

## JICA Sustainability Policy

Based on the mission of *human security*, JICA has been working to realize a sustainable world through *quality growth*. In a rapidly changing world, JICA's role in development cooperation has become even more important. Through the vision of "Leading the world with trust", JICA aims to realize a "sustainable world" in which the three dimensions - economy, society, and environment - are in harmony and no burden is left for future generations.

JICA is an organization that supports developing countries in achieving the SDGs. In order to live up to its duties, JICA will review its own organizational management and promptly take the necessary measures as a member of a sustainable world. Under the new Development Cooperation Charter, JICA will focus on the following areas.

- As a climate change measure, JICA aims to implement all new projects in a manner aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement<sup>1</sup>. In addition to mitigation measures to reduce climate change, we will implement adaptation measures to achieve societies that are resilient to climate change and support a whole of society transition in developing countries.
- Conservation of the global environment is our responsibility for the future, and JICA will strengthen its efforts to conserve the natural environment, including protection of the marine environment, forests, and water resources, and promote the mainstreaming of biodiversity.
- JICA respects basic human rights and promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion, including gender equality, to create opportunities and an environment where diverse human resources can thrive and grow.
- JICA will disclose information accurately and transparently in accordance with international disclosure standards.
- Based on the Japanese government's declaration to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2050, JICA aims to achieve carbon neutrality for its organization by 2030.<sup>2</sup>
- JICA will further strengthen its governance and organization-wide efforts for sustainability management, led by the Sustainability Committee and the Office for Sustainability Management.

Complex and interrelated issues cannot be solved by one country alone. Through these efforts, JICA will continue to build trust with developing countries and various other partners, accelerate collaboration and co-creation to solve problems, and contribute to the realization of a better world.

<sup>1</sup>The Paris Agreement is an international framework on climate change adopted at the twenty-first session of the 2015 Conference of the Parties (COP21) to the UNFCCC: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and entered into force in 2016. JICA aims to align all new projects with the goals of the Paris Agreement and is preparing for the alignment process to begin in 2023, working quickly and in stages.

<sup>2</sup>JICA's target is based on Scope 1 and 2 of the GHG Protocol, the international standard for calculating and reporting greenhouse gas emissions (for Headquarters and domestic offices only; overseas offices will be considered in stages).