

# Roadmap for Japan's New Global Health Strategy

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# Japan's Long-Term Commitment to Global Health

- ▶ Japan has been leading international discussions on global health for more than two decades.
- ▶ More recently, recognizing Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as an essential basis for sustainable and inclusive growth, Japan has put a special emphasis on accelerating progress towards UHC in LMICs.
  - ❖ Kyushu-Okinawa G8 Summit (2000)
  - ❖ Hokkaido-Toyako G8 Summit (2008)
  - ❖ Sustainable Development Goals, target 3.8 (2015)
  - ❖ Ise-Shima G7 Summit (2016)
  - ❖ TICAD VI in Nairobi (2016)
  - ❖ UHC Forum in Tokyo (2017)
  - ❖ G20 Joint Finance & Health Ministers' Meeting (2019)
  - ❖ UN UHC High-level Meeting (2019)

\*Universal Health Coverage (UHC) means that all people have access to the health services they need, when and where they need them, without financial hardship. (Source: WHO)



# Global Health Governance in the Age of COVID-19

- ▶ COVID-19 as a reminder of the importance of international coordination (“No one is safe until every one is safe”)
- ▶ Health is a foundation of all economic activities - “global public goods”
- ▶ Involves various stakeholders and financing mechanisms (such as private-public partnership organizations (i.e. GFATM, Gavi, CEPI, GFF, Unitaid etc.), ACT-A and COVAX)

## WHO IPPPR

-> Recommendations to enhance preparedness against infectious diseases including establishment of Global Health Threats Council under UN

## 100 Days Mission

-> Recommendations to harness scientific innovation and strengthen public and private collaboration to reduce the time from discovery to deployment of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines in future health crisis.

## G20 High Level Independent Panel

-> Recommendations to establish Global Health Threats Board and Global Health Threats Fund

Pandemic Treaty to strengthen WHO to better respond to future pandemics

# Japan's New Global Health Strategy Policy Goals

- ▶ More Resilient and Equitable Universal Health Coverage
- ▶ Prevention, Preparedness and Response for Future Pandemic

# Japan's New Global Health Strategy

## Salient Elements in Health Service Delivery

- ▶ To improve health system to ensure UHC
- ▶ To invest in Primary Health Care
- ▶ To address infectious diseases, NCDs, maternal and child healthcare and nutrition
- ▶ To continue to provide essential health services in public health crisis
- ▶ To protect the vulnerable populations such as poor people, discriminated people, disabled people, sexual minorities and people in move
- ▶ To ensure equitable access to health services and medicines at national and global levels in public health crisis
- ▶ To coordinate entities concerned



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## Other Salient Elements

- ▶ Strengthened surveillance
- ▶ Empowered human resources
- ▶ Appropriate allocation of resources
- ▶ Surge financing mechanism for public health crisis
- ▶ Support R&D for rapid deployment of diagnosis, therapeutics and vaccines
- ▶ Cross sectoral approaches: Education, Water and Sanitation, Nutrition, Gender Equality, Human Rights and Economy

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## Contribution to Global Health Governance

- ▶ Global Health Architecture to sufficiently and rapidly respond to public health crisis
- ▶ Collaboration between finance and health officials for resilient and sustainable system
- ▶ Cross-sectoral analysis of gaps in financial and human resources, services, system and infrastructure
- ▶ Cooperation with international organizations such as UN, WHO and World Bank and public private partnership funds such as GFATM, Gavi and CEPI



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## Bilateral Efforts

- ▶ Establish 'Health Partnership' with Ghana, India and Vietnam
- ▶ Utilize bilateral and multilateral ODA, other official finance, private sector cooperation and academic collaboration
- ▶ Realize 'More Resilient and Equitable UHC' on the ground





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## Collaboration with Various Stakeholders

- ▶ Private Sector as:
  - important partner for global health
  - entity to develop medicines and medical equipment
  - contributor to national growth strategy
- ▶ Civil Society as:
  - partner for implementation of services on the ground
  - advocate for the vulnerable
  - entity for evaluation of policies
- ▶ Academia



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## New Challenges

- ▶ One Health Approach/Anti-Microbial Resistance
- ▶ Technology and Innovation
- ▶ Climate Change
- ▶ Trade and Supply Chain
- ▶ New Standard Setting for Global Health



# Japan's New Global Health Strategy Schedule

- ▶ Draft framework was agreed upon in September 2021
- ▶ Interim Report to be formulated in December 2021
- ▶ Final Strategy Report to be completed by June 2022

## Note:

- ▶ Japan will assume G7 Presidency in 2023
- ▶ UHC High Level Forum will be held in NY in September 2023



Thank you!