JICA projects: Staff or members of counterpart organizations of JICA past and on-going technical cooperation projects in reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health.

(3) Expected requirements specific for the online sessions:

- 1) Must obtain official permission from the applicant's superior (in written form) to allow the participant to fully commit and participate in the course (to avoid the participant by being disturbed from being appointed to sudden duties especially for the online follow-up session)
- 2) Hardware: PC with speaker/microphone and web camera
- 3) Software: Zoom, YouTube, Google Chrome, Google applications (Gmail), Microsoft Excel, Word and Power Point
- 4) Internet Access/Connection: speed enough to use the software as shown in 2)
- 5) Time availability: Required to join all the live sessions shown on page 6.
* If you need any assistance for preparation of the learning environment, please consult the local JICA office. Please note that the JICA overseas office may not be able to assist with all requirements.

3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**
* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.
- (2) **Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.
*The following information should be included in the photocopy:
Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date.
*It is recommended that your passport be valid for more than 6 months after the last day of the program.
- (3) **English Score Sheet:** to be submitted with the application form, if the nominees have any official English examination scores (e.g., TOEFL, TOEIC, IELTS). In case you don't have any, need to take an English interview by JICA Office.
- (4) **Organization chart and the applicant's position:** to be submitted with the application form.
- (5) **"Brief Report" on maternal and child nutrition:** detailed information is provided in the V. ANNEX-1.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection

- (1) **Submission of the Application Documents**
Closing date for applications: **Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).**
(All required material must arrive at **JICA Center in Japan** by **September 1st, 2026**)
- (2) **Selection**
Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in

Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than September 16th, 2026.**

5. Additional Document to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Accepted candidates are required to prepare an Inception Report before the Program starts. Further information will be provided to accepted candidates later.

6. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to contact the SUN focal person/ relevant SUN secretariat of the participant's country upon receiving the note of acceptance. (If the participants do not know the contact address of the SUN focal person/ lead donor or other relevant person, JICA Human Development Department will provide the information.
Contact: Hoshino.Kyoko@jica.go.jp
- (2) to strictly participate in all the course schedule (online and program in Japan),
- (3) to observe the rules and regulations of the program,
- (4) to respect copyright and portrait rights. To refrain from recording and sharing the course materials (text, images, graphics and other content) available during the program except for cases with specific permission.
- (5) to record lectures and discussions are prohibited,
- (6) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (7) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (8) not to bring or invite any family members,
- (9) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
- (10) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
- (11) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or any type of immoral conduct including sexual harassment, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "5. Expenses", "IV. Administrative Arrangements",
- (12) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP

depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,

- (13) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
- (14) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
- (15) to refund allowances/ benefits paid by JICA in case of a change in schedule.
- (16) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) **Center:** JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)
- (2) **Program Officer:** Mr. SHIMIZU Hiroya (obic_kccp@jica.go.jp)
- (3) **Introduction of JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)**
<https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html>

2. Implementing Partner

- (1) **Name:** Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning (JOICFP), founded in 1968, is a Japan-based NGO, active in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender equality and women's empowerment where it works to improve the status of women, men and young people around the world. JOICFP focus on people-centered community interventions based on the lessons learned from post-war Japan. Received United Nations Population Award in 2001, Yomiuri International Cooperation Prize in 2016 and 1st Japan SDGs Partnership Award in 2017. Holds UN/ECOSOC Consultative Status since 2000.
- (2) **URL:** <https://www.joicfp.or.jp/eng/>

3. Travel to Japan

- (1) **Air Ticket:** In principle, JICA will arrange an economy-class round-trip ticket between an international airport designated by JICA and Japan.
- (2) **Travel Insurance:** Coverage is from time of arrival up to departure in Japan. Thus traveling time outside Japan (include damaged baggage during the arrival flight to Japan) will not be covered.

4. Accommodation in Japan

Basically, JICA will arrange the following accommodation(s) for the participants in Japan:

JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro) (JICA Obihiro)
Address: 1-2, Minami 6, Nishi 20, Obihiro-city, Hokkaido, 080-2470, Japan
TEL: +81-155-35-1210
(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "155" is the local area code)

JICA Tokyo
Address: 2-49-5 Nishihara, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0066, Japan
TEL: +81-3-3485-7051
(where "81" is the country code for Japan, and "3" is the local area code)

If there is no vacancy at JICA Obihiro, or when conducting program outside Obihiro region, JICA will arrange alternative accommodations for the participants.

5. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants by JICA:

- (1) Allowances for accommodation, meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets)
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are **not** included)
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see "III. ALLOWANCES" of "KENSHU-IN GUIDEBOOK,"

(English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to JICA HP (English/French/Spanish/Russian) the Website:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

6. Pre-departure Orientation

A pre-departure orientation will be held at JICA overseas office (or the Japanese Embassy) in respective country, to provide Participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the course, and other matters.

*YouTube of "Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan" and "Introduction of JICA Center" are viewable from the link below.

Image videos of 'Introduction of JICA Center (YouTube)' show the following information of JICA Centers: Location, Building, Entrance, Reception (Front desk), Lobby, Office, Accommodation (Room), Amenities (Hand dryer), Bathroom (Shower and Toilet), Toiletries, Restaurant, Laundry Room (Washing machine, Iron), ICT Room (Computer for participants), Clinic, Cash dispenser, Gym, and Neighborhood

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)	https://www.jica.go.jp/obihiro/english/office/index.html
JICA Tokyo	https://www.jica.go.jp/tokyo/english/office/index.html

V. Other Information

1. Certificate

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.







* It is required for participants to fully participate in the program including the 2-day online program.

2. For Your Health

It is advisable for participants to bring personal medications. In particular, those who have malaria or a history of malaria are requested to bring their prescribed antimalarial medication, as it is quite difficult to obtain it in Japan.

3. Climate

The climate condition (air temperature, pressure, wind speed, and humidity) in Obihiro and Tokyo is given below. Participants are advised to prepare appropriate clothes.

<i>Obihiro (Hokkaido)</i>	<i>Tokyo</i>
NOVEMBER Day Night +43° +34°  29.8 inHg  6.3 mph  70%	NOVEMBER Day Night +61° +54°  29.9 inHg  8.5 mph  62%

World Weather : [Weather in Obihiro \(Hokkaidō\) in 2025: temperature, wind speed, humidity](#)

Japan Meteorological Agency :
<https://www.data.jma.go.jp/stats/data/en/smp/index.html>

4. Currency Exchange

Participants are advised to exchange local currency to Japanese currency on your arrival at Narita (or Haneda) Airport, if necessary, since there is not enough time for currency exchange during the program.

5. Living Expense for Several days

Allowances, such as living, clothing, and shipping will be deposited to your temporary bank account in Japan 2 to 5 days after your arrival in Japan. It is highly advised to bring some cash (which is easy to exchange) spend necessary money for the first 2 to 5 days stays after your arrival.

6. Ceremony

The program includes some ceremonies, for which it is recommended to bring appropriate clothes.

7. Electronic Devices

Participants are strongly recommended to bring your own laptop computer, USB flash memory, and suitable conversion plug for Japanese one. During the program, participants are required to work on the computers to create reports, mini-action plan, and so on. Most of accommodations have internet access.

