



PREFACE

The issues addressed by JICA are becoming increasingly complex and diverse. In addition to addressing programs for poverty reduction in Africa and reconstruction assistance to Afghanistan, mitigation measures and responses are needed to cope with the post-Lehman shock economic crisis, global warming, and other negative aspects caused by globalization.

To deal with these issues, JICA, after the merger in October 2008, has been striving to formulate projects that integrate the three schemes of assistance (Technical Cooperation, ODA Loan, and Grant Aid) and to conduct appropriate evaluations of their effectiveness.

This report outlines the project evaluations JICA conducted in FY2008. It is the second evaluation report published since the inauguration of the new JICA.

The report summarizes the ex-post evaluations of 85 projects of Technical Cooperation, ODA Loan, and Grant Aid. Brief overviews are also presented on the program-level evaluation results, as well as the status of JICA's evaluation system and the efforts to improve it.

JICA conducts the project evaluations bearing in mind accountability to the general public, as Japan's integrated ODA agency, as well as continuous improvement in terms of understanding the projects' results objectively to utilize them for making future projects more effective and efficient.

As this report highlights, JICA has made further progress in developing the evaluation method that is consistent across all three schemes of assistance, enhanced external evaluations in order to ensure objectiveness, applied a rating system on evaluation results, and expanded program evaluations. The evaluation method and process included some pilot initiatives, and beyond this fiscal year JICA will strive to make further improvements to the quality of its evaluations.

While the present status of ODA as a whole is about to be reviewed comprehensively, I believe it is essential that the present status of JICA's project evaluation is also further examined. I would be very pleased if this report serves to promote the peoples' understanding of and support for JICA's operations.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sadako Ogata".