

Social Contribution Activities for Health

(Related SDGs)



■ The Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Tenohira Partner Program

The Company believes in the importance of providing support for patients with diseases and their families, and in 2012 established the Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Tenohira Partner Program. This program provides aid for the activities of associations and support groups for patients with intractable diseases. These organizations work to improve patients' medical treatment, education, and career prospects and to enhance their quality of life. In fiscal 2018, support was provided to 21 organizations. We established "startup grants" to support organizations that do not yet have extensive track records of activity, and have made it possible to support more organizations.

At meetings held in October 2018 to report on the fiscal 2017 activities of organizations receiving assistance under the Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma Tenohira Partner Program (14 organizations), participants shared their opinions about challenges and solutions in conducting activities that transcend each other's diseases. The Tenohira Partner Program strives to support people fighting disease, to assist them in finding more joy and satisfaction in their lives, and to help them realize their dreams and hopes for the future. On that basis, we will continue to offer support.

In fiscal 2019, we will support nine startup grants and 10 project grants, for a total of 19 organizations.

■ Participation in the Global Health Innovative Technology Fund (GHIT Fund)

The GHIT Fund aims to discover new drugs for infectious diseases that affect people in the developing world, such as malaria, tuberculosis, and neglected tropical diseases. To that end, the GHIT Fund was established as a public-private partnership from Japan. Through new drug R&D capabilities that utilize the advanced science and technology know-how of Japanese pharmaceutical companies and other institutions, the fund aims to strengthen Japan's international contribution to global health.

In May 2015, through the GHIT Fund, the Company provided its pharmaceutical compound library (50,000 compounds) to Medicines for Malaria Venture, a research institution that focuses on the discovery of new anti-malaria drugs. Three types of promising hit compounds that have the potential to become pharmaceutical products have been identified. In addition, we promoted joint research and from one of these compounds, we acquired two lead compounds as new anti-malaria drug candidates.

Further, following the provision of financial support for the GHIT Fund first phase activities (fiscal 2013 – fiscal 2017),

the Company will also provide financial support to the GHIT Fund for second phase activities (fiscal 2018 - fiscal 2022).

■ Participating in vaccine support activities

The Group has been participating in vaccine support activities for children in developing countries since 2014. Through this program, unneeded books, CDs and DVDs are donated and the proceeds from their sale are donated to Authorized NPO Japan Committee Vaccines for the World's Children. Through this international contribution activity, those donations are used to deliver vaccines to children in developing countries, such as vaccines for six major infectious diseases. The price of polio vaccine is only ¥20 per person. One book that is sitting on a shelf can save two children from polio.

In fiscal 2018, a total of ¥289,982, equivalent to polio vaccines for 14,500 children, was raised from employee donations and matching gifts from the Company.



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■ Development of science and technology support for research foundations

Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma provides financial assistance for the activities of research foundations to promote research and provide information in a broad range of fields including medicine, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and the physical sciences and to thereby contribute to medical treatment and public health.

SENSIN Medical Research Foundation

This foundation was established in 1968 with support from the former Yoshitomi Pharmaceutical Industries. The foundation aims to contribute to the medical treatment and health of consumers by promoting advanced research in the fields of medicine and pharmacology. In fiscal 2018 the foundation provided 102 grants with a total amount of ¥135.0 million.

Japan Foundation for Applied Enzymology

This foundation was established in 1964 with support from the former Tanabe Seiyaku. The foundation aims to contribute to the development of various fields in the life sciences in Japan by supporting research on enzymes and other molecules affecting the regulation and maintenance of biological functions. In fiscal 2018, the foundation provided 132 grants with a total amount of ¥73.0 million.