

Partnerships with NGOs and Other Organizations

Collaboration with Diverse Actors of International Cooperation

As development issues have become more complicated, there is a greater need for Japanese overseas cooperation to mobilize people, knowledge, and expertise, based on the concept of human security, in order to cope with diverse themes such as the MDGs.

Reflecting this drive to engage more with key actors of development, collaboration with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities, and local governments have become an integral part of effective ODA for education, health, and environment improvement, community development, peace-building, and reconstruction. NGOs possess the strength, experience, and knowledge for responding flexibly and quickly to the needs of local community as well as for emergency assistance in the aftermath of natural disasters. Universities possess technical expertise, while local governments possess know-how accumulated in their localities.

JICA has been strengthening its engagement with these actors of civil society in a variety of forms, namely through dialogues, partnerships, and support programs [→ Refer also to page 138, Citizen Participatory Cooperation].

JICA Partnership Program (JPP) Joint Implementation of Overseas Development Projects

JICA implements JPP projects jointly with Japanese organizations which have a strong desire to implement international cooperation projects, including NGOs, universities, local government entities and public-interest corporations. JPP is based on proposals from these experienced organizations, which helps benefit the local people in developing countries. JPP projects are unique as they directly contribute to improving the lifestyles and livelihoods of the people by carrying out detailed activities at the grassroots level. In fiscal 2010, JICA implemented 211 JPP projects in 48 countries. JPP projects consist of three schemes: Partner type, in which organizations with a certain level of experience in developing countries utilize their experience and skills; Support type, in which projects are carried out by organizations with less experience in developing countries; and Local government type, in which local government entities play a central role and utilize their know-how accumulated in their localities.

NGO-JICA Japan Desk Supporting Activities of Japanese NGOs

JICA has “NGO-JICA Japan Desks” in 22 countries to support the activities of Japanese NGOs operating in developing countries. These desks offer consultation and information on various aspects, for example, on local laws, local systems, the social situation and the state of local NGO activities, which are also



Introducing compost techniques at a junior high school in Sibuluan City, Malaysia (JPP Local government type, “Community-Based Solid Waste Management System Development Project in Sibuluan City,” Kita-Kyushu City)



Training for Capacity Building of NGOs: Project Management Course, “Preparing to Engage as Outsiders”

helpful for NGOs in implementing JPP projects.

Support for Capacity Building Strengthening Human Resources and Organization for Better International Cooperation

To support international cooperation activities by NGOs and citizen groups, JICA provides a variety of support programs. These include Project Cycle Management (PCM) method training; training for organizational strengthening through human resource development; and dispatching of advisors with special expertise. In fiscal 2010, 374 persons participated in the training courses and advisors were dispatched to 28 organizations.

NGO-JICA Dialogue Meeting Promoting Equal Partnerships

JICA emphasizes the importance of dialogue between NGOs for ensuring deeper mutual understanding and promoting excellent collaboration. Through its headquarters, overseas offices and domestic offices, JICA exchanges opinions and information with NGOs on regional and sectoral issues. Also, JICA holds a quarterly dialogue meeting with NGOs, where both sides discuss the effective cooperation and promotion of equal partnerships.

JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World International Cooperation through Donations

The JICA Donation Fund for the People of the World encourages citizens, corporations and groups to participate in international cooperation. The donations are used to support Japanese civil society groups’ activities aiming to alleviate poverty, improve healthcare, education, and environment of developing countries. In fiscal 2010, the fund supported 10 projects.

Efforts of Group of Residents Realize Safe Childbirth

Partner Type

Project for Safer Pregnancy/Delivery by the Local Community in Chibombo District, Zambia
TICO



Women waiting for prenatal checkups

In rural areas of Zambia, many women lose their lives through pregnancy and childbirth due to the lack of healthcare infrastructure necessary for delivery.

This project provides training to the Safe Motherhood Action Group (SMAG) comprised of traditional midwives and community health volunteers to protect the health of community

women during pregnancy and childbirth. Under the Group's leadership, health education on nutrition, pregnancy, childbirth and other topics are offered to women of childbearing age in order for pregnant and parturient women to acquire basic knowledge about health.

NGO Staff

Ms. Hiroko Sakai, Healthcare Expert

In rural areas, maternal deaths occurring outside of medical facilities were not reported to official agencies. It is an enormous step forward for the health of pregnant and parturient women in the community that a group has been set up to carry out healthcare activities for these women, that the residents themselves are collecting, organizing and reporting information,

and that a system is in place for understanding the situation and resolving the problems. I will offer support to firmly establish these activities and contribute to the organization's maturing and bringing about changes in the community.

From the Grassroots

SMAG Member/Community Health Volunteer

In the community where we live, many women have home births with the help of people who have never received training. Due to their erroneous decisions, some women lose their lives during childbirth. We recommend deliveries at medical facilities. Some women are used to home deliveries, some live far away from medical facilities, and some continue to deliver babies at home for various other reasons. It is difficult to change the behavior of these people. Nevertheless, we hope to bring about changes through persistent efforts.

Support for Drug Addicts in the Philippines Utilizing a Method Fostered in Japan

Support Type

Recovery Project for Drug Addicts in Poverty Group in Manila, Philippines
Asia-Pacific Addiction Research Institute (APARI)



Regularly held meeting to support the recovery of drug addicts

In the Philippines, support fails to reach drug addicts in the poverty group. This in turn leads to further drug use and secondary effects, including violence and family breakdown. To improve the situation, APARI and JICA are jointly implementing this project.

APARI is affiliated with the Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center (DARC), which has over 50

offices across Japan. APARI has supported the recovery of drug addicts by promoting them to help each other and strengthen their links with the community. Using this method developed in Japan, APARI extends support to enable drug addicts in the poor group in the Philippines to help each other and overcome their addiction.

NGO Staff

Mr. Tsuneo Kondo Project Manager

For three years I struggled to grapple with what it is that APARI should do in this project. This was because drug addicts are not simply using the drugs themselves. They are also involved in the selling of drugs for their livelihoods. In this project, we support the recovery of drug addicts in the Philippines

with the help of Manila's communities and through sharing the experiences of recovering drug addicts in Japan. It is a rational approach that drug addicts extend support to their fellow addicts. It is a relay of life. I am thankful that this project has been realized.

From the Grassroots

Meeting Participant

I used to be a drug seller. Before participating in these meetings, my spouse and I used to use drugs together. Even my son consequently started using drugs. During the period that I was using drugs, no one talked to me and I lost all of my friends. My spouse and I couldn't carry on a decent conversation. However, things are different now. My spouse and I live happily together, and I have my friends from the meeting. I am healthier, and my weight has increased. Seeing my progress, my son has also started seeking help.