

Biography

Osamu Kunii, Head of Strategy, Investment & Impact Division

Osamu Kunii, M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D. has more than 25 years of experience in global health and development in over 100 countries.

After working in two hospitals, he had served for two years as physician in a remote village deep in the mountains in Tochigi, Japan. He engaged in emergency medical relief in several countries as co-founder and deputy representative of international medical NGO called Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA).

At the International Cooperation Bureau, International Medical Centre of Japan (currently called National Centre of Global Health and Medicine), he served as a doctor for emergency relief, project planning, implementation, evaluation and research in the fields of infectious diseases control, primary health care, maternal and child health, and health system strengthening, especially through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

After serving as Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Medicine, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Deputy Director of the Aid Planning Division, and then moved to the Nagasaki University, Research Institute of Tropical Medicine to serve as Professor of Global Health.

As Senior Health Strategy Advisor at UNICEF headquarters in New York, he engaged in maternal and child health policy and strategy development at global and country level. He then moved to country offices of UNICEF working for three years in Myanmar as Chief of Health and Nutrition Programme where he engaged in emergency relief during both the Saffron Revolution and Cyclone Nargis as well as infectious diseases control, HIV and malaria; for three years in Somalia Support Centre as Chief of Child Survival and Development where he scaled up essential services of health, nutrition, water and sanitation for remote communities and displaced people suffering from civil war, famine and disease outbreaks.

Since March 2013, he has served as Head of Strategy, Investment and Impact Division at the Global Fund taking the lead for four departments and one team: Access to Funding; Strategic Information; Technical Advice and Partnership; Community, Rights and Gender; Technical Evaluation and Reference Group Support.

Dr. Kunii received his medical degree from Jichi Medical University, master of public health from Harvard School of Public Health, and doctoral degree from the University of Tokyo.