KOFIH

Health for All

The Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH) is an public institution that provides healthcare assistance to developing countries, North Korea, overseas Koreans, and migrant workers, thus contributing to international collaboration and humanitarianism.

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President's Message



The 6th President of the Korea
Foundation for International Healthcare

Kim Chang-yup

Greetings! I am Kim Chang-yup, the 6th president of the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH).

KOFIH has been established as a public agency affiliated with the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea, to contribute to promoting international collaboration and fulfilling humanitarianism in the field of healthcare assistance for developing countries, North Korea, overseas Koreans, and migrant workers residing in Korea.

We, as an "institution specializing in development assistance for global healthcare improvements," are seeking to play a larger role in saving precious lives and improving their health without discrimination against race, gender, country, and religion. We will do our best to enhance the healthcare systems of our partner countries through projects necessary for each country and society based on our profession, knowledge, information, and experience. For this, we will strive to expand the domestic foundation and grow our capacity for international healthcare assistance projects.

We will cooperate and work with the people, governments, international organizations, and NGOs until everyone can enjoy high-quality lives and maintain good health. We ask for your participation and interest.

Thank you.

Mission · Vision

Mission

Promoting international cooperation and practicing humanity
by providing healthcare assistance to partner countries, North Korea,
overseas Koreans, and migrant workers

Vision

Institution specializing in development assistance for
global healthcare improvements

Core values

- Reliability
- Innovation
- Solidarity
- Expertise

Growing into an institution specializing in development assistance through trust, innovation, and solidarity RISE

Strategic objectives

- Anticipative response to global health issues and creation of a basis for future growth
- Support for a sustainable healthcare system
- Innovative management for the people
- Creation of social value in tandem with the people

Milestones

March 2004
Founded the Korea Foundation of International Healthcare Development(under the Ministry of Health and Welfare)

December 2005
Formulation of the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare Act

June 2006
Inauguration of the first president, Park Jong-hwa
Established the Center for Medical Devices (Yangju, Gyeonggi-do)

August 2006
Established the Korea Foundation for International Healthcare

December 2006
Changed the foundation's English name (Korea Foundation for International Healthcare-Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Fund)

September 2007
Commenced the Dr LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program

January 2009
Designated as a public organization under the Ministry of Health and Welfare

May 2009
Establishment of the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health by World Health Organization

June 2009
Inauguration of the second president, Han Kwang-su

March 2010
Opened the Arirang Senior Care Center in Uzbekistan

May 2010
Changed English CI (K-FIH -> KOFIH)
Dispatched staff to Kaesong Industrial Complex

May 2012
Opened KOFIH office in Cambodia

June 2012
Inauguration of the third president, Lee Soo-ku

April 2014
Opened KOFIH offices in Myanmar, the Philippines, and Ethiopia

July 2014
Opened KOFIH office in Uzbekistan

May 2015
Completed the Archive for Dr LEE Jong-wook

June 2015
Inauguration of the fourth president, John Alderman Linton
Opened KOFIH office in Ghana

August 2016
President's title changed in Korean

March 2017
Opened KOFIH office in Tanzania

December 2017
Opened KOFIH office in Uganda

September 2018
Inauguration of the fifth president, Choo Moo-jin

March 2021
Opened KOFIH office in Vietnam

November 2021
Inauguration of the sixth president, Kim Chang-yup

KOFIH

KOFIH map

Official Development Assistance for Partner Countries

Humanitarian Healthcare Projects

Public-Private Partnership Projects

GERMANY

UZBEKISTAN

KYRGYZSTAN

TAJIKISTAN

MONGOLIA

RUSSIA Sakhalin

NORTH KOREA

SOUTH KOREA

LAOS

MYANMAR

VIETNAM

COMBODIA

PHILIPPINES

SRILANKA

GHANA

ETHIOPIA

UGANDA

TANZANIA

MOZAMBIQUE

01

Official Development Assistance for Partner Countries

KOFIH focuses on healthcare system improvements in partner countries, which is the most basic factor for sustainable development.



Opened a maternity ward in Bavel Referral Hospital in Cambodia



Ambulance technicians training for COVID-19 in Uganda

Enhancing the primary healthcare system

Target Countries

Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Uzbekistan, the Philippines, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Ghana,

KOFIH expands public healthcare facilities, enhances the capacities of healthcare personnel, strengthens the governance and project management capacity, and diffuses maternal, newborn and child health information further to enhance region-based healthcare services, protect mothers from risks related to pregnancy/childbirth, and improve children's health in the process.

