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Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace

AMDA has prepared a new scheme of global network. It is named “Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace”. The aim of this network is coexistence of diversity which is virtually indispensable for world peace. Under this scheme, programmes will be developed with *Open Sogo-Fujo*, the universal value of the 21st century, as its main theme. The scheme consists of four fields of activities: peace building, advancement of comprehensive living condition, health and education.

AMDA defines peace as today’s family life with hope for better tomorrow. “Today’s family life” symbolizes a family condition with sufficient food to stay healthy. The phrase “hope for better tomorrow” points to providing education to children. These are basic human needs which will be fulfilled when peace is attained. Conflict, disaster and poverty are the three obstacles to attaining this state of peace. In accordance with this definition of peace, four fields have been established in the programme.

In this network we involve governments, local public authorities, public interest groups, corporate enterprises, and academia. By enlightening the world with the concept of *Open Sogo-Fujo* coexistence of diversity will be realized. This is the end goal of Global Partnership for sustainable Peace.

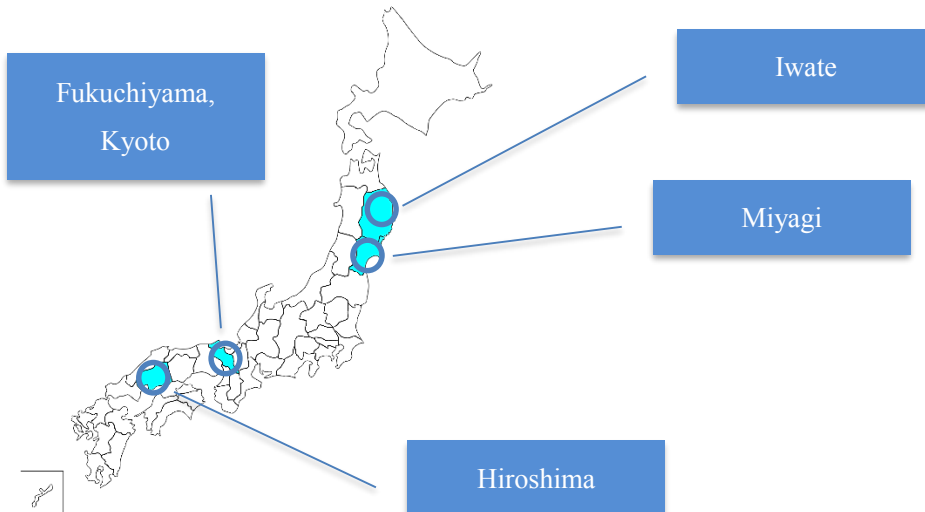
GPSP Platform Chart



1. Peace Building

East Asia

Japan



Flood in Kyoto Japan



**Acupuncture treatments
For the affected people**

Place: Fukuchiyama, Kyoto, Japan

Duration: 8/18/2014

On 17 August, 2014, parts of Fukuchiyama City in Kyoto Prefecture were flooded due to torrential rain. 4,500 houses along the major highways and rail lines were affected.

Because of the road closure caused by flooding and landslides, several detours had to be made to reach the affected area. When AMDA team arrived in the area, most of the floodwater has subsided and the residents were cleaning up the mud which had poured into their houses. AMDA medical team set up its center in a local kindergarten. It provided acupunctural treatments preceded by counseling and hearing on the present condition of the affected people.

The acupuncture treatment helped the affected people to ease their exhaustion and muscle pains resulting from their heavy cleaning work after the flood.



**Residents clean up the mud
off household goods**

Landslides in Hiroshima, Japan

Place: Hiroshima, Japan

Duration: 8/21/2014 – 9/18/2014

On 20 August, 2014, Hiroshima City in Japan experienced heavy rainfall resulting in a massive landslide. According to the local government, the death toll exceeded 70 and more than 1,200 people were forced to evacuate to temporary shelters.

In response to this situation, AMDA together with Soja City of Okayama, Japan, dispatched 2 teams to the severely hit area of Asaminami-ku in Hiroshima City on 21 and 23 August respectively. The first two missions consisted of distribution of relief goods at several evacuation shelters based on the prior needs assessment. The distributed goods included hot/cold packs, insect repellent, bottled tea, instant noodles, bottled water, wet wipes for cleansing the body, candies for dehydration, cleaning tools and tarpaulins. During the third mission on 30 and 31 August, one acupuncturist and one coordinator of AMDA joined the volunteer activities organized by two acupuncture associations of Hiroshima Prefecture. Together they offered acupuncture therapy to local residents at three different evacuation centers to release their physical and psychological stress.



AMDA staffs load the relief goods
Into the car



A collapsed house due to landslide



With participants in the child rearing
meeting

Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, 2011

Place: Iwate and Miyagi, Japan

Duration: 3/12/2011 to current

On 11 March, 2011, an earthquake of unprecedented magnitude hit Tohoku region of Japan. The earthquake triggered powerful tsunami resulting in more than 15,000 deaths and 2,500 still missing.

Three month after the earthquake, in May 2011, AMDA shifted its focus from emergency relief to reconstruction activity. Since then, AMDA has been launching various projects to support people in the disaster-stricken region. In 2014 AMDA conducted the following projects:

Medical Support

“AMDA Otsuchi Health Support Center” in Iwate Prefecture has been offering physical and psychological health-related support to the local people. The center has provided regular acupuncture therapy and organized local events. On 6 and 7 September, AMDA organized the second “Emergency Relief Acupuncturists Development Programme” to prepare for the future disasters. Total of 15 participants joined this programme and listened to the lecturer’s experience during emergency relief activities and learned about the importance and effectiveness of acupuncture therapy in emergency situations.



Child Care Center

Education Support



"Kizuna" concert (An exchange program for Bras band student club)

For the last few years, AMDA has been offering scholarships to high school students in the affected regions, whose future aspiration is medical profession. This year, 28 students from 8 high schools were recommended by their school principals and received AMDA scholarship. In addition, AMDA coordinated programme for students of other parts of Japan and organized educational tour to the disaster-affected region.

Livelihood and Independence Support

As part of reconstruction activities, AMDA has been supporting local village markets through “F-1 Gourmet Event”, a food fair, with the purpose of connecting local people affected by the earthquake. Many local village market and shop representatives gathered at “F-1 Gourmet Event” conducted three times this year, on 13 April in Miyagi, 13 July in Iwate and 2 November in Fukushima Prefecture. Some original dishes using local ingredients were also presented at the booths on the day of the event. The event has also attracted many people from outside the affected area and helped to promote recovery by strengthening local connections as well as ties with the outside regions.



F-1 Gourmet Event



Landscape of the affected areas in Tohoku

China

Earthquake in Yunnan Province

Place: Yunnan, China

Duration: 8/5/2014 – 8/11/2014

On 3 August, 2014, an earthquake with magnitude 6.5 struck Zhaotong area in Yunnan Province of China. According to local media, 617 people were killed, 3142 injured and more than one million people were affected by the disaster.

On 5 August, one nurse and a coordinator from AMDA HQ arrived in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. They met with local partner organizations, Provincial People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (PAFFC), in Sichuan and its chapter in Yunnan and discussed on how to extend support to the affected people in Yunnan Province. During the discussion with the local partners, it became clear that it would be difficult to gain access into the affected areas. One of the most severely affected areas is located in the mountains where most of the buildings and houses are made of wood and weak concrete-mix. Together they explored the possibility of relief goods distribution but could not eventuate due to these local conditions.



