Pledge of Support to the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health

While the improvement of the health of women and children has been accelerated since the launch of the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health by the United Nations Secretary-General in 2010, coordinated global action is needed to complete the unfinished Millennium Development Goals’ agenda and to provide focused and enhanced assistance to women and children in less developed countries and other countries with specific needs through the Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, the Government of Japan affirms its support to the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-30) as a global effort to bring all stakeholders together in support of countries’ work to improve women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health and well-being.

In September 2015, Japan launched “Basic Design for Peace and Health”, the new global policy for its health-related overseas development cooperation. Under this policy, Japan will focus its efforts on strengthening health systems in order to tackle public health emergencies of international concern, and to achieve universal health coverage. Maternal and child health are placed at the heart of these policies. Through its efforts to achieve universal health coverage, which is designed to ensure that everyone has access to necessary health services at an affordable cost, Japan pledges to enhance its commitment to reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health service provision and improvements around the world.

15 September 2015