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List of KOFIH development projects ongoing in 2019

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Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH), as a public affiliated organization of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, was founded in 2006 to inherit the dedication of late Dr. Lee Jong-wook, the 6th Director General of World Health Organization to realize humanitarianism and global cooperation through healthcare support for developing countries, North Korea, overseas Koreans and foreign workers in Korea. KOFIH is providing healthcare support to save precious human lives regardless of sex, ethnicity, region or religion.

In response to the growing calls for official development assistance (ODA) as a leading organization to support healthcare needs in developing countries, KOFIH has not only strengthened itself, but has also changed to adapt to evolving global needs. KOFIH has become sensitive to the needs of those that we serve by establishing partnership and consulting with those who receive our assistance. With this close cooperation, KOFIH continues to strive to be a global partner towards healthcare improvement with three basic aims: sustainable development cooperation, sustainable healthcare assistance, and sustainable reform. It is our hope to reach the ultimate goal of making the world free from disease. **Table 1** shows the list of KOFIH's ongoing ODA projects in 2019.

List of 2019 KOFIH development projects

Table 1. KOFIH 2019 official development assistance projects

Region	Country	Project name	Period	Budget (USD)	Partner agency
Asia & Africa	Multiple	Dr LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program	2019	4.4M	- MoH of each country - EDCF - KOICA
Asia	Cambodia	Integrated Package of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health in the Western Region, Cambodia	2017–2021	11.7M	- MoH, Cambodia - KOICA
	Lao PDR	Health System Strengthening Project Focused on Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH) in North-Eastern Provinces, Lao PDR	2016–2021	13.5M	- MoH, Lao PDR
		Hospital Operation and Management Consulting Project for the University of Health Science Hospital in Lao PDR	2019–2022	1.8M	- MoH, Lao PDR - EDCF
		Strengthening Management System of Medical Equipment in Lao PDR	2018–2022	4.5M	- MoH, Lao PDR - EDCF - KOICA
		Diagnosis and Quarantine System Building Project for Communicable Disease Control in Lao PDR	2019–2023	3M	- MoH, Lao PDR - KT
	Mongolia	Operation and Management Consulting for the Nuclear Medicine Department of the National Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Mongolia	2015–2019	1.1M	- MoH, Mongolia - EDCF
	Myanmar	Primary Healthcare System Strengthening Project in Yangon Region, Myanmar	2014–2019	5.5M	- MoHS, Myanmar
	Philippines	Post-management Project for Tuberculosis Control Capacity Building in Palawan, Philippines	2017–2019	0.3M	- DoH, Philippines - WHO/WPRO - WHO Philippines
		Health Promotion in the Urban Poor Area in Metro Manila of the Philippines	2019–2021	0.9M	- DoH, Philippines - WHO/WPRO - WHO Philippines
	Sri Lanka	Strengthening Management System of Medical Equipment in Sri Lanka	2019–2024	8.2M	- MoHNIM, Sri Lanka - EDCF - KOICA
	Uzbekistan	Operation and Management Consulting for the National Children's Hospital in Uzbekistan	2014–2019	3.6M	- MoH, Uzbekistan - EDCF - KOICA
		Emergency Medical Service System Strengthening Project in Uzbekistan	2019–2023	2.9M	- MoH, Uzbekistan - RSCEMC, Uzbekistan - EDCF
		Vietnam	Operation and Management Consulting for Health Facilities and Medical Equipment in Vietnam	2019–2021	2.2M
Africa	Ethiopia	Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Promotion and Policy Cooperation on National Health Insurance Scheme in Ethiopia	2014–2019	5.9M	- Federal MoH, Ethiopia
		Strengthening Management System of Medical Equipment in Ethiopia	2015–2020	4.8M	- Federal MoH, Ethiopia
	Ghana	Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Promotion in Volta Region, Ghana, Second phase	2019–2023	8.2M	- MoH, Ghana - KOICA
	Kenya	Strengthening Health Information Management System in Kenya	2017–2019	0.6M	- MoH, Kenya - KEMSA, Kenya - NHIF, Kenya - KOICA
	Mozambique	Operation and Management Consulting for the Quelimane Central Hospital in Mozambique	2013–2019	1.7M	- MoH, Mozambique - EDCF
	Tanzania	Health System Strengthening Project Focused on RMNCH in Pwani Province, Tanzania	2016–2021	5.4M	- MoHCDGEC, Tanzania - KOICA
		Operation and Management Consulting for the MUHAS Academic Medical Centre (MAMC) in Tanzania	2013–2019	2M	- MUHAS Academic Medical Centre - EDCF - KOICA
	Uganda	Health System Strengthening Project Focused on Emergency Medical Service in Uganda	2017–2021	3.5M	- MoH, Uganda
		National Tuberculosis Control Capacity Building Project in Uganda	2017–2021	1.2M	- MoH, Uganda - NTRL, Uganda

DoH = Department of Health; EDCF = *Economic Development Cooperation Fund*; KEMSA = Kenya Medical Supplies Authority; KOFIH = Korea Foundation for International Healthcare; KOICA = *Korea International Cooperation Agency*; KT = *Korea Telecom*; MoH = Ministry of Health; MoHCDGEC = *Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children*; MoHNIM = Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine; MoHS = Ministry of Health and Sports; MUHAS = Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences; NHIF = *National Hospital Insurance Fund*; NTRL = National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory; RSCEMC = Republican Scientific Center of Emergency Medical Care.