Meeting with local partners
regarding relief activity

Mongolia

AMDA Soul and Medicine Programme (ASMP)



ASMP

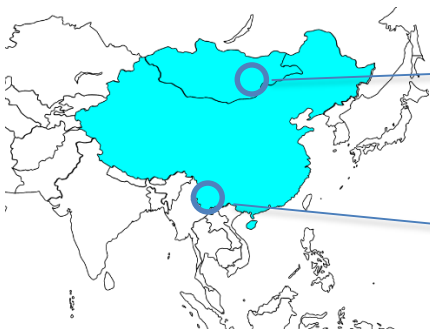
Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Duration: September 2014

In September 2014, the 7th AMDA Soul and Medicine Programme (ASMP) was held at Ulaanbaatar's Gandan Temple, the largest Buddhist monastery in Mongolia. On this occasion, the priests of Gandan Monastery along with Japanese priests of Nichiren Shu and Oomoto sects of Buddhism offered a prayer for world peace and paid tribute for the victims of the World War II. The priest of Nichiren Shu appealed to the audience that Japan can and should play an important role in establishing everlasting peace in the world while the representative of Oomoto shared his hope for mutual compassion among the people of the world. Dr. Suganami, founder and president of AMDA Group stated that the bilateral relations between Mongolia and Japan have continued for more than four decades, and the relationship based

on mutual trust or the spirit of Sogo-Fujo will contribute to the creation of a peaceful world.

Lastly, the principal of Gandan Monastery School expressed their appreciation to AMDA for organizing ASMP every year since 2008 and requested AMDA to continue into the next year with the 8th ASMP ceremony.



Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Yunnan, China

South East Asia

Malaysia and Philippines

Floods in Southeast Asia



Place:

Kota Bharu City, Malaysia

Apitong, Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines

Duration: 12/31/2014 - 1/11/2015

Heavy monsoon rain of mid-December resulted in massive flood affecting vast areas of Southeast Asia.

As the first response to this disaster, AMDA dispatched a team of one nurse and a coordinator to Malaysia on 1 January, 2015

Malaysia

According to Malaysia National Security Council, 16 people were killed and 11,311 households were affected. On 2 January, 2015, AMDA team joined MERCY Malaysia for relief activities in the affected community of Kelantan, Malaysia. After the assessment, the team distributed a cleaning set of a wheelbarrow, shovel, two scrub brushes, a rubber squeegee/mop, a broom, masks, cotton gloves, and a bucket to each of the 30 families in the villages of Bekok and Tualang in Kelantan. On 4 January, the joint team traveled to Tunpat, Kelantan for medical relief activity in the flood-affected community and provided consultation to 113 patients at a mobile clinic held on Kok Pasir Street. The common diagnoses were skin diseases, back pain, and high blood pressure.



Mobile Clinic team in action

The Philippines



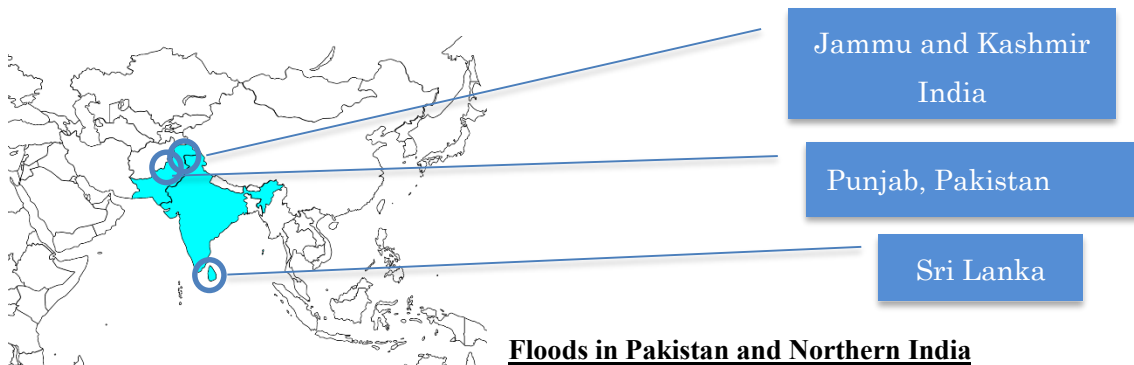
Food distribution

Typhoon Jangmi of 29 December brought floods and landslides in many parts of Visayas and Mindanao regions of the Philippines.

On 8 January, 2015, AMDA's medical team flew from Malaysia to the Philippines to conduct a joint relief activity with Leyte Medical Society in Tacloban City. On 9 January, the team of AMDA and Leyte Medical Society prepared 500 bags of rice, food cans and medication which were distributed to the affected. On 10 January, the join team of 26 volunteers conducted mobile clinic and served 416 patients. Their main symptoms were fever, upper respiratory infection and skin infection.

South Asia

India and Pakistan



Place: Punjab in Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir in India

Duration: 9/17/2014 – 10/11/2014

On 4 September, 2014, a large-scale flooding occurred along the India-Pakistan border, due to monsoon rain. The death toll amounted to 367 in Pakistan and 298 in India (mostly in Jammu & Kashmir). The number of affected rose over 2.5 million in Pakistan and over 2.7 million in India.

With the help of local NPOs, AMDA started emergency relief operations in both India and Pakistan.

Punjab Province, Pakistan

AMDA conducted two emergency relief activities for the affected people in Punjab Province with assistance from a local NGO. During the initial relief activities, AMDA nurse arrived in Pakistan on 17 September and joined the medical mission organized by the local partner NGO in Chiniot District of Punjab Province. Local doctors and nurses along with AMDA nurse conducted free on-site medical check-up for 710 affected people. The second relief activity was organized from 8 to 10 October. While conducting medical check-up, the team also distributed tarpaulins with 4 bamboo branches to each local resident in response to local needs. The team was able to see 246 people. The local partner-NGO continued similar activities until 23 October.



Medical check by AMDA Nurse



Medical check-up

Kashmir, India

AMDA nurse joined with a partner-NGO on her arrival in India on 25 September and reached Kashmir on the next day. In Srinagar of Kashmir, which was the most affected and damaged, 50% of the town was flooded. With hospitals, schools and other public facilities greatly damaged, there was little recovery even though over 3 weeks had passed since the disaster.

The joint team of AMDA and Pannya Metta Sanga (PMS) decided to center their efforts on Golpan Village of Pattan City. The team provided blankets to affected people for the coming winter. Furthermore, they conducted in-house check-up with the medical supplies prepared beforehand. Because of the long exposure to flood water, there were many cases of respiratory infections, body aches and joint pains, mostly among the elderly. The remaining relief goods and supplies were donated to Pattan City.

Sri Lanka

Landslides, Sri Lanka



Evacuation center
(Local high school)

Place: Badulla, Sri Lanka

Duration: 2/11/2014 - 8/11/2014

On 29 October, a landslide struck the mountain village of Koslanda in Badulla District, Sri Lanka. The landslide was triggered by the monsoon rains, which lasted for a few consecutive days and killed at least 16 people and left an estimated 200 missing.

In response to this disaster, AMDA coordinator from HQ was dispatched to Colombo on 2 November. He joined AMDA's long-time local partner NGO, Sarvodaya Foundation, to conduct initial assessment. The joint team visited the main camp set at a school in Badulla, which accommodated about 1,000 affected people in total. The camp was divided into 2 sections; one sheltering 400 people affected by the landslide and the other accommodating evacuees from the possible future landslide. There were additional two small camps nearby, occupied by 300 and 150 residents

respectively. AMDA donated one hundred sets of baby foods and feeding materials following the request from camp officials. At the same time, considering the severity of the situation, Sarvodaya and AMDA sponsored full running cost of the camps' ambulance service. Ambulance ran many times a day between the camp clinic and the local hospital, totaling about 150km a day.

