

Other Evaluations

Mid-Term Review

Mid-term reviews are conducted in order to verify various matters: the continued relevancy of project plans, whether the expected effects are being generated and so forth.

Implications and Outline

Mid-term reviews are carried out 5 years after the conclusion of a loan agreement as a means of verifying whether or not project plans are maintaining their relevancy, whether the effectiveness of the project will become manifest in line with initial projections once the project is complete, and so forth. Mid-term reviews of 7 projects

were undertaken on a trial basis during FY 2004, as part of which JBIC, in conjunction with the relevant executing agencies, explored necessary measures for the future on the basis of current implementation status, the feasibility of continuous monitoring of data as a measure of effectiveness, and other factors.

List of Results

Country	Project	Evaluation results
The Philippines	Malitbog-Maridagao Irrigation Project (1)	With its goal of being instrumental to the peace-building process by reducing poverty on Mindanao, the significance of this project remains high. Irrigation service in the Maridagao area (approx. 6,200 ha) has already commenced. By contrast, in the Malitbog area (approx. 4,300 ha), although ODA loan-funded components (approx. 1,700 ha) are virtually complete, financial constraints mean that no date has been fixed on the completion of remaining areas. Accordingly, it is hoped that a detailed study of progress status be undertaken and, where necessary, these areas be incorporated into the Phase 2 project, which is currently in the planning stage. In this event, a support framework for the beneficiaries, who have no experience in farming and no funds for purchasing seed chaff will need to be incorporated.
	Provincial Cities Water Supply Project (3)	With its goal of satisfying the demand for water in regional cities, the significance of this project remains high. Targets for water supply system coverage have almost been reached in those areas where water supplies have already been switched on, and no problems are anticipated in terms of the onset of project effects. Data needs to be prepared ahead of evaluation.
	Local Government Units Support Credit Program	With its goal of strengthening the financial and administrative capabilities of local government units through the development of social infrastructure in the environment, health and residential sectors, the significance of this project remains high. There are some areas in which project effects are already being realized, i.e. targets for water supply system coverage being reached, etc., but in other areas, the project has been delayed due to inadequacies in the technical skills/competence of the local authorities. Progress will need to be carefully monitored and promoted.
Vietnam	Hai Phong Port Rehabilitation Project (2)	With its goal of increasing freight handling capacity through functional enhancement at Hai Phong Port, the significance of this project remains high. Annual freight traffic through the port is widely exceeding appraisal projections. In order to meet future increases in freight traffic, consideration needs to be given to the feasibility of further capacity enhancement at Hai Phong Port.
	Binh Bridge Construction Project	With its goal of responding to the increasing traffic density that has accompanied economic growth in Hai Phong, the significance of this project remains high. While construction of toll gates, etc. is outstanding, the bridge is now in use, and bridge traffic is exceeding projections.
Slovakia	Motorway Construction Project	With its goal of alleviating traffic congestion in the Slovakian capital via the construction of a motorway, the significance of this project remains high. Traffic volumes are increasing in neighboring areas (in one area, appraisal projections of 46,500 vehicles/day had increased to 65,587 vehicles/day as of April 2005), and no problems are anticipated in terms of the onset of project effects.
Morocco	Rural Water Supply Project (1)	With its goal of meeting demand for drinking water in regional areas, the significance of this project remains high. To date, water supplies are commensurate with the increases in demand and no problems are anticipated in terms of the onset of project effects. Evaluation indicators need to be set and data put in order ahead of the evaluation.

External Evaluators

External Evaluator	Career Summary
Hirota Sekiguchi (Overseas Project Management Consultants, Ltd.)	Completed the doctoral course at Hosei University Graduate School. Has been in his current position since 2005. His specialties include evaluation of development cooperation projects, social development using NGOs/NPOs, and non-formal education.
Keishi Miyazaki (Overseas Project Management Consultants, Ltd.)	Completed the postgraduate course in development studies at the University of East Anglia (UK) and the research course at the graduate school of public administration, International Christian University. Has been in his current position since 1996. Has extensive experience working on field studies for development projects. His specialties include ODA evaluation (policy-based and operational), economic and social analysis, and human resource development.

* Titles omitted.



Construction work in progress at Hai Phong Port