

# JICA Global Agenda for Health

## Cluster Strategy for Strengthening Quality Continuum of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health including the effective use of Maternal and Child Health Handbooks (MNCH Cluster Strategy)



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) works toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

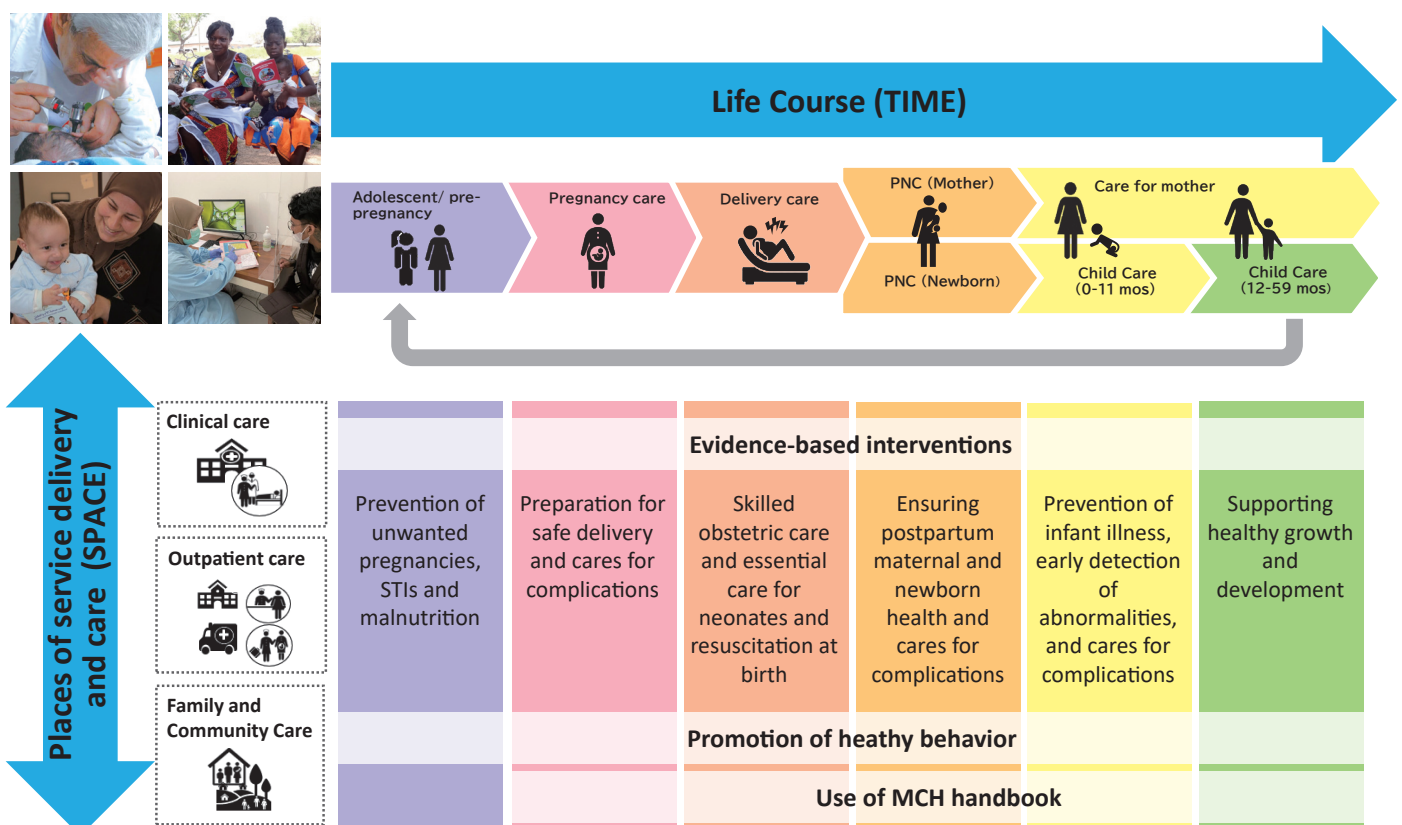
# JICA GLOBAL AGENDA & MNCH CLUSTER STRATEGY OVERVIEW

**JICA Global Agenda (JGA)** is a set of cooperation strategies for global issues consisted of 20 thematic areas, including **Health**, to contribute to the achievement of **the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030**. **JGA for Health** aims to contribute to the **achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC)** which ensures that all people can access to the necessary health services without financial hardship even under the public health emergencies.