"Peace and Unity through Sports and Religion" Sri Lanka, 2014



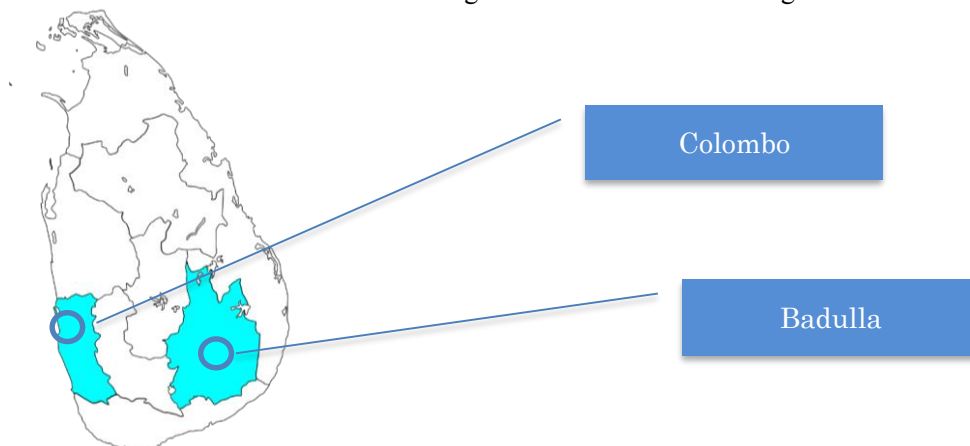
Students from various
backgrounds

Place: Colombo, Sri Lanka

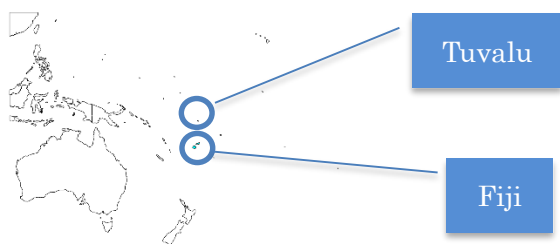
Duration: 8/27/2014 - 8/29/2014

As part of AMDA Peace Building Programme in Sri Lanka, AMDA, in collaboration with AMDA Sri Lanka and Religions for Peace, conducted "Peace and Unity through Sports and Religion " programme from 27 to 29 August, 2014, in Colombo. The aim of this programme is to foster an understanding of peace among different ethnicities through sports as well as cultural and religious activities. AMDA has organized the programme for four consecutive years since 2011. This year 15 Japanese junior and high school students from "KOUSEIGAKUEN" in Tokyo partook in the programme for the second time. They were joined by 80 Sri Lankan students from 8 different schools in and around Colombo in the 3-day programme. These Sri Lankan students were from diverse religious backgrounds; Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, and Christian.

On the first day, all students visited 4 different religious places of worship and learned about manners and methods of each religion. The second day was for sports and music. They enjoyed a sport game of ELLE - a local sport similar to baseball. As part of the cultural-exchange, students played and sang Sri Lankan traditional music. Japanese students, in return, showed Japanese traditional dance wearing Japanese costumes at a school for disabled children. On the last day, health education was followed by an interactive session allowing students of two nationals and also of diverse religions to communicate among themselves.



Oceania



Tuvalu and Fiji

Tropical Cyclone Pam in the Oceania Region

Place: Tuvalu, Fiji

Duration: 3/18/2015 – 7/8/2015

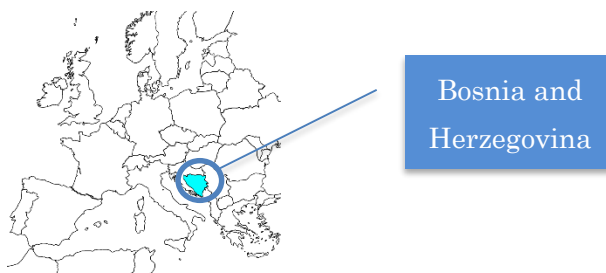
Tropical Cyclone Pam struck Pacific Islands from 11 to 13 March, 2015, causing enormous damages on several islands. One of such islands, Tuvalu declared national emergency with much of its area severely affected by the cyclone. Most of its crops and livestock were damaged and Tuvalu also suffered from fuel shortage.

On 20 March, AMDA's coordinator and a nurse were dispatched to Fiji the hub of traffic in the affected region. After the meeting with the National Disaster Committee (NDC) of Tuvalu AMDA handed over medical relief goods including ORS and water purification tablets to the ministry of health and donated some fund to the National Disaster Committee(NDC).



AMDA staff hands over relief goods

Europe



Bosnia and Herzegovina

Floods in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Place: Doboj, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Duration: 5/21/2014 - 7/31/2014

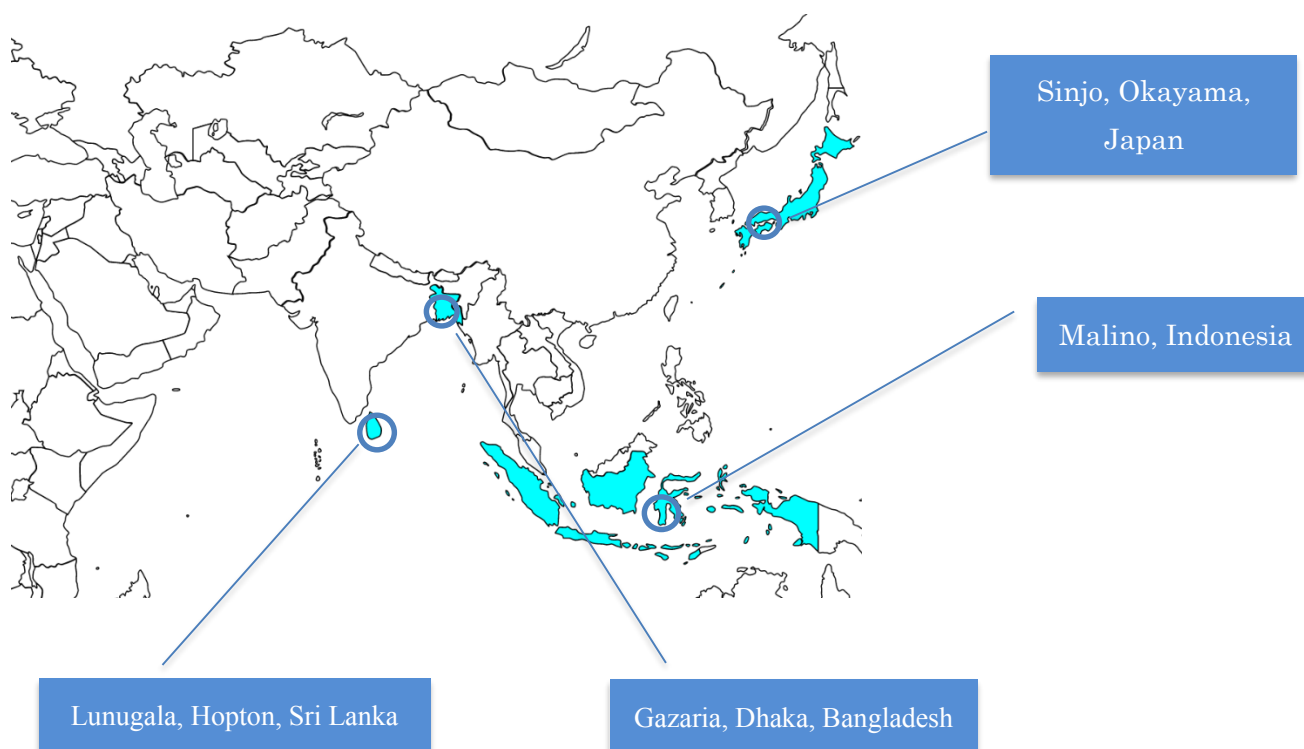
On 13 May, 2014, Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina (BiH) were affected by Cyclone Tamara leaving extremely heavy rain in the region. It was the worst rainfall recorded in the history of BiH since 1894. The region recorded three months' worth of rain in just three days. 24 people were killed in BiH and more than 37,000 people were evacuated in Serbia, BiH and Croatia.

