



Title of PhD project / theme	<b>Development of an intervention to support reproductive health of women after seeking medical abortion</b>
Supervisory team	Chris Smith (Nagasaki) <i>Depending on the nature of the selected project the supervisory team will also include 1 or more of the following academic staff:</i> <b>LSHTM:</b> TBC <b>Nagasaki:</b> Dr Chris Smith, Assistant Prof Miho Sato, Associate Prof. Mitsuaki Matsui
Brief description of project / theme	In Cambodia, since medical abortion drugs were legalised in 2010, an increasing proportion of women are opting for this method over surgical abortion, a phenomenon that is being observed globally whereby women can purchase drugs from pharmacies with limited contact with trained healthcare professionals. However it is important that women have access to support for post-abortion care issues including post-abortion family planning advice. An opportunity exists to contribute to a research project amongst garment factory workers in Cambodia, or possibly with other populations/countries in the region, including, but are not limited to, the areas outlined below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Formative research to assess post-abortion care needs amongst women seeking medical abortion drugs +/- emergency contraception</li><li>2. Development and evaluation of digital health intervention to support post-abortion care amongst women seeking medical abortion in Cambodia, with a focus on garment factory workers</li></ol>
Particular <i>prior</i> educational requirements for a student undertaking this project	Experience of reproductive health and training in epidemiology would be advantageous but are not essential. In addition, depending on the exact interests and background of students, experience in one of the following is highly desirable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interest in intervention development and evaluation</li><li>• Interest in digital health</li></ul>
Skills we expect a student to develop/acquire whilst pursuing this project	Field epidemiology, data management and analysis and more specialised skills depending on the nature of the final project.