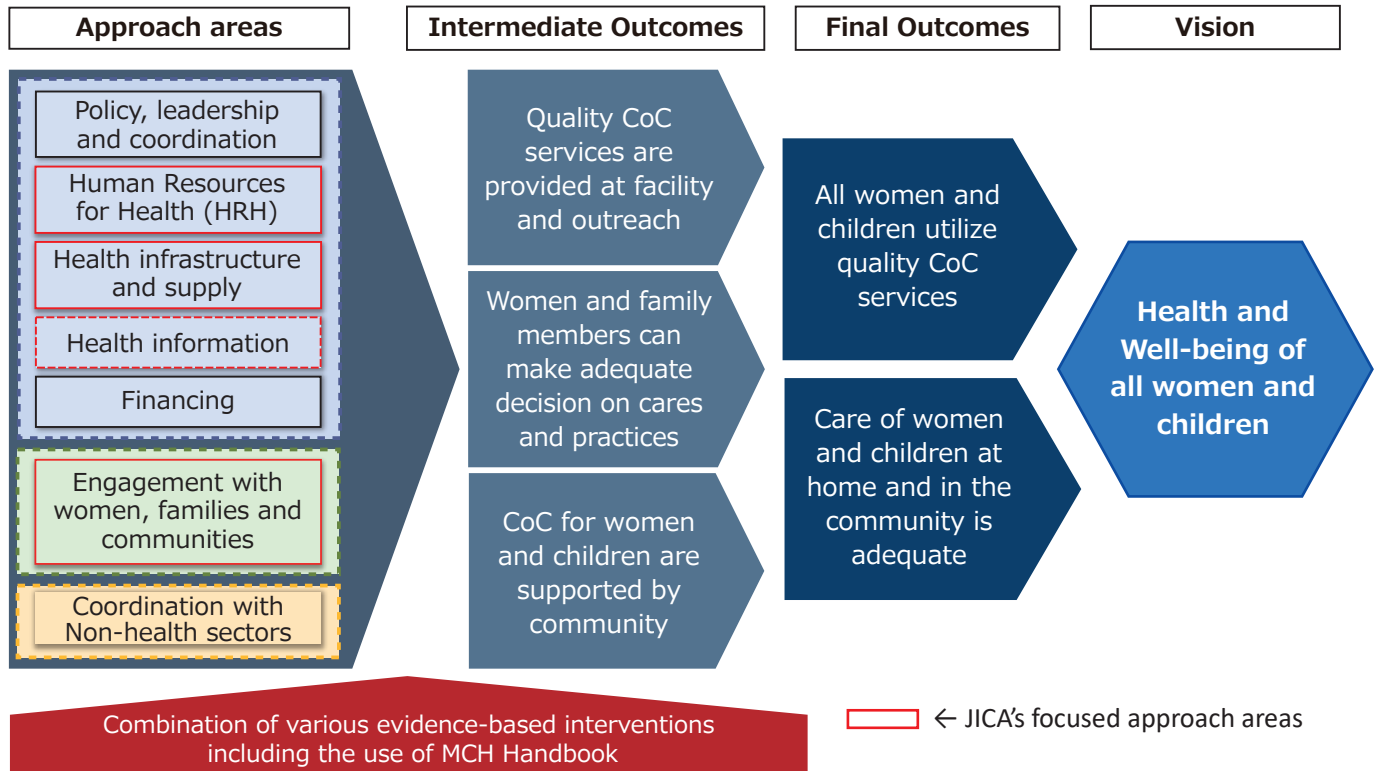
Every day in 2020, almost **800 women died due to complications related to pregnancy and childbirth**. Globally, **2.3 million children died in the first month of life** in 2021. Most of the maternal and child deaths occurred in **low- and middle-income countries**, and most could have been prevented. Among the children survived, **148.1 million children under 5 years of age were too short for their age (stunting)** in 2021. **The health status of mothers and children during this period has a significant impact on a lifelong health and well-being.**

**Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Cluster Strategy** is developed with a vision of **“Health and Well-being of All Women and Children”**. It focuses on strengthening quality continuum of care (CoC) for MNCH with evidence-based interventions, including the effective use of Maternal and Child Health Handbooks, and promoting adequate care of women and children at home and in the community without interruption of time and space.

## CONCEPT OF CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) FOR MNCH



# DEVELOPMENT SCENARIO & JICA'S FOCUSED APPROACH AREAS



## JICA'S SOLUTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

JICA's cooperation to promote **Health and Well-being of All Women and Children**

**11,568** health care workers trained on MNCH (JFY2017 -2021)



Training at a Midwifery School, Sudan

**177** technical cooperation projects and **24** ODA grants, spending approximately JPY 7.3 billion and JPY 29.1 billion financial commitment, respectively (JFY2017 -2021)



