

Preface



2014 marked the 60th anniversary of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA). 2015 represents a new start for JICA as we reshape our strategy following the issuance of the newly established Development Cooperation Charter. In addition, this year is seminal for global development as we reach the target year of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and embark on a sustainable pathway by setting new development targets as part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

JICA evaluates projects for two main purposes: 1) to improve individual projects and our cooperation strategy by utilizing lessons learned from evaluations, and 2) to ensure accountability by making evaluation results publicly available to stakeholders, including Japanese people. This year, we will further strive to fulfill these two purposes. As part of this effort, we will build on our past experience and take into account the evolving Japanese and international development contexts.

The Annual Evaluation Report 2014 summarizes the results of evaluations we conducted in fiscal year 2014.

In 2014, we placed particular emphasis on strengthening our capability to draw effective lessons from each project. In line with this objective, we conducted a cross-sectoral analysis of ex-post evaluation results in four sectors: 1) nature conservation, 2) irrigation, drainage and water management, 3) fisheries, and 4) disaster risk management. As a result, we have identified practical lessons that could be applied to these sectors. We have also developed standard indicator references to design and evaluate the effects of technical cooperation projects in several sectors.

Going forward, we will build on these outcomes to further improve our development tools for the betterment of developing countries.

We hope that this report helps deepen your understanding of JICA's activities.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in JICA.

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