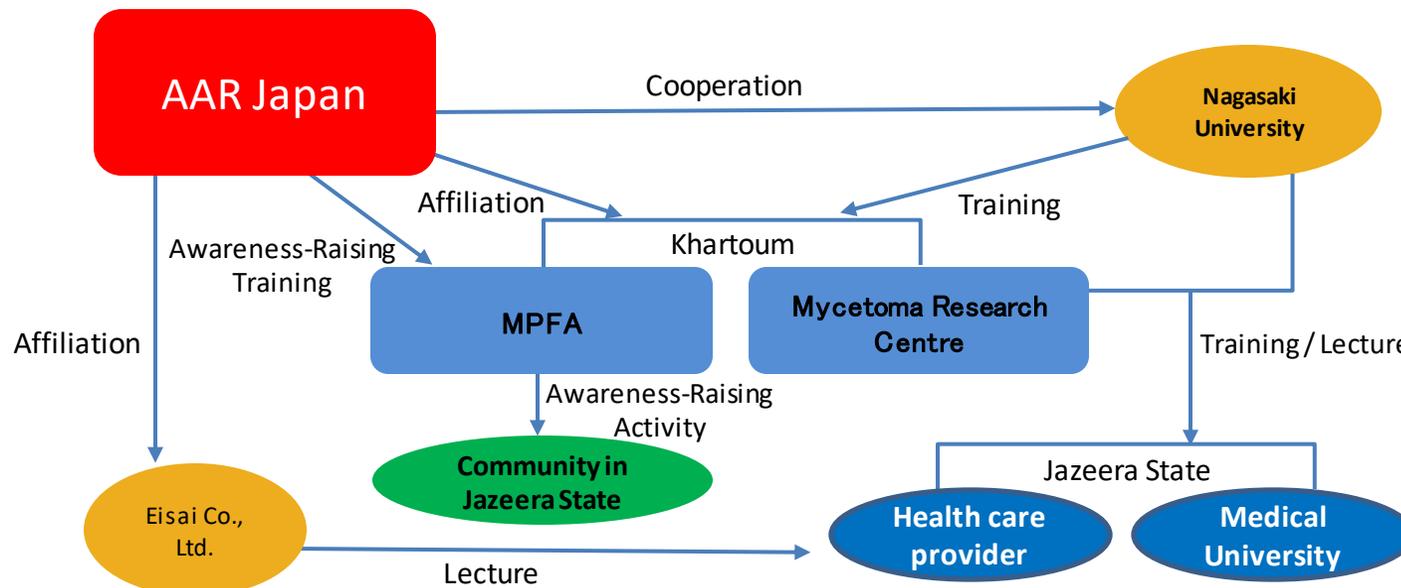


Capacity Building and Awareness Raising Project for Mycetoma Infection Control in Sudan

- Background: Despite the prevalence of Mycetoma in Sudan, there is still a lack of awareness of the disease, which leads to aggravation and amputation. Inadequate knowledge and skills among healthcare workers hinder proper diagnosis and treatment of the disease.
- Project Objective: Improved awareness and knowledge of early detection/treatment of Mycetoma in Sudan through capacity-building of a national NGO (MPFA) engaging patient support activities and healthcare workers as well as community mobilization in one of the highest prevalence states.
- Project Summary: AAR Japan will conduct training for health care workers and medical college personnel in Jazeera State on the diagnosis and treatment of Mycetoma inviting Professor Kaneko of Nagasaki University, Eisai Co., Ltd. and the Mycetoma Research Centre (MRC). Experiences of Nagasaki University in teaching Mycetoma in Japan shall be also introduced. AAR Japan will also offer training sessions for focal staff members of MPFA regarding community awareness-raising. These trained focal members shall carry out awareness activities in target communities in Jazeera State.
- Expected Outcomes and Impact: Through the training for healthcare workers and medical college personnel in cooperation with Nagasaki University, Eisai Co., Ltd. and MRC, AAR expects the participants to grasp knowledge and skills to provide patients with early diagnosis and treatment by February 2023. In the future, MRC could reach a further large number of health care workers in other states to disseminate Mycetoma-related information based on this project's experience. Additionally, those who are equipped with activity management skills in MPFA by AAR's series of training sessions shall engage in activities to combat Mycetoma by February 2023 and onwards.



<Training Schedule>

- July: Online training (20 participants)
Training on the latest research trends, etc.
- August:** Online training (60 participants)
Training on diagnosis and treatment methods for medical professionals, medical university lecturers, and medical students in Jazeera State
- The training scheduled for December was not conducted due to the strike. Efforts will be made to follow up at a later date.**
- July, August, September, January:** Awareness-raising training (3 participants)
Training for awareness-raising activities on mycetoma
- August, January:** Community awareness raising in Jazeera State (500 people)
Community awareness-raising activities by MPFA