

7 December 2021

Mr. George Aikara  
Chief Executive Officer  
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**Subject:** Selection of the finalists, Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project, Theme: Universal Health Coverage and COVID – Global Development Awards Competition 2021

Dear Mr. George Aikara,

Development project: *Establishing Infection Prevention & Control Mechanism in Public Hospitals*

It is our great pleasure to inform you that your proposal titled “*Establishing Infection Prevention & Control Mechanism in Public Hospitals*” has been awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the 2021 edition of Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project (MIDP) within the theme: Universal Health Coverage and COVID, a competitive grant program under the Global Development Awards Competition 2021.

The Awards Competition is administered by the Global Development Network (GDN) and supported by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan. The MIDP award targets projects currently at the stage of implementation, and which have a high potential for impact targeting exceptionally marginalized and disadvantaged groups located in developing countries. Since its inception in 2000, GDN has awarded over US\$ 4 million in research and project grants to finalists and winners. Nearly 8,800 researchers and development practitioners from low- income or middle-income countries have participated in the competition and more than 200 awards have been conferred till date.

Your proposal stood out in the pool of 22 candidatures from 14 countries competing in the theme *Universal Health Coverage and COVID* of the MIDP category over the multistage review process (including a desk-based shortlisting, business and virtual site visits) processed by an external expert that identified the top 3 applicants as finalists. The final ranking will be decided by a high-level Jury commissioned by the GDN keeping in mind the thematic focus of the current competition.

With warm congratulations,



**Francesco Obino**  
Head of Programs

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