Responding to the request from AMDA BiH, AMDA Headquarters in Japan dispatched a Japanese nurse to join with AMDA BiH in relief activities. Together, they carried out assessment and hearing from local population in the affected areas of BiH starting from May 22. As a result, AMDA's activities focused on the population who lacked access to medical care in Doboj. AMDA team carried out health checkup at each household and distributed relief goods including food and hygiene items. AMDA Bosnia continued to do the same in Doboj and Samac and provided counseling services for those suffering from PTSD. They also handed out relief goods such as food, daily necessities and medications. A total of 168 affected people benefitted from these services.



Medical check-up

2. Comprehensive Livelihood Support



Bangladesh

AMDA Bank Complex (ABC) Project Bangladesh

Place: Gazaria, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Duration: 1999~Current

This project consists of 4 parts, AMDA Health Center, AMDA Job Training Center (also functions as an emergency evacuation center), AMDA Community Learning Center, and Micro Finance Programme.

AMDA Health Center: Since its foundation in 2003 with the aid from Japanese government, it has been providing low-cost health services to landless farmers and poor women. 20,000 people are benefiting from the programme. 2 part-time MDs, 1 midwife, 1 lab technician, and 3 public health assistants are stationed at the center. In addition, 5 regional health workers provide on-site medical treatment free of charge for the communities.



Consultation with Midwife



Delivery

AMDA Job Training Center: Founded in 2002 with support from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the center offered training programmes in 6 different fields - computer science, carpentry/electrical engineering, sewing, fishing, poultry farming and community nursing. 1,500 landless farmers, women and/or young school-dropouts have received training. The center is 3-story building and can function as an emergency evacuation center.

AMDA Community Learning Center: The center is located in the same building as the AMDA Job Training Center offering classes to adults in sustainable development of communities. About 1,500 locals are attending continuous education programmes.



Community Learning
Center



Local fisherman who attends
the programme

Micro Finance Programme: The programme was started in 1999 using capital provided by AMDA headquarter. The programme promotes activities for ostracized women by strengthening their income generating capacities through Micro Finance programme.

Currently 2,500 women from 25 villages of Gazaria, in 500 groups of 5, are taking part in the programme. For administrative purposes, AMDA Bangladesh is running 89 centers managing 5 to 10 groups at each center. A president and a vice-president for each center are selected from group leaders and sub-leaders from each group.



Meeting on Micro Credit



Calculation of money for Micro
Credit

Sri Lanka

AMDA-Rose Lanka Microcredit Programme in Sri Lanka



Registration for
Micro finance

Place: Lunugala, Hopton, Sri Lanka

Duration: April. 2014-Current

Since May 2014, AMDA has been collaborating with Rose Lanka providing some capital as part of Rose Lanka's fund for Microcredit programme. The aim of the programme is improvement in family's income generation targeting poor families whose children are students at a local school in Lunugala Hopton Village located in the hillside tea plantations area. Their parents work in tea plantations with minimal wage.

17 families out of 47 applicants were selected as recipients to better their living. Some have opened small grocery stores and others started goats farming.

AMDA Food Programme

Place: Noto, Shinjo Village, Okayama, Japan

Duration: 4/1/2011 to present

Under the concept of “Food is the Source of Life”, AMDA established an organic farm and has implemented rice-duck farming in Shinjo Village, Okayama, since 2011. AMDA in collaboration with Shinjo Village, has worked toward disseminating knowledge and practice of organic agriculture in Asia. This year, representatives from AMDA and Shinjo Village visited 15 embassies and 11 consulate generals offices in Tokyo to talk about the importance of organic farming in the respective countries and presented them with AMDA organic rice and other rice produces from Shinjo Village.

Japan and Indonesia



**Philippine trainee learns
Planting rice**



Harvesting rice in Malino

Training Programme in Noto, Shinjo

In July 2014, AMDA and Shinjo Village invited two trainees from the Philippines as part of 6-month programme on organic farming. During the programme, they learned the process of organic farming from seedlings till harvesting. They proactively interacted with Shinjo people and enjoyed the cross-cultural experiences. After the trainees’ return to the Philippines, from 20 February to 1 March, 2015, AMDA staff and two organic farming experts from Shinjo Village visited their farms in the Philippines and introduced additional methods of organic farming at local workshops.

Follow-Up Activity in Malino, Indonesia

Two Indonesians who were trained in Shinjo Village have been implementing organic farming in Malino, Indonesia, since December 2013. To conduct a follow-up survey and to give the farmers further encouragement, AMDA staff and an organic farming expert from Shinjo Village visited their farm in Malino from 13 to 17 November, 2014. They held workshops for the local farmers and showed other agricultural methods such as making compost.



AMDA Noto Farm

AMDA Food Program



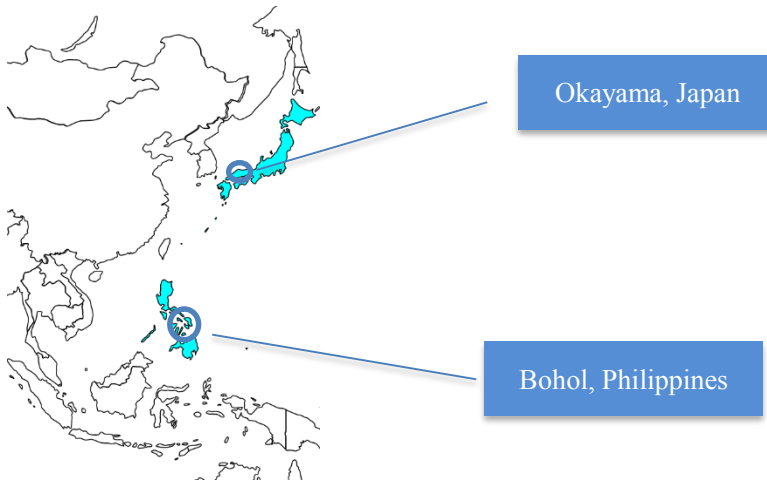
Making Organic Fertilizer in Malino



Local farmers who involved in constructing compost house in Malino

3. Educational Support

Japan and Philippines



International Internship Programme in the Philippines

Place: Okayama City and Bohol, Philippines

Duration: 6/15/2014 -8/30/2014

International Internship Programme Okayama (IPOK) started in 2011 by AMDA and Okayama University with the aim of promoting human resource development and international relations. The programme is held annually based on the cooperation agreement between AMDA and Okayama University.

