

## Preface

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Under our vision of “Leading the world with trust,” JICA set out its missions as to achieve “human security” and “quality growth” in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter of the Government of Japan. Today’s global commitment to “leave no one behind,” which lies at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), encompasses the core essence of our missions.

The main objectives of JICA’s project evaluation are; (1) to improve project operations by learning the lessons from the past project evaluations and (2) to ensure organizational accountability and transparency by publicizing evaluation results timely. We are enhancing both the quality and the strategy of our cooperation by leveraging the results of project evaluation.

This Annual Evaluation Report compiles an outline of JICA’s evaluation mechanisms and the results of JICA’s evaluations on its projects. This fiscal year 2019, we further tried to deepen our learning and accountability, by promoting thematic evaluations (comprehensive/cross-sectoral analyses), leveraging evaluation results in the PDCA cycle, and carrying out statistical analysis on evaluation results and impact evaluation. In line with international trends to accumulate and utilize knowledge, we have also striven to share JICA’s evaluation results with domestic and overseas stakeholders. These efforts are also highlighted in this report.

JICA often implements development projects in highly challenging environments, such as conflict-affected areas. Moreover, our operations require innovations to promote socioeconomic growth in developing countries amid rapid environmental changes and global technological advancements on a global scale. We are determined to challenge ourselves to achieve “human security” and “quality growth” by evaluating such projects properly and by making the best use of the lessons learned by our evaluation results.

The COVID-19 pandemic will profoundly affect the environment of development cooperation. This report summarizes JICA’s project evaluations conducted by the end of FY 2019 and does not cover the direct impact of COVID-19, therefore, we will carefully monitor its impact on our development cooperation activities from FY 2020 onwards.

We strongly hope this report will be widely shared and will help deepen your understanding of JICA’s activities. We would also like to thank you for your continued support and trust in JICA.

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