- Construction, repair, and remodeling of hospitals and health centers for mothers, newborn and children
- Training of doctors and midwives
- Cervical cancer screening
- Activities to increase awareness of village residents

Enhancing regional healthcare systems oriented towards emergency healthcare

Target Countries

Uzbekistan
Uganda

KOFIH strengthens regional referral systems and improves the public's access to emergency services and regional healthcare environments by building emergency healthcare governance, enhancing emergency capacity of healthcare personnel, and supporting improvements in emergency healthcare environments and services.

- Developed a referral system protocol for emergency patients
- Training for doctors and emergency rescue workers
- Improvements in emergency healthcare training centers



Operation and management consulting for Quelimane Central Hospital (Mozambique), training for vulnerable divisions

Operation and management consulting for health facilities

Target Countries

Laos, Uzbekistan, Mongolia, Tanzania, Mozambique

This is a project for providing operation and management consulting to health facilities, such as hospitals, built through the Economic Development Cooperation Fund of the Ministry of Strategy and Finance, Republic of Korea. Through this project, KOFIH aims to enhance the capacity of healthcare personnel, establish administrative management systems, and provide medical tools and materials, thus aiding the independence of hospitals in the mid– to long term.

- Dispatching healthcare professionals
- Training for vulnerable divisions
- Operation support for hospital information systems



Medical equipment maintenance monitoring in Laos

Building medical equipment management and operation system

Target Countries

Laos, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia

KOFIH supports capacity building through technical staff training, improvements in medical equipment maintenance and repair environment, and system establishment for the efficient operation and management of medical equipment in healthcare facilities. By doing so, we contribute to enhancing medical equipment management and operation systems and the quality of healthcare services.

- Training for biomedical engineers
- Repairs for medical equipment workshops
- Support for measurement devices/tools for maintenance

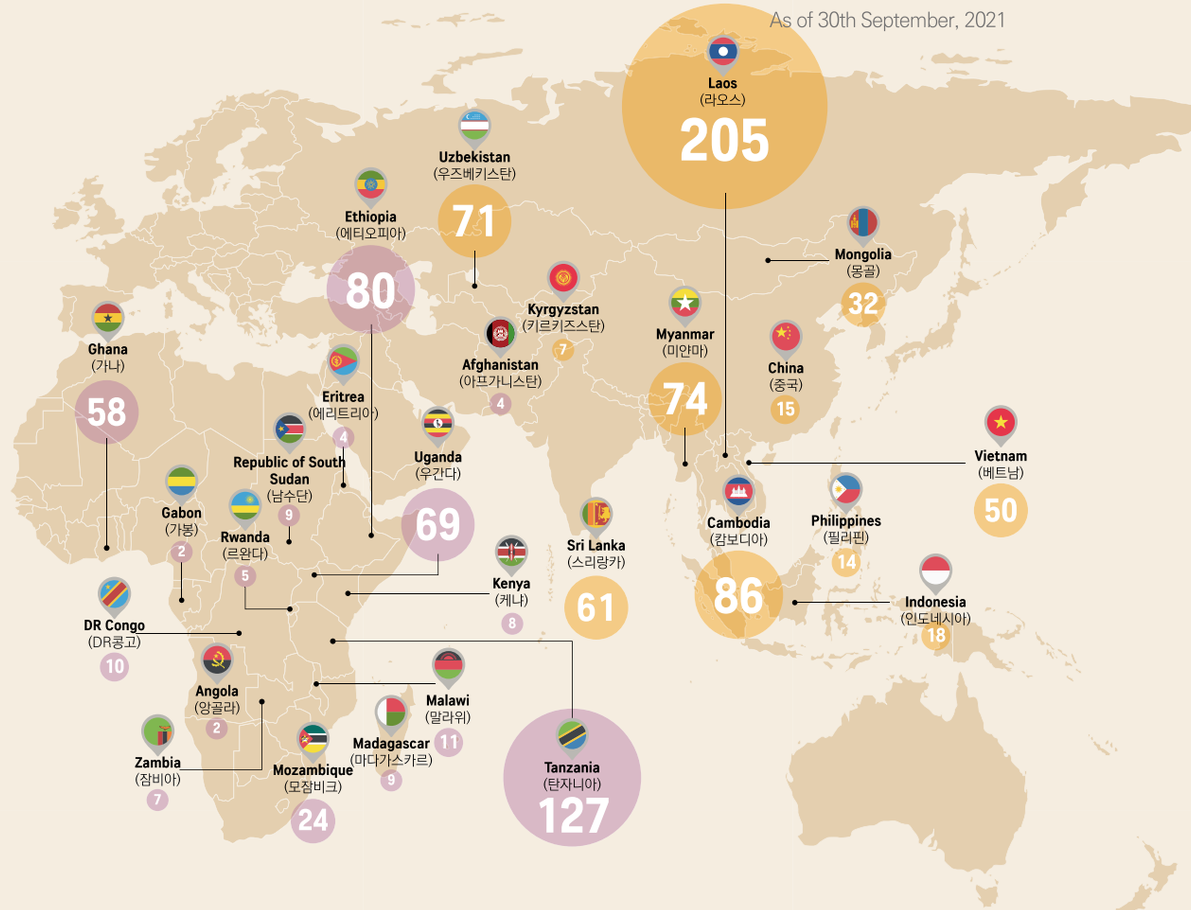
Dr LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program

