

Preface



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 evaluation on its projects. In fiscal year 2020, we updated our project evaluation criteria in accordance with the revised evaluation criteria of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and other trends. We also further strove to deepen our learning and accountability by promoting thematic evaluations (comprehensive/cross-sectoral analyses) and carrying out impact evaluations and process analyses. These efforts are also highlighted in this report.

Since the beginning of 2020, JICA’s operations have also been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite such circumstances, JICA has worked to develop creative cooperation mechanisms by taking advantage of trust with various organizations and partners around the world fostered over many years. In line with this effort, evaluation surveys were conducted remotely by actively utilizing resources in our partner countries to ensure proper project evaluation.

We strongly hope this report will be widely shared and will help deepen your understanding of JICA’s activities. We would also like to ask for your further support and encouragement for JICA.

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