

Preface

We are at a turning point in history. Since the end of the Cold War, the international order based on the rule of law has fostered stability and prosperity around the world. This order is now challenged partly by the increasingly unrestrained geopolitical competition around the globe. Moreover, as the severity of climate change continues to escalate, people are aware of its real-life impacts with an increased sense of urgency.



JICA is intensifying its efforts to bring the world a step closer to achieving the SDGs by 2030. In accordance with Japan's new Development Cooperation Charter, we are undertaking our work based on the mission of human security, which underlies JICA's operations, so that all people can live with dignity, free from fear and want. At the same time, we are supporting quality growth aimed at realizing sustainable economic growth that reduces disparities without harming the natural environment.

JICA's guiding vision is "leading the world with trust." Through collaboration and the co-creation of knowledge and value with expanding array of partners, we will restore and strengthen the connections between people and countries that weakened during the pandemic. Furthermore, we will also strive to create new bonds with developing countries to build trust in the world.

Project evaluation is one of the key components of 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 gives an outline of JICA's evaluation mechanisms and results. Projects for which evaluation began in FY2021 or later are assessed using JICA's new project evaluation criteria, which more closely reflect the principles of the SDGs and take into account the perspectives of "Leave No One Behind" and "People's Well-Being." We have also conducted impact evaluations and "qualitative comparative analysis" that allows for easy estimation of the causal relationship between a project and its effects. Furthermore, we have started a trial evaluation for the new project management method based on the "JICA Global Agenda" (cooperation strategy for global issues). This report highlights these new efforts.

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 continued support and encouragement for JICA.

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