Dr LEE Jong-wook Fellowship Program is a global healthcare personnel invitation training program that shares mid- to long-term training strategies tailored to each country. Through this program, KOFIH offers customized education according to the needs of the learners, advance training, and post-management.



- **Training Course for Clinical Experts**
- **Training Course for Health Education Professionals**
- **Training Course for Health Policy Administrators**
- **Training Course for Infectious Disease Specialists**
  Tuberculosis / Policy and Epidemiology / Diagnosis and Clinical Treatment
- **Course for Graduate Degrees**
  Nursing / Medical Education / Healthcare Policy
  Biomedical Engineering / Basic Medical Science
- **Training Course for Biomedical Engineers**

As of 30th September, 2021



From 2007 to the present, 1,070 healthcare personnel in 30 countries were trained through this program.



Experts' consulting for the Uganda National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory

Strengthening the capacity of communicable disease control

Target Countries

Laos, the Philippines, Uganda

KOFIH strengthens communicable disease control systems and creates platforms for preventing the spread of communicable diseases through the enhancement of communicable disease diagnostic and testing capacity, diagnostics equipment/supply support, treatment service environment improvement, and experts' consulting.

- Enhancement of monitoring/quarantine for communicable diseases
- Advancement of tuberculosis diagnostics methods for the national tuberculosis laboratory
- Capacity enhancement of tuberculosis control personnel
- Support for COVID-19 quarantine goods



Cervical cancer screening in Uzbekistan

Strengthening non-communicable disease control

Target Countries

Cambodia, Uzbekistan

KOFIH strives to improve the chronic disease control capacity in order to enable treatment and referrals through early detection of non-communicable diseases (high blood pressure, diabetes, cervical cancer, etc.) in partner countries. We also contribute to the achievement of universal health coverage (UHC) by building NCD management systems in partner countries.

- Early detection of chronic diseases
- Cervical cancer screening



UHC Form



Training for the enhancement of project performance management capacity

Consulting for health insurance policies

Target Countries

Laos, Ghana

As part of achieving UHC, KOFIH provides consulting for health insurance scheme through technical advice and training. We dispatch local experts and share our experience through workshops in order to make improvements in health insurance policies and offer stable health insurance services.

Capacity enhancement for health insurance policy research

Capacity enhancement for health insurance system operation

Project evaluation and research

KOFIH analyzes and evaluates its healthcare support project performance in a systematic manner and operates a performance-oriented project management system through circulation. We perform preliminary, intermediate, final, and post-evaluations depending on the progress of each project, and the results are used to further enhance our projects and policies.

Establishment of project strategies

Project evaluation

Enhancement of project performance management capacity

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Humanitarian Healthcare Projects

KOFIH strives to enhance medical accessibility and secure health rights for those in healthcare blind spots



North Korea Healthcare Support Academy


Health examinations for children of women who returned to Vietnam

North Korean healthcare support project

For more sustainable cooperation between the North and the South, KOFIH cooperates with the government, private sector, and international organizations to promote our healthcare support project. Through North Korea Healthcare Support Academy and forums, we aim to strengthen the capacity of relevant institutions and create a cooperative system.