In the past, IPOK students experienced Mongolia in 2011, Indonesia in 2012, and Sri Lanka in 2013. In 2014, four participants from Okayama University visited Bohol Island in the Philippines, which was hit by the big earthquake.

The two months prior to the departure were spent on the studies of the Philippines, reading on the damages of the earthquake in Bohol and on the preparation for English presentation to be given at local schools in the Philippines.

IPOK students visited the Philippines from 23 to 30 August starting with the courtesy visit to the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), which supported this programme locally. On the second day they moved to Bohol Island where they visited orphanage for cultural exchange session. At Bohol State University, they gave a presentation and enjoyed discussion with the local students. As part of reconstruction activities for Bohol earthquake, IPOK students also participated in a programme to help local people in rebuilding their houses. Other activities included homestay giving hygiene education and demonstration of scientific experiments at Maribojoc Central Elementary School, and taking part in an afforestation programme. The report of all these activities was presented to their fellow students upon returning to Okayama.

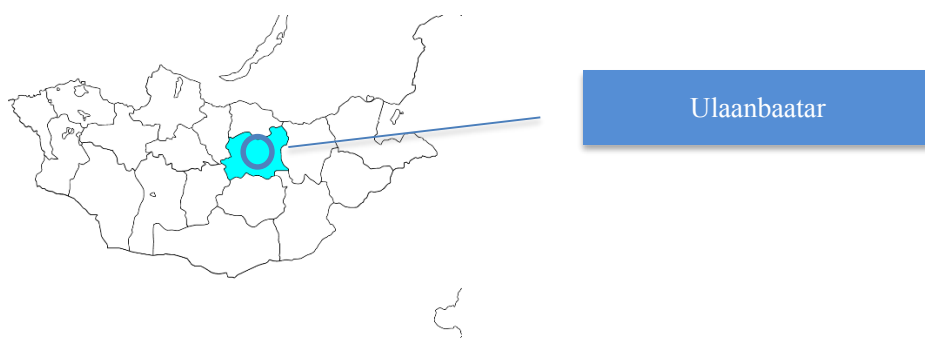


**Student volunteers at a house
reconstruction site**

4. Promotion of Health

East Asia

Mongolia



Ophthalmology Examination Programme in Mongolia

Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Duration: 9/8/2014-9/12/2014

AMDA has been dispatching Japanese ophthalmologists to Mongolia since 2010, in response to a request from Mongolian Ophthalmologist Society (MOS). In most cases Mongolian children with eye problems such as amblyopia (lazy-eye) and strabismus (squint-eye) are left untreated and this hinders their performance at school.

From 8 to 12 September, 2014, AMDA dispatched an ophthalmologist and an orthoptist to Ulaanbaatar to conduct a 5-day training programme on ophthalmology screening and examinations. This programme was organized under “Local to Local”, a technical exchange programme of Okayama Prefectural Government, with the support of Japanese Association of Certified Orthoptists. 35 local ophthalmologists and 40 local school doctors participated in the programme and received training through lectures, group discussion and practical sessions. Furthermore, AMDA offered eye examinations, at Japan-Mongolia Friendship Hospital, to 28 children with serious eye issues such as retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) and to 345 first-year students from the 58th Elementary School. As a result of the screening session, 20% of them needed further examination. 9 students including one case of excessive myopia required medical consultations from ophthalmologists, and 35 others needed to take ophthalmological examinations for eye correction with eyeglasses.

All the results were shared with Ministry of Health and Health Department of Ulaanbaatar City. In addition, the chairperson of MOS and AMDA appeared in one the local TV programme and stressed the importance of having an eye exam before the age of 8 as this fact was new to teachers and parents in Mongolia,

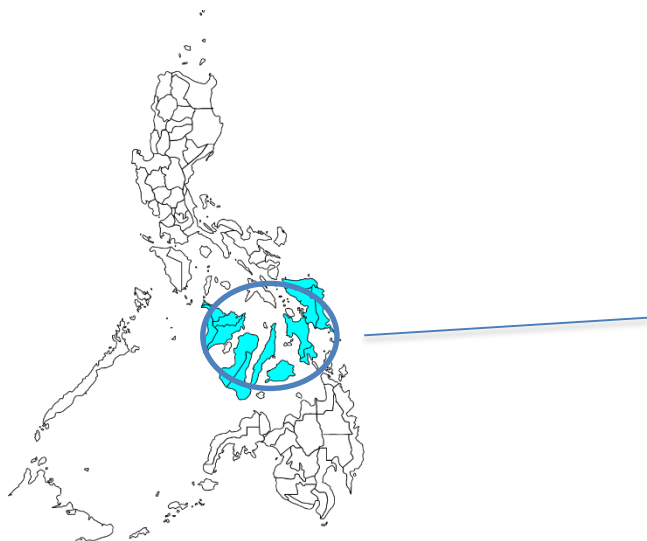
As a follow-up, MOS carried out 4-day re-examination session in late September to 46 out of 53 students who needed eye examinations. New eyeglasses were also provided to 38 students with the support from Okayama Koraku Lions Club and a local optical store in Mongolia.



**Ophthalmology examination
for children**

South East Asia

Philippines



Bohol, Negros, Panay, Leyte,
Samar and Cebu Island

Philippine Earthquake in Bohol and Cebu, 2013

Place: Maribojok, Bohol, Philippines

Duration: 11/11/2013 – Current

On 15 October, 2013, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck and devastated Bohol Island in the Philippines. 215 people were killed, 760 people were injured and more than 3 million people were affected by the disaster. Merely three weeks into the earthquake, another deadly disaster, the Super Typhoon Haiyan, hit Bohol. In Maribojok, a town on the southwestern coast of Bohol, many buildings including health service facilities along with its medical equipment were devastated by the disaster.

AMDA has continuously supported the people of Bohol through its terrifying ordeal. AMDA supported the establishment of a new health station, which had been already under construction as a primary care facility. Additionally, AMDA provided medical equipment such as sphygmomanometer, weight scale, glucometer and suction pump to be used at the new health station.



Staff with donated medical device

Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

Place: Bohol, Negros, Panay, Leyte, Samar and Cebu Island, Philippines

Duration: 1/1/2014 to current

After the devastating landfall of Typhoon Haiyan on 8 November, 2013, AMDA has been supporting the affected people through different activities. In 2014 AMDA conducted the following projects:

Student Exchange Programme

On 27 January, two students from Hiroshima Prefectural Fukuyama Seishikan High School escorted by a teacher and AMDA staff visited Scandinavian Elementary School in Tacloban to donate stationery to the students affected by the super typhoon. They were representing 33 high schools in Hiroshima who raised fund to help the afflicted. The student representatives of Hiroshima conveyed their message to the students of Tacloban that they would never forget about their plight and their thoughts would be always with them. This programme was organized by AMDA, in cooperation with the Board of Education of Hiroshima Prefecture and local officials in Leyte.

Medical Support

AMDA and Leyte Medical Society conducted monthly medical mission from March 2014 to October 2014. In the 8 months, 3,605 patients in the affected communities received medical care. Hypertension was the most common diagnosis among adults. Many cases of upper respiratory infections were also seen in both adults and children. Food distribution and hygiene education were also conducted during the medical missions.

Affected children lining up for
food distribution



Hygiene education



Exterior of Leyte Medical
Society Building

Additionally, Japan Medical Association, Fukuyama Medical Association and AMDA jointly supported the reconstruction of Leyte Medical Society building, which was devastated by Typhoon Haiyan. The newly rebuilt building functions as emergency relief station and community health promotion center. The foundation ceremony was held in November 2014 and construction works completed in March 2015.

