

Preface

JICA's guiding vision is, "Leading the world with trust." Our mission is to advance human security and quality growth. With this vision and mission, we engage across four priority domains to realize the SDGs: People, Planet, Prosperity, and Peace.

The liberal international order currently faces the greatest challenges this century, including political unrest and upheaval in Myanmar and Afghanistan, and the Russian invasion of Ukraine which continues to produce large numbers of civilian casualties and refugees. Ongoing compounded crises, such as the COVID-19, wars, and natural disasters ascribed to climate change, threaten human security of all humankind. They have a huge, disproportionate impact on the economies and societies of developing countries, foremost on the poor and most vulnerable. In response to this situation, JICA is actively striving to deliver development cooperation by leveraging trust with various organizations and valuable partners in the world that has been fostered over many years of cooperation.

Project evaluation is one of the key operations in development cooperation. JICA evaluates projects in line with the PDCA cycle; aiming to ensure accountability by publicizing evaluation results properly and promptly and further improving projects by applying lessons learned from evaluation results.

This annual evaluation report compiles an outline of JICA's evaluation mechanisms and results. In accordance with the revised evaluation criteria of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC), JICA has applied new project evaluation criteria that better reflect the principles of the SDGs, starting with projects for which evaluation activities began since fiscal year 2021. We have also endeavored to deepen learning and enhance accountability by conducting thematic evaluations (comprehensive/cross-sectoral analyses), impact evaluations and process analyses. Furthermore, following the development of the "JICA Global Agenda (cooperation strategy for global issues)" in 2021, aimed at maximizing collective impact of our development efforts, we have reviewed and examined evaluation methods for the new project management. This report highlights these efforts as well.

It is our hope that this report will be widely shared and will help promote a better understanding of JICA's activities. We would like to ask for your further support and encouragement for JICA.



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