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1. **Advocacy**

I made a review of the Japanese efforts to reduce IDA in developing countries. Based on the review, I wrote one paper below and submitted it to the international cooperation journal issued by the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The paper is now under the peer review process, and if it is accepted, it will have an advocacy effect. During the reviewing process, we visited ILSI Japan branch and learned that some Japanese industries have an outstanding technology for iron fortification to the fish sauce, which may help Vietnam and other countries to improve their IDA status effectively.

The title of the paper: Study note of Iron Deficiency Anemia Control in Developing Countries: An Expected New Task in Japanese International Cooperation

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2. **Research**

Health Promotion Approach for Reducing Iron Deficiency Anemia Among Pregnant Women in Vietnam

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The field survey was undertaken from 23th December 2002 until 16th January 2003. The objective of this research was to analyze an iron supplementation program for pregnant women in Vietnam by applying the PRECEED-PROCEED model. Through this analysis, the target community will have clear behavioral and environmental objectives for IDA reduction. Vinh Thanh Commune and Quang Thanh Commune were selected as a study setting among 37 communes in Yen Thanh District, which is one of the 19 districts in the Nge An province.

What partners or organizations have helped make your projects successful?

Information through Micronutrient Initiative, International Nutritional Anemia Consultation Group and The Iron Deficiency Project Advisory Service has been a great help to develop a research plan.

Future plans and goals:

I am trying to develop an integrate approach for IDA reduction in developing countries

What else do you need? Is there any specific information that would be useful?

Database of IDA prevalence on web-site