First Anniversary and Food Distribution

In November 2014, AMDA participated in the 1st anniversary ceremony of Typhoon Haiyan in Leyte and delivered Christmas food packages to 109 households in one of the affected communities. In addition, 3,300 packs of preserved rice were distributed to the affected people in Panay and other parts of Leyte in collaboration with local organizations.

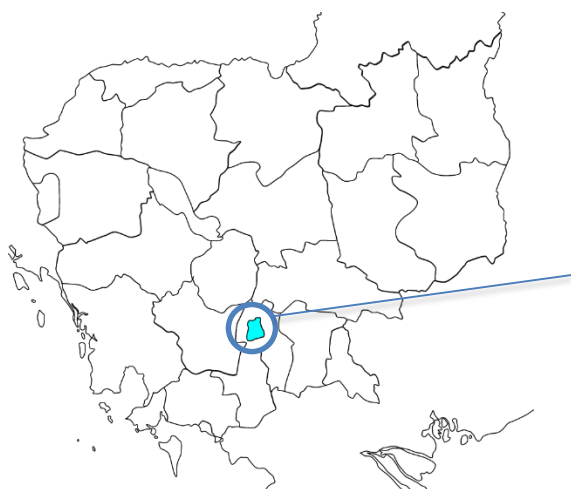


Candle Lighting in the ceremony



An affected man receiving Christmas
Food from AMDA

Cambodia



Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu

AMDA Cambodia Activity Report, 2014

Place: Phnom Penh, Kampong Speu, Cambodia

Duration: April 2014 - March 2015

In 2014, AMDA Cambodia conducted two main projects: HIV/AIDS Project and Prevention of Malaria Project.

HIV/AIDS Project: The main theme of HIV/AIDS Campaign in 2014 was “Zero new HIV infections, Zero discrimination, Zero AIDS related deaths”. To disseminate basic HIV/AIDS knowledge, AMDA Cambodia printed leaflets and T-shirts and distributed them to students at 5 universities and 6 high schools. For World AIDS Day, quiz and songs including knowledge on AIDS were performed at schools. These activities are contributing to Cambodia’s national goal of AIDS eradication by 2020.

Prevention of Malaria: AMDA Cambodia conducted Malaria prevention activities by successfully mobilizing and involving the local people for Malaria interventions, and thereby enabling the community empowerment at the same time. As a response to these activities many positive outcomes could be seen: many people gained the right knowledge, and the capacity of public health workers and volunteers has been improved. On the whole, AMDA Cambodia’s projects were implemented in 4 new and 196 old communities and were participated by local volunteer staff including 70 females.



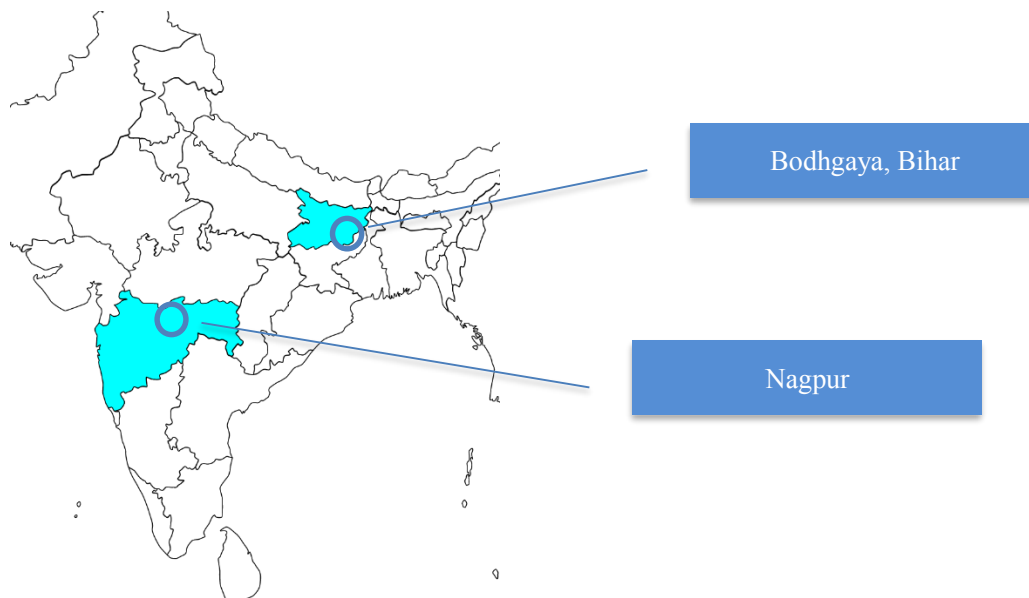
World AIDS Day



AMDA Cambodia staff conducts
Malaria prevention activity

South Asia

India



AMDA Peace Clinic in Bodhgaya, India

Place: Bodhgaya, Bihar, India

Duration: November 2009 to current

AMDA Peace Clinic (APC), built adjoining to a Buddhist temple, was initially established as an Ayurveda Clinic under the Isshinji Trust, Bodhgaya, India, in 2009. APC served the local residents as well as the foreign visitors who came to the holy city of Bodhgaya for traditional Ayurveda treatments.

After 5 successful years as an Ayurveda Clinic, APC's operation was re-assessed in consultation with the local village leaders. Reflecting the urgent need for mother and childcare as evidenced in the high mortality rate, APC started its new service - Mother and Childcare Clinic-, in October 2014 specializing in perinatal and neonatal care. At initial stage, APC nurse with two local staff collected basic information on living condition and nutrition by visiting about 51 households in the community. Based on the survey, APC nurse started giving health education and advice to pregnant women and mothers with babies. To reinforce standard of care, Japanese nurse from AMDA HQ was dispatched to APC in February 2015. Japanese nurse worked with local staff for improved medical care and for more accurate and efficient medical records.

On 20 November, 2014, APC held its 5th anniversary ceremony in which Buddhist prayer was offered for APC's further success and prosperity in providing health care to local people. Approximately 20 people including locals, Japanese followers of Nichiren Shu Temple and AMDA staff participated in the ceremony. After the ceremony, offerings of snacks were distributed to local children.



Home visit for a Pregnant Woman

Cataract Surgery Project in India

Place: Nagpur, India

Duration: 5/16/ 2014; 6/20/2014 to 6/26/2014

AMDA, “Ichigu-wo-terasu” Activities (Brighten the World at Your Corner) by Tendai Sect of Buddhism and Pannya Metta Academy jointly organized cataract operation mission for the poor in Nagpur, in Maharashtra State of India. Most patients are daily workers from the slum area of northern Nagpur and have no access to a doctor.

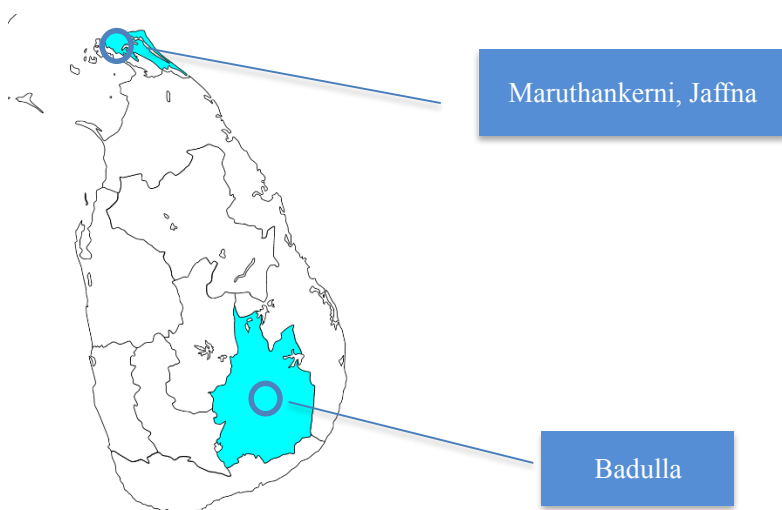
Initially, before May, 112 patients received eye screening at Pannya Metta Academy and 30 of them were found to be in need of cataract operation. On 16 May, 2014, 14 out of these 30 people received cataract surgery after more thorough screening.

