

JICA's Path for Development Activities

Overall Policy Direction of JICA's Development Activities in Fiscal 2010

1. Japan's Assistance Priorities (Fiscal 2010 Priority Policies for International Cooperation)

- (1) Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): Promote human security through the support of initiatives for achieving the MDGs in developing countries, beginning with the African countries.
- (2) Under the East Asian Community Concept, promote the development of Asia, which is the world's growth center, and support initiatives for strengthening intra-regional consolidation and reducing disparities. Promote the establishment of environments for various activities of Japanese companies in developing countries, which will also contribute to growth in Japan.
- (3) Under the Hatoyama Initiative, while closely watching developments in international negotiations, provide support for developing countries that are striving to implement such global warming countermeasures as reducing emissions, as well as provide support for the weaker developing countries for responding to the adverse effects of climate change.
- (4) Provide support for improving security capabilities in Afghanistan, reintegrating Taliban antigovernment forces and for sustainable and self-reliant development that encourages citizens, while also implementing support that contributes to anti-terrorism measures in Pakistan.
- (5) Partnerships with NGOs: Provide flexible support for strengthening the foundations and activities of NGOs, which are leaders in a "new public," while strengthening partnerships with NGOs.

2. JICA's Path for Development Activities in Fiscal 2010

Based on the recognition that ODA is a method for pursuing the shared interests of Japan and other countries throughout world, while maintaining consistency with the Japanese government's policies (priority policies for international cooperation, others), JICA will implement and form the following programs as its priority issues. These initiatives are premised on JICA's missions ((1) addressing a global agenda, (2) reducing poverty through equitable growth (3) improving governance, and (4) achieving human security) as the institution responsible for implementing Japan's ODA.

(Top Priority Issues)

(1) Assistance to Africa

- In accordance with the three pillars of Fourth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) ((1) boosting economic growth, (2) ensuring human security, and (3) addressing environmental and climate change issues), in order to contribute to the doubling of Japan's ODA to Africa by 2012, JICA will form and intensively allocate financial resources to programs/projects.

- JICA will provide steady support, primarily in Africa, to contribute to the achievement of the MDGs.

(2) Strengthen Collaboration with and Promote Development of Asian Countries, Which Serve as a Growth Center

Upon reviewing past cooperation and outcomes while keeping in mind the Japanese government's new growth strategy (Japan that grows together with Asia), JICA will provide support in areas covering measures for urbanization and the establishment of infrastructures that benefit wide regions, measures that address climate change, the establishment of soft infrastructures and the promotion of human resource development and interchanges. JICA will effectively utilize its assets in the field of cooperation and strengthen its collaboration with Asian countries, which are achieving dramatic growth, to implement initiatives for addressing global-scale issues.

(3) Initiatives toward Environmental and Climate Change Measures

- Implement and form necessary projects as responses to the Hatoyama Initiative.
- Make appropriate responses (forest conservation) focused on COP10 (10th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity).

(4) Support Peacebuilding in Afghanistan and Other Countries

- In Afghanistan, focus mainly on the allocation for Technical Cooperation and Grant Aid in contributing to the provision of up to US\$5 billion in ODA by 2014.
- Taking into consideration the Japanese government's commitments and other factors, consider appropriate support that meets the individual needs of countries besides Afghanistan currently undergoing post-conflict reconstruction.

(5) Strengthen Partnerships with NGOs and Private-Sector Companies

- Upgrade and expand existing programs such as JICA's Partnership Programs that feature the participation of NGOs, while making considerations for enabling the participation of NGO's on other projects as well.
- Proactively support private-sector activities that contribute to development. In doing so, carry out preparatory surveys for supporting Public-Private Partnerships and promote projects based on private-sector proposals through the introduction of support systems for Base of the Pyramid (BOP) businesses.