

## A Survey on the sustainable impact of JOCV program for physiotherapists at Fiji

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JOVC program of physiotherapists started at 1990 and continued in Fiji was surveyed. 5 hospitals where JOCV dispatched physiotherapists from 1990 to 2011, as well as the Fiji National University where a senior volunteer is dispatched were surveyed. The main three results of the survey were as follows. First, JOCV physiotherapists were often treated as “one of staffs” at the hospitals, and this type of treatment often negatively affected skill transfers. Second, I found that donated equipment were well used for a decade in some of the cases, but at the same time, mobile equipment, like wheel chairs, were easy to be lost. Third, a new project was developed after JOCV dispatch, in addition senior volunteer started working as a clinical educator. The last two points show that the projects have positive effect as to the sustainability of a skill transfer.