On 20 June, another eye screening was held in Pahela Village, Bhandara, 15km away from the city center. 27 out of 78 patients received eyeglasses free of charge; 8 were diagnosed with eye diseases and received free eye drops as needed; 33 patients were diagnosed as having cataract. After further screening 14 of these patients received free cataract surgery in Nagpur on 25 and 26 June.



Cataract Surgery Patients

Sri Lanka



Free Medical Mission in the War-Torn Area of Northern Sri Lanka



Mobile Clinic

Place: Maruthankerni, Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Duration: 4/5/2014

Maruthankerni is one of the many coastal towns in the northern part of Sri Lanka that were heavily affected during the three decades of civil war that finally ended in 2009. Maruthankerni is part of the Point Pedro Division of the Jaffna District. It is a fishing village with a population of about 15,000. Most of the people in this region are fishermen and farmers who are in the lower income bracket.

AMDA together with Lions Club Sri Lanka, Jaffna Regional Directorate of Health Services (RDHS), and Medical Officer of Health (MOH) of Point Pedro

Division conducted a medical mission at the Maruthankerni Hospital, on 5 April, 2014. Medical and dental staff from Point Pedro base hospital and Maruthankerni divisional hospital provided free medical services with the support of Lions club and AMDA volunteers. 359 patients came to seek medical consultation. Most of the symptoms were joint aches, cough, throat pain related to cold and dental problems. Everyone who visited the clinic was presented with toothpaste and brush from AMDA along with instructions on how to brush teeth properly. The remaining medicine after the mission was donated to the Maruthankerni Hospital by AMDA. Lions club donated to the RDHS boxes of spectacles which would be distributed at an eye-camp to be organized in the near future.

Free Dental Mission in a Remote Part of Sri Lanka

Place: Badulla, Sri Lanka

Duration: 4/7/2014

On 5 April, AMDA jointly with Badulla Department of Dental Health Services (DDHS) conducted a mobile dental mission and hygiene education in the outskirts of Badulla District at Polgahaarawa School in Arawa Township- a remote hill area of Sri Lanka from where students and teachers have to walk about 3km to access any road transportation. Most of the people in this region are in the lower income bracket living as farmers and cattle grazers in the mountain.

The mission consisted of AMDA staff and 25 members from Bandulla Hospital. After the opening ceremony, breakfast was provided to students along with dental care sets. The team gave students instruction on how to brush their teeth. AMDA also donated health education materials and sports goods to the school.

It was the first time for the school and its students to experience dental checkup and hygiene education. About 150 students and some of their parents and teachers were also able to receive free dental checkup. Dental treatment was also provided following the initial checkup

Mobile Dental Clinic



Free Dental Mission with Taiwan IHA in Sri Lanka



Taiwan Dentist in action at Mobile Dental Clinic

Place: Badulla, Sri Lanka

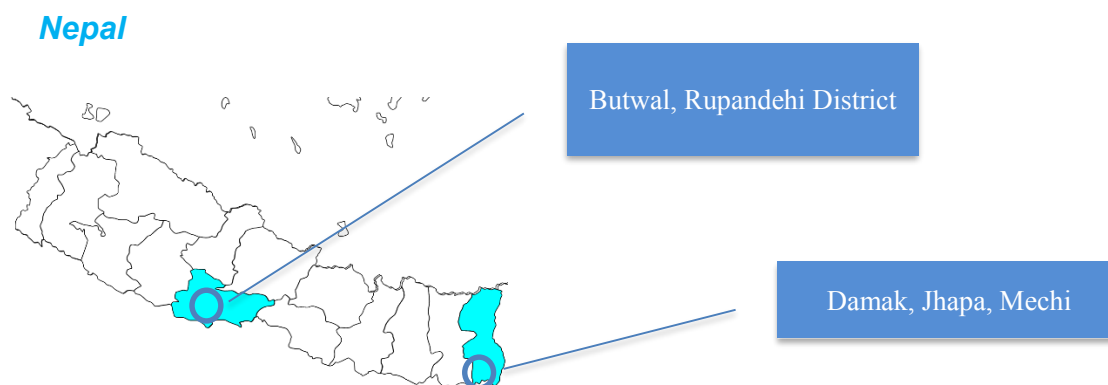
Duration: 12/4/2014-12/5/2014

AMDA in collaboration with TaiwanIHA (International Health Action) and the Regional Director of Health Secretariat (RDHS) office in Badulla provided free dental consultation in Badulla, Sri Lanka. The programme was also supported by a local senior dental surgeon.

The dental team was made up of 2 dentists and a staff from TaiwanIHA joined by 6 dentists and 10 dental assistants from Badulla District Hospital, Sri Lanka. RDHS office in Badulla provided a mobile dental bus, equipped with 2 dental chairs and instruments for the mission.

During the 2-day mission, 4 and 5 December, 2014, the joint team conducted dental clinic at Poonagala High School in Bandarawela and Primary School in Wawekella. The schools are both located in

the Bandulla District, tea plantation area, which was severely affected by landslides of November 2014. Total of 930 students including some of their parents and teachers benefited from the dental mission. Caries were found more in the primary school students than in those of high school due to their poor dental care and lack of dental health education. The students received toothbrush and paste after they have been instructed on dental care. According to a dentist from RDHA office in Bandulla, 60% of primary school students in Bandulla have some dental problems. To cope with this serious situation, RDHA office in Bandulla plans to put their efforts on dental health education at schools.



AMDA Hospital in Nepal

Place: Damak, Jhapa, Mechi, Nepal

Duration: 1992~ Current

AMDA Nepal has been operating AMDA Damak hospital providing medical care to local citizens as well as Bhutanese refugees since 1992. It also functions as the secondary referral center for the region. Since 1995, UNHCR has consigned its programme to AMDA Damak Hospital. The hospital currently runs various programmes such as mother and child programme, HIV/STD prevention programme, health service programme for refugee camps and human resource development programme.

In 2014, the number of outpatients exceeded 20,000 with more than 4,000 annual deliveries.



AMDA Damak Hospital

Siddhartha Children and Women's Hospital, Nepal



Place: Butwal, Rupandehi District, Nepal

Duration: 1998~Current

The hospital founded in November 1998, with cooperation from Japanese and Nepalese supporters, is the only maternity hospital outside the capital. It was designed by a world-renowned Japanese architect, Mr. Tadao Ando. The building is located in Butwal of Rupandehi District. As it is famous for its high quality of medical services, patients come not only from the local area but also from places more than 100km away from the hospital. It serves to more than 3,000 patients annually with average of more than 6 deliveries daily.

New construction of perinatal care ward was started in August 2011 and completed in November 2012. The new ward consists of labor room, delivery room, recovery room, operation theatre, family planning counseling room and neonatal intensive care unit, which enable the hospital to manage patient care comprehensively from pregnancy, childbirth to neonatal care.

