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Health effects of modernization in suburban village, Solomon Islands

Dear Japanese Students

Nice to meet you. We are writing to inform you about health effect of modernization in a South Pacific country, Solomon Islands.

Thanks to modernization, prevalence of malaria has been reducing



in urban area. But now, obese purchased food people have been increasing.

Suburban villages also have

been modernizing such as cash economy, dependency on purchased food and so on.

Do Suburban villages follow the same pattern of urban area? What do you think? Now, let's look one of the suburban villages — East Tasimboko.

Solomon Islands

capital: Honiara

population : 506,967(2008) •religion : Christianity (98 %)

• ethnic group : Melanesians (93%)

resident area: 83% live in rural areas · main income source : agriculture,

assistance church

fishing, food gathering



Guadalcanal

located 50 km to the east of the capital

BACKGROUND (East Tasimboko

Work

convey agricultural

products to Honiara

agriculture



Food sweet potato, cassava, yam, platein banana...etc

→noodles, rice, been



People

Health service no clinic

Infrastructure

no electricity, gas,

running water use a tank to keep

(now, under construction)

 Social Organizations like JICA provide health service

and mosquito net

Modernization makes them happy? •Improved nutritional status?

Follow up dietary habit and BMI

In general, Socio-economic development has been said to be

accompanied by an epidemiological and nutrition transition.

• Reduce the prevalence of malaria?

Developing country × modernization

Let's check it out!!

METHODOLOGY

Subject Children Adults

1. Nutritional status

measure Height

Weight

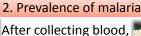
→BMI(kg/m²) measurement of malaria



Infection

· malaria

bath



use microscopic and diagnosis



RESULTS

OBJECTIVES

by age group

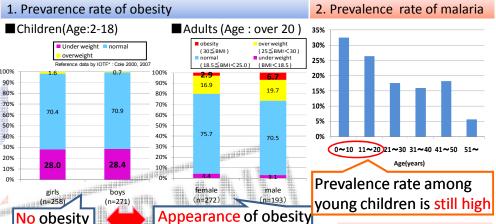
3. to think about

1. to reveal nutritional status

2. to examine prevalence of malaria

how we can support them

of children and adults



Inform appropriate preventive methods

FUTURE APPROACH

How we can support them??

- 1. Follow up their nutritional status and the cause of malaria prevalence
- 2. Report health status of study area to Ministry of Public Health
- 3. Carry out health education of dietary habit and malaria prevention

And Next challenge is...

to do research of their dietary intake, energy expenditure and their attitude against malaria

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