

Making a world to live our lives with dignity

We support those
who are vulnerable
to social and
economic changes.

Through expansion of social security, improvement of working environment, promotion of social participation of people with disabilities and mainstreaming disability, we aim to realize a society where all people can live with dignity, while supporting each other's life as a society member.



Social Security

Only 52% of the global population are effectively covered by at least one social protection benefit (ILO).

ILO report also says that “only 33 per cent of the global population are covered by comprehensive social security systems that include the full range of benefits”.

In many developing countries, social security systems are not well developed. It is required to create more inclusive system, involving vulnerable groups, especially children, women, elderly people, persons with disabilities, and workers in the informal sector. In addition, it's also important to promote full and productive employment and decent work to secure the livelihood of working people.

About **16%** world's population lives with some form of disabilities



Global population effectively covered by social protection benefit are seriously limited.

**Disability and Development**

Approximately 1.3 billion people, or 16% of the world's population, live with some form of disabilities, and 80% of them live in developing countries (WHO).

Persons with disabilities are one of the groups most likely to be left behind, encountering a range of barriers including limited opportunities for health, education, and employment.

It is estimated that approximately 20% of the population in extreme poverty lives with some form of disabilities, and 90% of children with disabilities in developing countries are deprived of opportunity to attend school. Disability and poverty reinforce one another.

Japan can provide useful lessons to realize inclusive social welfare system in developing countries.

[Social Security]

Japan achieved universal health coverage and initiated universal coverage of pension insurance in 1961, at a relatively early stage of economic development. Besides, as a country experiencing rapid population aging, the Japanese government has modified social security system to adapt to demographic changes. These experiences can be valuable lessons for developing countries about how to share the fruits of economic growth to create comprehensive social security system and to tackle with aging population.

[Disability and Development]

As a country that has ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, it is the responsibility of Japan as well as JICA to realize an inclusive society through "full participation and equality", respecting the human rights of persons with disabilities both in Japan and the world.

Approach 1

Social Insurance System

JICA supports following issues with a focus on capacity development of public officials in administrative agencies:

Approach 2

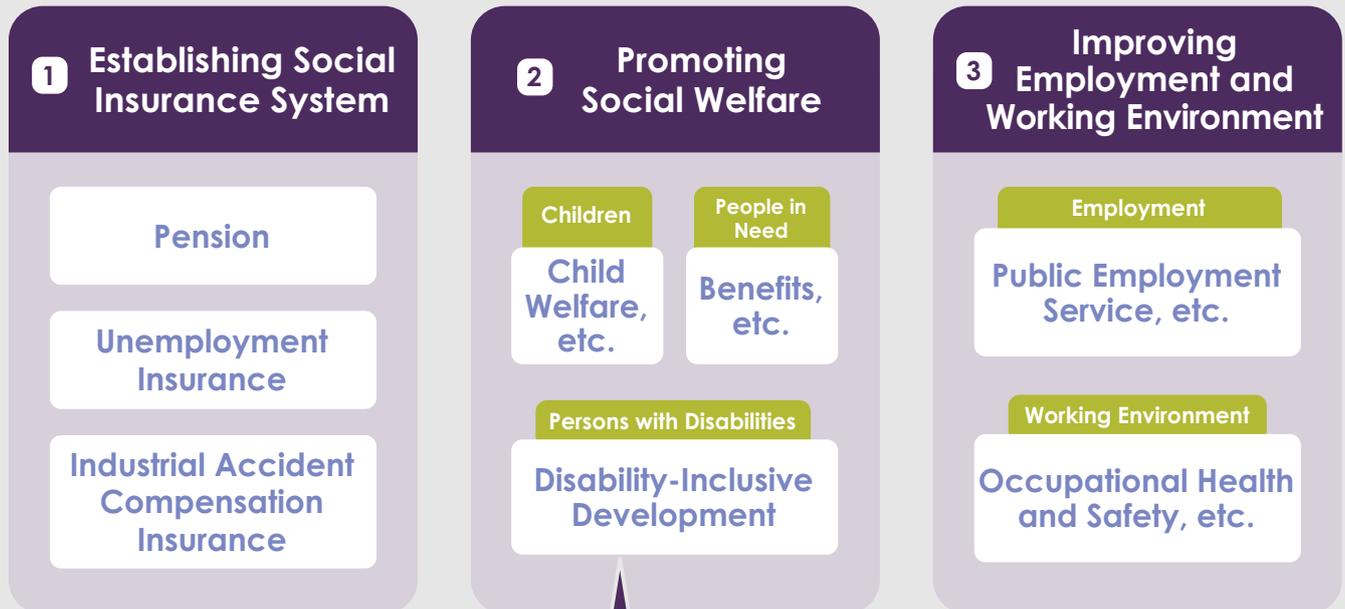
Social Welfare

JICA supports following issues with a focus on development of human resources engaged in social work:

Approach 3

Employment and Working Environment

JICA supports following issues with a focus on promoting safe, full and productive employment and decent work:



4 Disability-specific Initiatives



Approach 4

Disability-specific Initiatives

JICA works on human resource development and empowerment of persons with disabilities, strengthens organizations of persons with disabilities, and compiles disability-related statistics. Based on these efforts, JICA also improves physical and information accessibility, promotes systems for independence and social participation of persons with disabilities, and expands employment support.

Approach 5 Disability Mainstreaming Initiative

Disability mainstreaming ensures that persons with disabilities participate in the development process, including planning and implementation stages, as beneficiaries as well as practitioners by incorporating the perspective of disability into every sector and every development effort. JICA offers reasonable accommodation in Loan and Grant programs through

improvement of accessibility and information security, supports for persons with disabilities to participate in various plan-making processes, coordinates public awareness-raising activities and creates cross-sectoral programs including inclusive disaster risk reduction, inclusive education, medical rehabilitation and universal tourism.

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Disability and Development Towards Employment for Persons with Disabilities that Realizes Happiness and Dignity for All

In Sri Lanka, deep-rooted prejudice and discrimination against persons with disabilities have long existed, and those people face challenges on participating in society and get a job. Through the "Project for Promoting Employment Support of Persons with Disabilities in Sri Lanka", JICA helped the government establish the Linkage Creation Program (LCP), a public employment support service based on collaboration between labor and welfare authorities to help job seekers with disabilities find employment. Over 700 individuals have got jobs through the program. The project also supports SIHINA gatherings to foster communication and empowerment among job seekers and workers with disabilities. Since 2024, LCP and SIHINA have been implemented as part of a government program led by the newly established Employment Support Unit. Dialogue and job opportunities among persons with disabilities, government, and companies are steadily expanding nationwide.



A bakery in Sri Lanka where people with disabilities work. Recognition of their ability to work led the bakery to ask social welfare administrators to introduce other job seekers, resulting in the hiring of more people with disabilities.

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Social Security Ensuring Safety and Security in Daily Life through the Expansion and Improvement of Social Security Systems

To ensure stability and security in daily life amid changing economic conditions, enhancing and expanding social security is essential. Indonesia introduced unemployment insurance under the 2020 Job Creation Omnibus Law, but Ministry of Manpower needs practical expertise for effective operation. JICA's labor policy advisors have been supporting improvements by sharing Japan's labor administration knowledge, including Hello Work, to provide one-stop services (unemployment benefits, employment support and training). JICA also supports the development of an Indonesian version of the Labor and Social Security Attorney system, modeled after Japan's "Sharoushi," to promote stable system operation and broader coverage.



Visiting a vocational training facility (Polytechnic Centre) during a training visit to Japan. In Indonesia, unemployment benefits, employment assistance, vocational trainings and other services are also working together to realize customer needs including re-employment of jobseekers.

Working with Partners

JICA works with multiple organizations to share Japanese experiences, initiatives, and technologies with developing countries.

[Social Security] With the cooperation of relevant Ministries and academic institutions in Japan, JICA works to make the process of expanding Japan's social security system into "formal knowledge" that can be shared with those who are involved in social security policy making in developing countries. JICA also strengthens cooperation with Japanese local governments and social welfare councils that are in charge of social welfare administration practices.

[Disability and Development] JICA works on human resource development and empowerment of persons with disabilities, cooperating with local governments and related organizations that promote the social participation of persons with disabilities. In addition, JICA strengthens networks between Japanese organizations of persons with disabilities and those in developing countries.



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What is JICA Global Agenda

JICA's 20 cooperation strategies for global issues to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030 and to the realization of Human Security as the guiding principle of Japan's development cooperation. We set global goals based on an analysis of the issues and promote our development cooperation projects to achieve them. Furthermore, we aim to expand the results of development cooperation by promoting dialogue and collaboration with our partner countries as well as various actors at home and abroad.