

Preface



In today's complex and turbulent world, international cooperation faces new challenges. Debates over achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and drawing a Post-MDGs (Post-2015) framework are reaching their peak.

Amid this, and while the year 2014 marks the 60th anniversary of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), JICA, the Japanese comprehensive development institution, has to live up to the expectations of the Japanese people and the international community.

Development issues never come with predetermined or ready-made solutions. To tackle remaining challenges, JICA has been making efforts, together with its development partners, to implement a variety of programs and projects to produce tangible development impacts.

For these development impacts to materialize, we at JICA have the responsibility to properly carry out ex-ante/mid-term/ex-post evaluations on our projects to draw lessons learned and put them into practice in new relevant projects. We need to be accountable to stakeholders including the Japanese people, by, among other things, disclosing the evaluation results in a timely manner.

This Annual Evaluation Report 2013 introduces JICA's operations evaluation system and its efforts to further improve it, and it also includes summaries of the results of ex-post evaluations conducted by external experts and of thematic evaluations.

I would be pleased if this report helped to facilitate your understanding of JICA's operations evaluation activities. Thank you for your continued support for and trust in JICA.

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