

Tackling Global Issues with Partners

JICA's 20 Strategies
For Global
Development
Issues

JICA GLOBAL AGENDA



SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) works toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Toward the realization of “Human Security”

In recent years, increased global geopolitical competition has posed significant challenges to the international order and coordination based on the rule of law, while the risk of fragmentation within the international community has grown more severe. Meanwhile, intensified and more frequent natural disasters such as floods and droughts caused by climate change, infectious disease outbreaks, sharp rises in food and energy prices, slowing economic growth, and widening economic disparity both domestically and internationally are occurring simultaneously, interacting with one another and becoming increasingly complex.

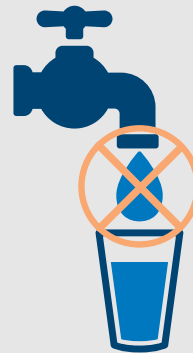
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These compound crises pose a threat to all humanity, but they have a particularly severe impact on people in vulnerable situations, such as those living in poverty in developing countries. There is an urgent need to realize ‘human security,’ which seeks to protect people from such threats and to enable them to fully develop their potential, thereby safeguarding the survival, livelihoods, and dignity of every individual.



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JICA Global Agenda to tackle complex global issues

JICA formulates the *JICA Global Agenda*, a set of cooperation strategies for global issues that identifies specific targets and approaches for each development challenges. It aims at contributing to the achievement of the SDGs and the realization of human security as whole.

In alignment with the Five “P”s of the SDGs, JICA has set strategies for each of the 20 development challenges categorized under People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace, while seeking to scale up development impact through diverse Partnerships.

Within each JICA Global Agenda, JICA has established “Cluster Strategies” by bringing together priority programs/projects in areas where JICA has extensive experience or undertakes new challenges, thus aiming to strengthen efforts toward achieving greater development impact. Each strategy identifies the development challenges to be addressed and outline a “development scenario” that describes the processes

from the current problem situation to the ideal state of society. Based on these scenarios, JICA strategically and effectively combines its various cooperation schemes, including technical and financial cooperation, and seeks to maximize development impact through co-creation with diverse partners.

Moreover, JICA pursues “innovation” through continual review of operations and solutions, in line with evolving needs, to address increasingly complex and emerging challenges. In addition, JICA utilizes the knowledge, experience and solutions that it has accumulated through development cooperation to contribute to resolving issues currently being faced in Japanese society. Furthermore, JICA promotes the “circulation” of knowledge and experiences gained in solving social issues between Japan and developing countries.



JICA Global Agenda

Cooperation strategies for global issues that identifies medium to longterm outcomes and goals, aiming to achieve through consolidated projects and initiatives”

Cluster Strategies

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1 Prosperity

JICA supports the development of quality infrastructure, stable energy supply, development of industries, and improvement of farmers' livelihoods, which are the foundation and driving force of economic growth in developing countries. JICA supports to realize sustainable, strong, and prosperous societies.



1 Urban and Regional Development

2 Transportation

3 Energy and Mining

4 Private Sector Development

5 Agriculture and Rural Development

2 People

JICA supports stable healthcare services, infectious disease control, improved nutrition, and quality education for all people. JICA seeks a society where children, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups are included and no one is left behind.



6 Health

7 Improving Nutrition

8 Education

9 Social Security / Disability and Development

10 Sport and Development

3 Peace

JICA aims to realize a peaceful and just society that shares universal values such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights, and the rule of law, and that ensures stability and security. JICA promotes gender equality and utilize digital technology to solve problems.



11 Peacebuilding

12 Governance

13 Public Finance and Financial System

14 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

15 Digital for Development

4 Planet

JICA responds to global issues such as climate change and environmental problems, which the international community must address together, and realize sustainable and resilient societies in developing countries where there are concerns about serious impacts.



16 Climate Change

17 Natural Conservation

18 Environmental Management

19 Sustainable Water Resources and Water Supply

20 Disaster Risk Reduction through Predisaster Investment and Build Back Better

Collaboration and co-creation with diverse partners

Aiming to achieve the goals set out in the “JICA Global Agenda,” JICA will expand the co-creation with our wide-ranging domestic and international partners including private companies, local governments, research institutions and citizen groups. Specifically, JICA promotes the creation of and participation in platforms that bring together various resources

including knowledge, ideas and human resources (Platform). Furthermore, JICA takes the lead in setting development agendas to achieve with our partners (Agenda Setting), foster an enabling environment and create markets that promote private-sector engagement (Market Creation), and mobilize financing to support these efforts (Finance Mobilization).”

Agenda Setting

Setting objectives and goals to achieve together toward the future

Case Coalition for African Rice development (CARD)

The international initiative jointly launched by JICA and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), an international NGO, with the goal of doubling rice production in Africa in 10 years (2008: 14 million tons, 2018: 28 million tons). Currently, a total of 22 organizations are members of the CARD Steering Committee, with the goal of further doubling the production (56 million tons in 30 years) set in 2019.

Platform

Creating a place where diverse partners gather and co-create

Case Platform for Sustainable Cocoa in Developing Countries

The platform brings together diverse stakeholders to cocreate and collaborate toward a socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable cocoa industry. Participants include industry associations, confectionery companies, trading firms, consulting companies, and NGOs, all working to strengthen collaboration. In addition to sharing information through various events and seminars, the platform also drives action by setting concrete goals through thematic working groups on issues such as eliminating child labor.

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Market Creation

Creating business opportunities

Case Strengthening Bhutan's Health Data Infrastructure

To address rising noncommunicable diseases and growing healthcare costs in Bhutan, JICA supports the development of an integrated health data management system and the promotion of data use. Several components, including wearable device from a Japanese company, are being tested for full-scale rollout. The initiative is expected to link with the nationwide health screening program, enabling wider device use and strengthening the country's health data infrastructure.

Finance Mobilization

Mobilizing Funds to Solve Issues

Case Forest Conservation in Timor-Leste

The project targets about 48,000 people whose livelihoods depend on forest resources such as fuel and food in areas that are being deforested due to overgrazing and deforestation to expand farmland. In 2021, the project was approved as a related project of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).



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