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### Review and future perspectives of “development studies sectors”

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**Abstract:** The research project titled “Developing Technical Approaches for Improving the Health and Nutrition of Children in Developing Countries” was conducted from 1998 to 2004. This paper reviews the findings of the project and discusses the future perspectives of the development studies sectors.

Plan of the Health Sector International Cooperation ” has been conducted over a period of three years from 2002 by the support of grants-in-aid for research and medical cooperation from the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. A comprehensive and detailed review on the development studies (DS) has been so far completed, and throughout extensive and detailed examinations on various related issues at the organized workshops with the parties concerned, several propositions were made for the orientation and possible improvement of the health sectors; 1) a master plan in the individual DS to be defined in the appropriate level of strategy with which the study deals, 2) the instruction of surveillance to be more crystallized, 3) appropriate survey methods with reproducible and reliable qualitative researches to be complementarily exercised with quantitative researches, and ownership of DS to be cultivated by adoption of participatory methods.

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