8. Items to be lent to participants by JICA.

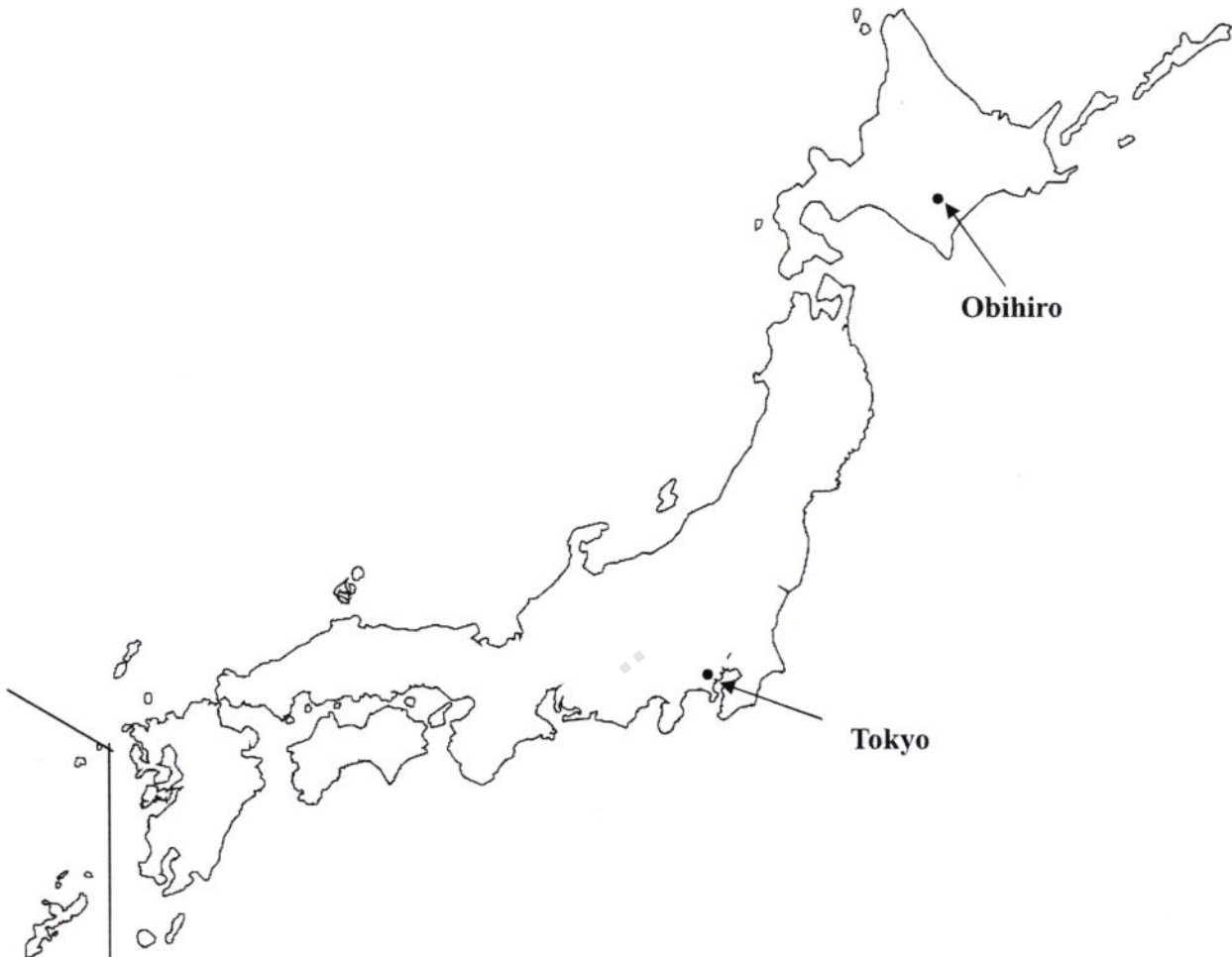
JICA provides participants with the following necessary items during the course period.

- 1) rain jackets & trousers
- 2) work jackets & trousers
- 3) rubber boots
- 4) warm jackets

9. Study Trip

Participants will move from Tokyo to Obihiro and then back to Tokyo.

*Dates are subject to change.



V. ANNEX-1

Brief Report on maternal and child nutrition

All applicants are requested to prepare a Brief Report on Maternal and Child Nutrition as mentioned in III-3.-(5), This Report will be used for the screening of successful applicants as well as for the selection of the most suitable course subject for the participants. Length of this report should not exceed two pages (A4 size).

Please indicate

Applicant's Name:	
Country:	
Position:	
Mobile No.(WhatsApp No.):	
I have experience using Google Service *multiple answers allowed	Google Calendar: <input type="checkbox"/> Google Drive: <input type="checkbox"/>
I have access to the PC devise (laptop) to participate in this program (online and program in Japan)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
I can attach documents and send by email	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1. Briefly explain the current Maternal and Child nutrition situation and related challenges of the country in brief.

2. Describe the challenges you face in your current work related to maternal and child nutrition programs.

3. Describe your expectations for this course and explain why.

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



Contact Information for Inquiries

For inquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

JICA Hokkaido (Obihiro)