Departments:

Pediatrics, Neonatal, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's internal medicine

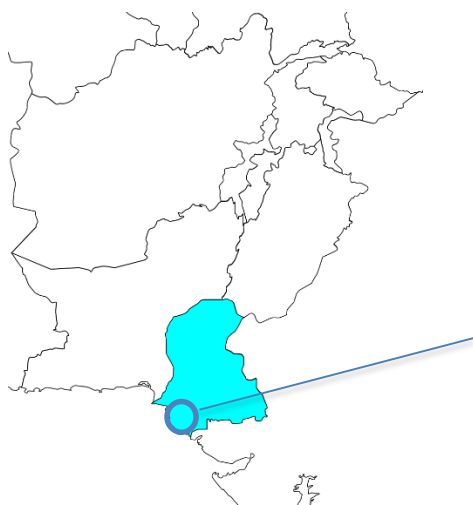
Number of beds:

100 Beds in Pediatrics, Neonatal, and Obstetrics and Gynecology departments

Number of staff:

175 in total (19 doctors, 62 nurses, 12 laboratory technicians, 18 pharmacists, 16 administrative staff, 28 assistants and 20 security guards)

Pakistan



Thatta, Sindh Province

Pakistan Home Health Education Programme

Place: Thatta, Sindh Province, Pakistan

Duration: 1/6/2014 - current

The Pakistan's situation survey on polio eradication activity of 2013 clearly indicated strong demand for health education. To respond to the situation, AMDA, Chigasaki Chuo Rotary Club (CCRC) and National Rural Support Programme (NRSP) – a Pakistan national NGO- implemented a programme called “Pakistan Home Health Education Programme” to effectively disseminate health knowledge within respective community. Under the programme pre-marital women were selected as channels for disseminating information to their families and neighbors. As there existed enough programmes for pregnant and married women, pre-marital women were chosen to educate and serve their community.

In accordance with the agreement on collaboration signed jointly by AMDA, CCRC and NRSP in June 2014, NRSP conducted a baseline survey on local communities to check on the health knowledge level of the target population in Thatta District of Sindh Province. The result showed lack of health-related knowledge in the community. Based on the outcome, NRSP composed textbook for both lecturers and pre-marital female students taking into consideration the low literacy rate in the community. After lecturers have been selected and educated about health related topics, the health education classes to pre-marital women were initiated in March. AMDA, CCRC and NRSP will continuously work together towards the goal to improve overall health in the community.



NRSP Staff interviews

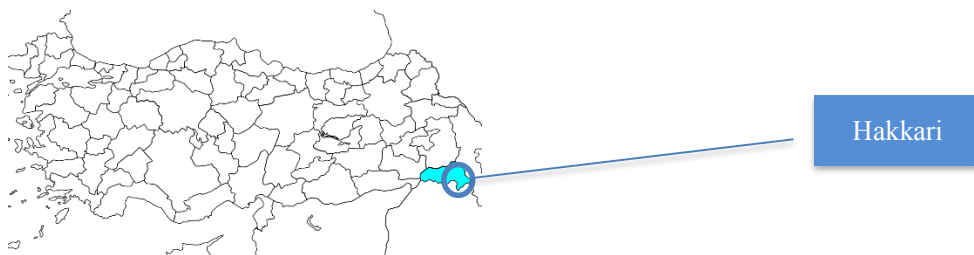
Local people



Pakistan Home Health
Education Programme Class

Middle East

Turkey



Free Dental Mission and Dental Health Education in Hakkari, Turkey

Place: Hakkari, Turkey

Duration: 11/13/2014 - 11/15/2014

Hakkari is predominantly Kurdish community, located in the remote area of the country bordering Iran and Iraq. This area was heavily affected by the earthquake in 2011. AMDA has supported the affected people through different activities such as student exchange programme and Suganami Scholarship. The majority of the Hakkari population work for less than the minimum wage running a ranch with flock of goats and sheep. AMDA's past relief activities in the region has shown some compelling needs for dental care.

AMDA, in collaboration with TaiwanIHA, conducted free dental clinic and dental health education in the region from 13 to 15 November. 9 local patients without the means to afford dental care were selected and given dentures free of charge.

On 14 November, a joint team of dental technician, AMDA coordinator and a local nurse, who is a recipient of AMDA's Suganami Scholarship, travelled to Durankaya Village, about one-hour drive from Hakkari. They offered dental health class to 93 students aged between 5 and 11 at an elementary school. After the class, the team distributed toothbrush and paste to students. This was the first lesson in oral care in the community.



Free dental clinic



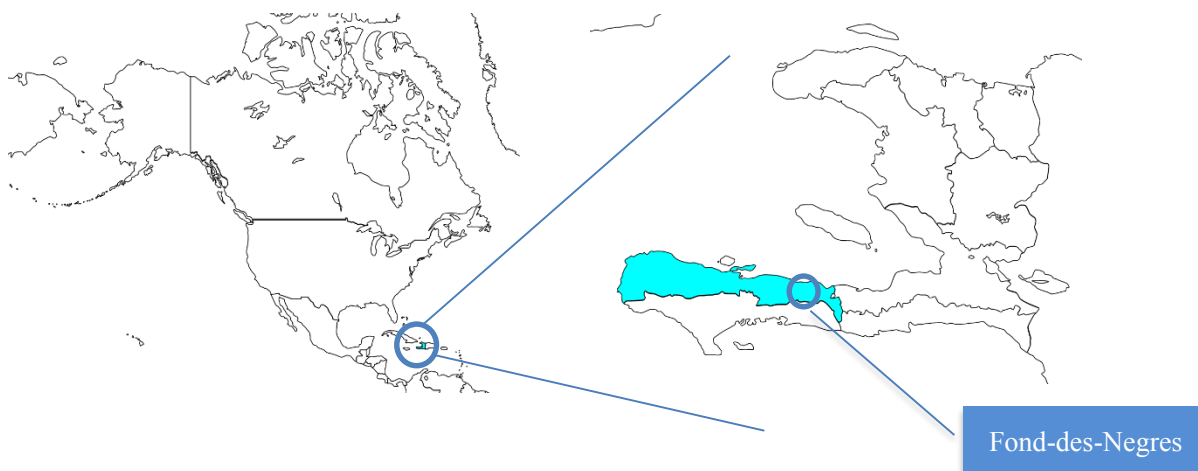
Dental Health Class



Students received toothbrush and paste

South America

Haiti



Great Haiti Earthquake, 2010

Place: The Salvation Army Hospital, Fond-des-Negres, Haiti

Duration: 1/31/2015

On 12 January, 2010, a catastrophic earthquake struck Haiti leaving more than 220,000 dead.

Since its initial medical relief activities, AMDA has been supporting survivors of the earthquake through various projects such as a year-long prosthesis project for people who lost their limbs, soccer and culture exchange programme for children and free dental missions. On 31 January, 2015, AMDA Haiti conducted its fourth dental mission at the Salvation Army Hospital in Fond-des-Negres, in collaboration with the Salvation Army. 78 patients from Fond-des-Negres and surrounding areas were able to receive dental care including dental examinations, cleaning and tooth extractions. At the same time, AMDA Haiti offered dental hygiene education on how to brush teeth. The importance of maintaining dental health, preventive dental care and routine visit to dentists were also topics covered during the session.



Free Dental Clinic



Free dental consultation



Children in the affected area in India

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