Provision of Equipment, Palestine

**34** (or more) countries have introduced MCH handbook with JICA's technical cooperation (as of October 2023)



Training on MCH handbook use, Ghana



Knowledge Co-Creation Programs, Japan



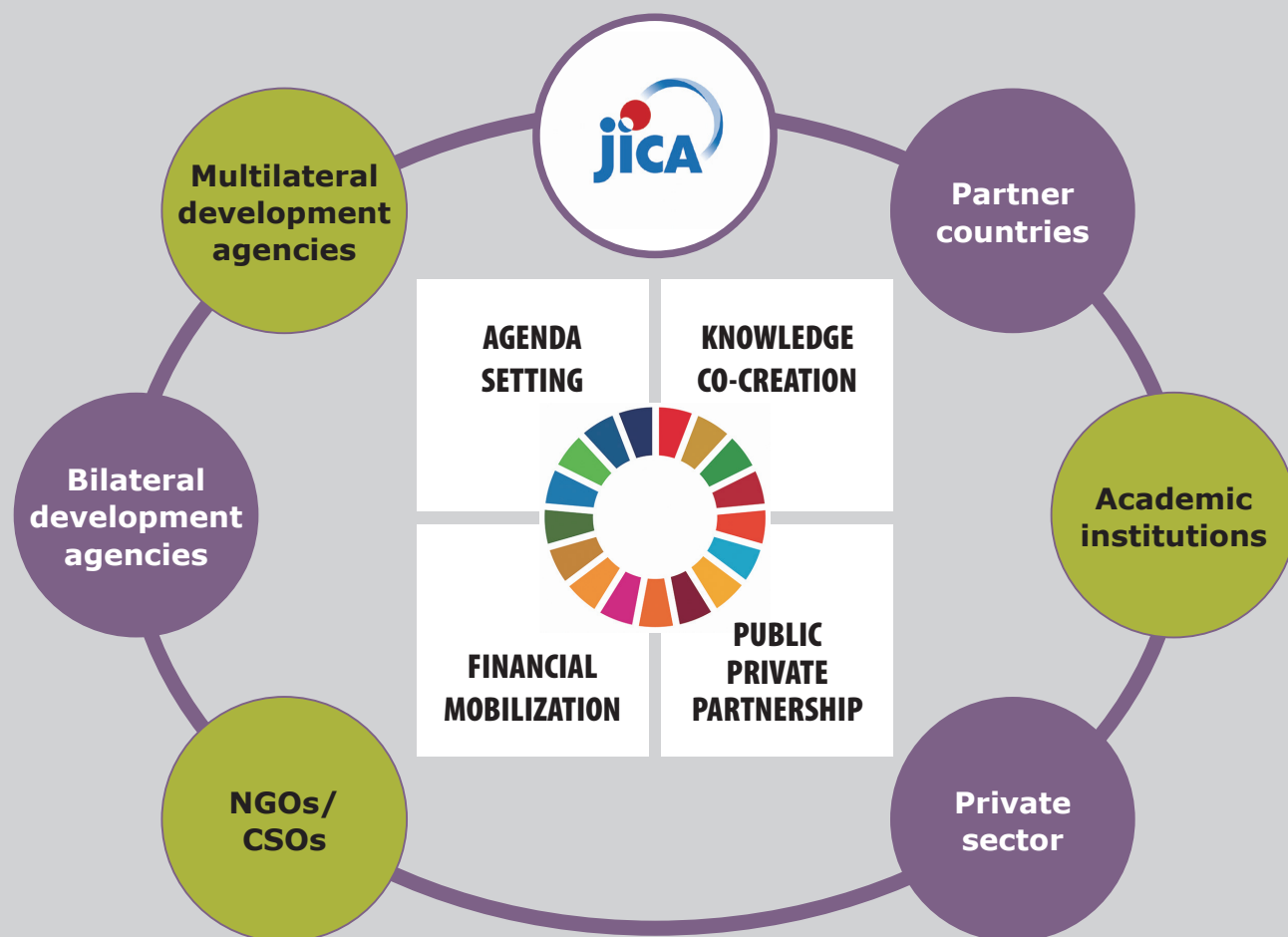
Training for neonatal intensive care, Burundi







Various countries learned each other, Indonesia

# COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP

JICA promotes collaboration and partnership with multiple actors to realize the vision of MNCH Cluster Strategy “Health and Well-being of All Women and Children.”



## Key SDGs indicators to be achieved by 2030 in the target countries

-  Maternal mortality ratio of 70 or fewer deaths per 100,000 live births (3.1.1)
-  Under 5 mortality rates of 25 or fewer deaths per 1,000 live births (3.2.2)
-  40% reduction in the proportion of under 5 children with stunted growth (2.1.1)
-  65% or more of women in reproductive age have access to comprehensive reproductive health information and can make informed decisions (5.6.1)

## For further MNCH cluster information

- MNCH Cluster Strategy Document Summary (English)
- MNCH Cluster Strategy Explanation Presentation (English)



## A CASE OF COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP

In 2023, a global implementation guide of home-based records for MNCH was jointly published by WHO, UNICEF and JICA.

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