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A New Maternal and Child Healthcare Program Kicks Off in Kilifi County, Kenya The Mother to Mother SHIONOGI Project Enters Its Second Phase with the Aim of Improving Health Access

Osaka, Japan, April 1, 2020 - Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan; President & CEO: Isao Teshirogi, Ph.D.; hereinafter, “Shionogi” or the “Company”) announces the kick off a new support program in Kilifi County, Kenya, the second phase of its Mother to Mother SHIONOGI Project aimed at supporting African maternal and child health.

With 78 per 1,000 children dying under the age of five and the maternal mortality rate reaching 533¹ per 100,000 live births, a great disparity still remains between the state of maternal and child health in Sub-Saharan Africa, including Kenya, and the goals stated in the SDGs (which are less than 25 and 70, respectively)². With help from World Vision, an international NGO, Shionogi has been putting effort into improving maternal and child health in Kenya from 2015 by implementing its Mother to Mother SHIONOGI Project funded by donations from Shionogi and Shionogi Group employees with the aim of supporting maternal and child health³. The first phase of the Mother to Mother SHIONOGI Project implemented from October 2015 to September 2020 in Narok County, Kenya, has been stably increasing the county’s hospital visit and number of hospital deliveries⁴, which had been issues, through such efforts as building hospitals and promoting healthcare education among the local residents, producing positive results contributing toward the project’s goal of realizing a community able to perform maternal and child healthcare activities independently and sustainably.

Kilifi County, the next region to support, has frequent droughts and one of Kenya’s highest poverty rates. Issues faced by the county include a high maternal mortality rate and high HIV and malaria infection rates caused by its lack of health facilities and staff and limited access to safe and clean water. Effectively using our experience of implementing the project’s first phase, the second phase will integrate the strategies developed in the first phase for maintaining health facilities, educating residents, and reinforcing health staff skills into a comprehensive community healthcare system by collaborating with higher level hospitals supervising regional hospitals.

Shionogi has established a Shionogi Global Health Access Policy, and is promoting the improvement of health access as a key issue to be addressed. Through this business, the Company will promote initiatives to improve medical access and contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.



SDGs : Goals that apply to this theme

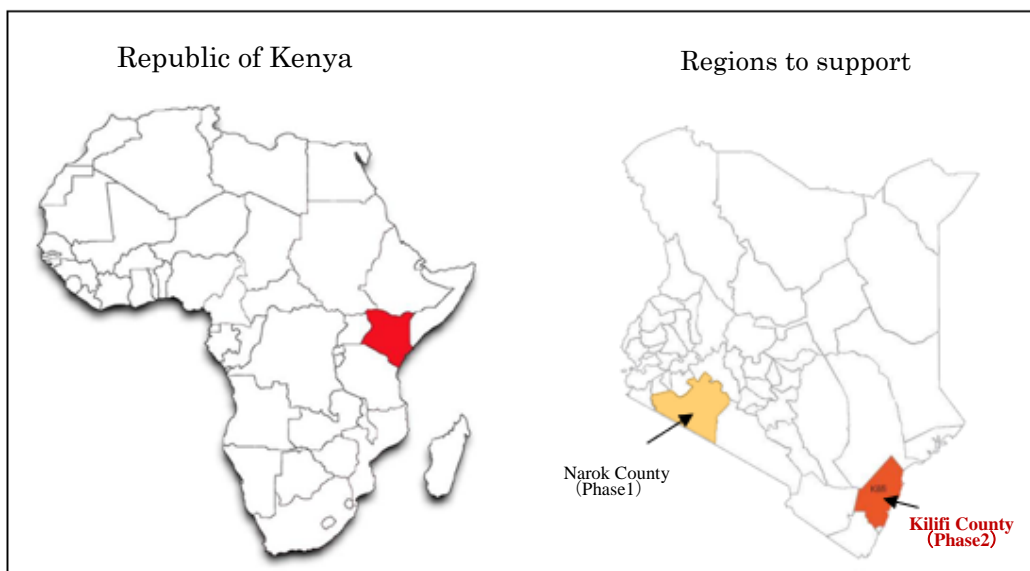
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Outline of the new support project

Cooperating organization: World Vision (International Cooperation NGO)

Regions to support: Bamba and Jaribuni, Ganze Sub County, Kilifi County, Kenya



Donation amount: ¥60 million/year

Period: April 2020 to March 2023

Support to be offered:

Maintenance of three hospitals, mobile clinic services, health staff education, maintenance of the hygienic environment of water supply systems, resident education programs, local health staff training and reinforcement of regional health systems, and collaboration with local departments of health

About World Vision

A Christian international cooperation NGO devoted to helping children living in difficult situations caused by poverty, wars, and natural disasters; it is officially recognized by and registered with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, and helps children in about 100 countries (<https://www.worldvision.jp/>).

Forward-Looking Statements

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