

A society where all people can live with dignity

JICA supports building of a society where human rights are guaranteed, democracy and the rule of law are realized, and each individual is respected.

JICA cooperates in the development and operation of legal systems, the improvement of public broadcasting functions, and the implementation of appropriate administrative services, with the aim of realizing universal values such as basic human rights, freedom, and the rule of law, and to achieve a society in which each individual is respected as a human being. JICA supports the strengthening of democratic and inclusive governance.



Various issues that arise when the "rule of law" is not established

There are people whose rights are undermined because of issues in the government and judicial system

There are many countries and regions in the world where people's rights are not protected because administrative and judicial systems and media do not function, and laws, even when in place, are not properly enforced. In particular, the rights of vulnerable groups such as children and women are threatened.



1.4 billion people have unmet **civil or administrative justice needs**

In the past two years, 1.4 billion people experience a civil or administrative justiciable problem related to accessing public services; money; housing or land; family; and employment and cannot meet their needs, according to the 2019 announcement.

Source: World Justice Project, Global Insights on Access to Justice (2019)

The average prevalence rate of bribery in low income countries

is **37.6 %**, versus **7.2 %** in high-income countries

More bribery occurs in low-income countries than in high-income countries.



Source: United Nations, The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021 (2021)

1 in 10 children worldwide engaged in child labor

Globally, 160 million children aged 5 to 17 years are engaged in child labor. Child labor deprives children of access to education and healthy development.

Source: United Nations, The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2021 (2021)



Around **31%** of prisoners worldwide are held in detention without being sentenced for a crime

It is estimated that 31% of those in prisons, detention centers, and other penal institutions are held in detention without being sentenced for a crime.



Source: UNODC, Monitoring SDG 16 key figures and trends (2021)

In **132** out of 180 countries, the press freedom is blocked

Journalism (the press freedom) is completely or partly blocked in 73% of the 180 countries.

Source: Reporters Without Borders, 2021 World Press Freedom Index (2021)



Why do Japan and JICA work on the issue?

Building trust through cooperation that is close to the people and that respects societal values and the history of partner countries

In the Meiji period, Japan started modernizing its judicial and administrative systems by learning from Western countries. After World War II, Japan substantially reformed its judicial system and also established a new civil service system and a local government system. JICA has earned trust by

drawing on Japan's long experience in modernization, administrative reform, and consolidation of the rule of law and democracy, as well as by providing cooperation that is close to the people and that respects the actual conditions and historical background of each country.

Approach 1 Realizing the Rule of Law

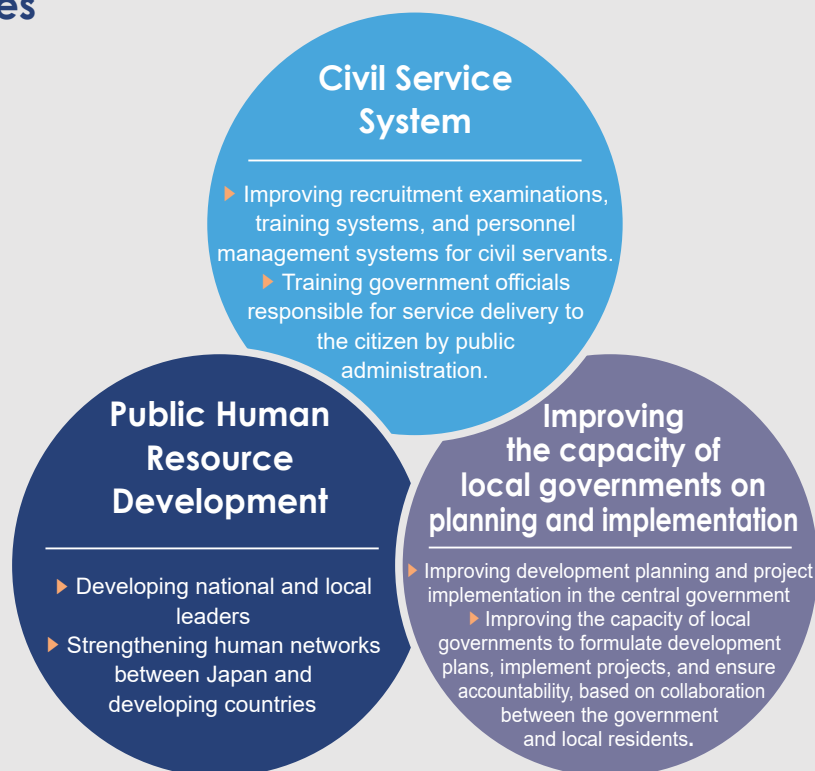
In order to guarantee basic human rights, freedoms, and equality, it is essential to develop laws and regulations, and to train judges, prosecutors, lawyers, police, and other personnel and organizations responsible for the operation of the judicial system and law enforcement. JICA also provides support for the media, as freedom of expression is a fundamental

human right and an important right that underpins democracy. In recent years, eliminating human rights violations caused by corporate activities has also become an important issue, and JICA is working on issues related to "business and human rights," including the elimination of child labor.

