

Advisory Committee on Evaluation

JICA set up an Advisory Committee on Evaluation to seek advice on project evaluation to improve the quality of evaluation, strengthen feedback of evaluation results, and ensure accountability. The Committee consists of international cooperation experts and evaluation specialists from various sectors, including academia, private sector groups, NGOs, media, and international organizations.

The Committee holds discussions, exchanges views, and makes recommendations on JICA's project evaluation efforts and responses to recommendations and advice previously made by the Committee.

Table List of Committee Members

(As of February 2022)

Chairperson	Motoki Takahashi	Professor, Graduate School of Asian and African Area Studies, Kyoto University
Acting Chairperson	Yuriko Minamoto	Vice President, Meiji University (in charge of social relations) Professor, Graduate School of Governance Studies, Meiji University
Members	Jun Ishimoto	Vice-Chairman, Engineering and Consulting Firms Association, Japan (ECFA)
	Katsuji Imata	Managing Director CSO Network Japan
	Mariko Kinai	National Director, World Vision Japan
	Takashi Kurosaki	Director, Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
	Satoko Kono	President, ARUN LLC
	Tetsuo Kondo	Director, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Representation Office in Tokyo
	Reiji Takehara	Director, International Cooperation Bureau, Keidanren (Japanese Business Federation)
	Mika Funakoshi	Journalist

In FY 2021, Committee meetings were held in November 2021 and February 2022. In November, the Committee shared insights on progress in thematic evaluations and in consideration of new management methods for development cooperation projects. To help determine the progress of the thematic evaluation, the Committee discussed the following final reports: “Analysis of Evaluation Methodologies for Scholarship Programs”, “Impact from JICA's Cooperation in Health Sector (Infectious Diseases Control) and Socio-Economic Development in Developing Countries” and “Nutrition Improvement through a Multifaceted Approach”, as well as an interim report on “Evaluation Method for Human Well-being/Happiness” and “Consideration on Evaluation Methods for Socially Vulnerable People to Achieve “Leave No One Behind” (For details of the thematic evaluation, please refer to pp. 38-47). Following the discussions in previous meetings, the Committee also discussed and advised on new management methods for development cooperation projects and associated evaluation methods, which JICA has been examining. For details, refer to [⇒ The Committee held in November 2021*¹]. During the meeting held in February, the Committee continued to address the new management methods for the development cooperation projects and discussed details of the Annual Evaluation Report 2021 (this report). For details of these discussions, refer to [⇒ The Committee held in February 2022*²].



Performance evaluation and project evaluation staff conducting

Based on the Act on General Rules for Incorporated Administrative Agencies, JICA is obliged to prepare a medium-term plan for achieving the medium-term objectives assigned by the competent minister, evaluate the annual plan yearly and conduct self-evaluation. Accordingly, JICA has implemented performance evaluations and published the results since 2003, with the current medium-term plan covering the period FY2017 to FY2021. JICA has also established an advisory committee on performance evaluation, operating independently of the Advisory Committee on Evaluation. For details, refer to [➡ Transparency of Operations in the JICA Annual Report 2021*³].

*1: <https://www.jica.go.jp/activities/evaluation/iinkai/meeting/202111.html> (in Japanese)

*2: <https://www.jica.go.jp/activities/evaluation/iinkai/meeting/202202.html> (in Japanese)

*3: https://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/reports/annual/2021/fp4rrb000000sky0-att/2021_21.pdf