

Advisory Committee on Evaluation

JICA has established an Advisory Committee on Evaluation to seek advice on project evaluation, improve the quality of evaluation, enhance feedback, and ensure the accountability of respective evaluations. The committee consists of individuals with expertise in international cooperation or evaluation from various fields, including academia, private organizations, NGOs, the media, and international organizations.

The Committee exchanges opinions, reviews, and provides advice on JICA's various approaches to project evaluation and on the response to previous advice and recommendations made by the Committee.

List of Committee Members		As of March 2023; titles omitted
Chairperson	TAKAHASHI Motoki	Professor, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University / Director, Center for African Area Studies, Kyoto University
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The FY2022 meetings of the Advisory Committee on Evaluation were held in October 2022 and February 2023. At the October meeting, the committee exchanged opinions and gave advice on (1) the introduction of a new management method for development cooperation projects (Cluster Strategy) and the status of the review and study of evaluation methods, and (2) the review and revision of the Guidance for Project Evaluation in Conflict-Affected Countries and Regions. With regard to agenda item (1), the members shared their views on the latest situation regarding the review and study of evaluation methods for the Cluster Strategy, as well as future actions to be taken. As for agenda item (2),

an explanation was provided on the revised content of the guidance outlining points to be considered when conducting ex-ante and ex-post evaluations of JICA projects in conflict-affected countries and regions, and advice was given for future revisions. For further details of the discussion, refer to [\[October 2022 meeting\]](#) (in Japanese). At the second meeting in February 2023, following on from the October meeting, the committee discussed and gave advice on the cluster evaluation methodology, as well as the Annual Evaluation Report 2022 (this report). For further details of the discussion, refer to [\[February 2023 meeting\]](#) (in Japanese).

Evaluation of Operational Performance, etc. and Project Evaluation

In accordance with the Act on General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agencies, JICA is required to prepare a medium-term plan and an annual plan to achieve the medium-term objectives as directed by the competent ministers, and to conduct a self-evaluation every year. Accordingly, since 2003, JICA has been conducting evaluations of its operational performance and publicly announcing the results. The current medium-term plan covers the period from FY2022 to FY2026. For details, refer to [\[JICA Annual Report 2022 "Transparency of Operation"\]](#).