 <p>Law and Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improvement of laws and regulations ● Access to Justice ● Strengthening the capacity of legal personnel 	 <p>Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building trust between citizens and police ● Strengthening the capacity of police officers
 <p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthening functions of public broadcasting ● Improving media-related policies and institutions that serve as the foundation for fair, neutral, and accurate reporting. 	 <p>Business and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eliminating child labor ● Collaborating and cooperating with diverse stakeholders, including private companies, NGOs, and international organizations

Approach 2 Strengthening the capacity of public officials and public human resources

JICA supports the improvement of civil service systems in partner countries and regions to ensure the appropriate and efficient the service delivery by public administration. First, JICA will work to develop human resources through the establishment of a civil service recruitment examination system and a training system, and also to create a mechanism to ensure the transparency of administrative procedures. By Promoting capacity development of public servants who will serve as national and local leaders, closer networks between Japan and partner countries can also be strengthened. Municipalities will provide support to strengthen policies and institutions to formulate and implement business plans based on the participation of and collaboration with local residents and nongovernmental organizations. These efforts are effective in ensuring that the effects of development are not temporary, but rather that they lead to democratic development.



Approach 3 Strengthening Maritime Security Capabilities

In order to maintain international order at sea, JICA is also working to share knowledge and experience in the law of the sea and international law through training and other programs, and to strengthen the

organizations responsible for maritime security to enhance their ability to enforce maritime law. The area of emphasis is the Indo-Pacific Ocean, a key region for maritime transportation.

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Law and Justice Laos**Project for promoting development and strengthening of the Rule of Law in the Legal Sector of Lao P.D.R**

JICA supported the drafting of the Civil Code and its proper implementation. In the criminal field, JICA is also cooperating in the preparation of reference materials for investigations and trials and in training programs, aiming to realize trials based on legal theory in both civil and criminal cases.



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Media Ukraine**Project for Capacity Development of Public Service Broadcaster of Ukraine**

JICA provided assistance to the newly established Ukraine Public Broadcasting Service in 2017, including strengthening its capacity to report on COVID-19 outbreak and elections, and building a network between the main and branch stations.



Photo courtesy of NHK International

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Police Indonesia**Project on Nationwide Capacity Development of Police Officers for POLMAS - Indonesian Civilian Police Activities**

The Indonesian National Police, which became independent from the national military in 2000, has been reforming its police organization to gain the trust of citizens. With the cooperation of the National Police Agency and prefectural police, JICA has been cooperating in the diffusion of the "Citizen Police Activity Model," which is based on the Japanese community police system of police boxes and police stations.



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Administration Honduras**Project for Improvement of Monitoring System and Capacity Development of Local Governments on Implementation of Public Works Project, linked to SDGs and Honduras National Agenda 2030**

Since 2006, Honduras has been implementing initiatives to strengthen the capacity of central and local government organizations and human resources to smoothly provide administrative services tailored to the needs of the citizens. JICA is working together to ensure that the service delivery by public administration contributes to improve citizens' wellbeing.



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Business and Human Rights
Platform for Sustainable Cocoa in Developing Countries

A platform consisting of a wide array of organizations and individuals that share the goal of realizing a sustainable cocoa industry. Collaborative and co-creation efforts have been launched to solve human rights issues associated with the cocoa industry in developing countries, such as child labor, poverty among farmers, and deterioration of the living environment due to deforestation.

**Working with Partners****Pursuing new ways of cooperation with diverse partners with wide-ranging knowledge and expertise**

In order to establish the rule of law and realize a society where people can live with dignity, JICA needs to rely on partnerships with ministries and local governments with rich experience and knowledge, legal professionals and researchers with advanced expertise, and universities with a proven track record in international student programs, among others. JICA will build on various cooperation activities with a long-term perspective to identify new ways of cooperation.



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What is JICA Global Agenda

JICA's cooperation strategies for global issues. JICA, with its partners, aims to show global impacts realizing the goals set under JICA Global Agenda. JICA Global Agenda and its goals will be shared among partner countries and various actors, enhancing dialogue and collaboration, therefore, maximizing the development impacts. Through these efforts, JICA will comprehensively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030 as well as realize Japan's Development Cooperation Charter which focus on "human security," "quality growth," and "addressing global challenges".

Cover Photo — The four areas of governance that JICA is working on, clockwise from top left: law and justice, public administration (as in Honduras), media, and police (as in Indonesia). photos: Getty Images (Law and Justice, Media), JICA (Public Administration, Police)