- Held Healthcare Support Academy
- Developed online healthcare education content for North Korea

Overseas Korean healthcare support project

In order to provide continued interest and healthcare services to overseas Koreans, improve their quality of life, and form ethnic bonds, KOFIH carries out senior care center support projects for the elderly living alone in Uzbekistan and provides support for first-generation overseas Korean healthcare support in Sakhalin and healthcare for dispatched workers.

- Operation of senior care centers for elderly living alone
- Invitational treatment for first-generation overseas Koreans in Sakhalin
- Outreach nursing services for dispatched workers
- Healthcare support for children of women who returned to Vietnam



Free mobile treatment for migrant workers



KOFIH Sharing Center (Yangju, Gyeonggi-do)

Foreign worker healthcare support project

As part of our efforts in actively responding to changes of the times, such as the post-COVID-19 era, and securing health rights for migrant workers residing in Korea, KOFIH creates a foundation for future-oriented healthcare policies, advances healthcare policies based on demand and performance, strengthens health and safety net through public-private cooperation, and builds a foundation for a healthy society for both Koreans and migrant workers.

- Policy-based training and research for foreigner healthcare
- Enhancement of foreign worker treatment and project capacity
- Enhancement of communicable disease control through community cooperation
- Promotion of health education through healthy lifestyles

Support program for collection and distribution of medical supplies (medical equipment, medicine, etc.)

KOFIH provides free medical equipment, medicine, and medical consumables to partner countries and free treatment centers for migrant workers. We also supply medicine or rent out medical equipment to overseas medical volunteering groups. In addition, we seek to enhance collaboration with the community through center facilities.

For the maintenance of medical equipment in partner countries, we increase the rate of medical equipment operation by dispatching professionals and ensure enhanced healthcare service environments.

- Reception and distribution of medical supplies
- Renting of KOFIH Sharing Center facilities
- Maintenance of medical equipment in partner countries


Training for the installation and disposal (packaging) of mobile hospitals

Overseas emergency relief healthcare support project

KOFIH formed a pool of medical staff in the Korea Disaster Relief Team (KDRT) dedicated towards foreign disasters and offers overseas healthcare personnel training courses according to the WHO guidelines for emergency medical teams. Through the courses, we train disaster personnel such as doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and medical administrative staff and dispatch them in case of emergencies.

Theory education (common course)

Management/operation of KDRT







03

Public–Private Partnership Projects

KOFIH looks forward to realizing a healthy community through sharing.



Reconstructive microsurgery (first of its kind) for child burn victims in Uzbekistan

Public–Private Partnership Projects (Community Chest of Korea)

Since 2012, KOFIH has been working with the Community Chest of Korea to form partnerships with various institutions and carry out healthcare cooperative projects. We seek to utilize human and physical resources for each healthcare field to enhance healthcare systems in partner countries and resolve healthcare inequalities.

Major projects

- Capacity enhancement for infant healthcare in pediatrics (Cambodia)
- Capacity enhancement for laparoscopic surgeries (Ghana)
- Advancement of national prosthesis centers and capacity enhancement of engineers (Ghana)
- Capacity enhancement for reconstructive microsurgery (first of its kind) for child burn victims (Uzbekistan)
- Support for children with genital anomalies (Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan)
- Quarantine supplies for COVID-19

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Commemorative Projects for Dr LEE Jong-wook

KOFIH continues the values and spirit of Dr LEE Jong-wook



Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health awarded by WHO

Commemorative Projects for Dr LEE Jong-wook

KOFIH honors the legacy of Dr LEE Jong-wook, the 6th Director-General of WHO who devoted his life to improving global healthcare. In honor of his will, we conduct commemorative projects, which include the Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health, an award given to a person or an institution that has made an outstanding contribution to public health, and the Dr LEE Jong-wook Global Young Frontier Program, where we nurture aspiring global leaders in the healthcare sector.

Dr LEE Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health awarded by WHO

Operation of the Global Young Frontier Program

Commemorative project for the general public

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KOFIH dreams of a healthy future for everyone, going beyond ethnicity, religion, beliefs, and economic/social conditions.

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