Ex-Post Evaluation of Japan Disaster Relief Assistance

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Objective: To observe and evaluate the activity of the Japan Disaster Relief Medical Team that was dispatched to Mozambique to assist during the great flood disaster in March, 2000 using “reduction of personnel damage (humanitarian relief)” perspective as the focus point.

Methods: The activity of the Japan Disaster Medical Team was evaluated using a survey according to the seven “rights”: 1) right information; 2) right time; 3) right place; 4) right person; 5) right materials; 6) right coordination and cooperation; and 7) right technology.

Results: Effective data indicating the move of flood-attributed Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and disease trend were obtained and examined.

Conclusion: For the first time, the Japan International Cooperation Agency dispatched a post-disaster evaluation team. It concluded that such a retrospective evaluation is extremely useful for providing more effective and more efficient disaster relief activities by Japan.

Keywords: evaluation, flood, international disaster relief, JICA; seven rights


Evaluation of Health Disaster Management During the Mozambique Flood in 2000

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Background: In 2000, a major flood occurred in the southern part of Mozambique. Hikwe in the Chokwe Province, Gaza State, was one of the most severely affected areas. A Japan Disaster Relief Medical Team was dispatched into this area to evaluate the health disaster management during this flood using the Guidelines for Evaluation and Research in the Utstein Style.

Methods: The Initial Health Disaster Severity Score developed by the Gothenburg working group was used to assess the health status in affected area. For the evaluation research of the response, the idea of Template B and C on the guideline was used.

Results: Average severity score of the disaster was 41.6. The high scores were seen in the category of Medical, Impact on health care system, and Preparedness. The needs in this disaster were confirmed by the use of evaluation research. Infectious diseases were prevalent, and local health system could not cope with it. Therefore, international cooperation activities toward were found to be fit these needs.

Conclusion: The Guidelines for Evaluation and Research in the Utstein Style could be used in the case of a slow onset national disaster.

Keywords: DHSS; evaluation, flood; infectious diseases; Utstein template


Evaluation of the Activities of the Japan Disaster Relief (JDR) Medical Team for Flood Relief in Mozambique

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