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In Latin American countries, income level is relatively high, but the rich-poor gap is still large and the needs for life improvement remain high especially in poor rural area. Based on these needs, JICA Tsukuba has conducted life improvement training courses for Latin American countries, and, in Central America & Caribbean countries, ex-participants’ of the past training courses formed their network and they are realizing active life improvement activities in their countries, some of which are reflected to the rural development political and planning level.

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3. Concrete life improvement cases and monitoring system of Japan and of ex-participants
4. Formulation of Life Improvement Application Plan (draft)

<Third-country Program>
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<Post Program>
1. Implementation of planned activities and submission of Final Report
2. Presentation & discussion on Final Report in TV Seminar, and further improvement of their plan

*Third-country program is carried out to share ex-participants’ activities

Target Countries: Latin American and Caribbean countries

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Central/local government organization, NGO, universities, etc. in charge of rural development in the respective country

Those who in charge of rural development policy, planning and implementation
5 years or more experiences
Those who are able to collaborate with ex-participants

2 participants/country (1 political & 1 extension level) recommended

A few high-ranking officials acceptable based on the country’s strategy

(A) 2017/05/15～2017/06/17
(B) 2017/10/16～2017/11/18

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