

# JICA's Path for Development Activities

## Overall Policy for Development Activities in Fiscal 2014

### 1. Assistance for Emerging and Developing Countries to Grow Together with Japan

- JICA will promote assistance that contributes to economic growth of emerging and developing countries, including development of economic infrastructure, support for local private companies, development of legal systems, and human resources development. When doing so, JICA will provide assistance with consideration for the socially vulnerable, such as poor people, disabled persons, and senior citizens, in order to prevent disparities. At the same time, JICA will ensure support for reducing disparities, including provision of educational opportunities, enhancement of social security systems, and vitalization of rural areas.
- As mentioned in Japan's Infrastructure Systems Export Strategy, JICA will steadily carry out initiatives of the strategy, including (1) promotion of public-private partnerships to enhance global competitiveness, (2) identification of and training support for companies, local governments, and human resources that will boost the export of infrastructure, (3) promotion of Japanese standards to become international standards based on advanced technologies and knowledge, and (4) support for involvement in infrastructure fields that will become new business frontiers.

### 2. Promotion of Human Security and Peacebuilding

- In consideration of achieving the current MDGs and assistance for fragile states, JICA will extend its assistance in fields such as support for the poor, global health care, education, and water. To contribute to human security, JICA will also enhance support for the achievement of the Japan's Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy and Universal Health Coverage, as well as providing consistent assistance to the Philippines and other disaster-stricken countries with emergency relief, reconstruction after disasters, and disaster risk reduction.
- Based on careful assessment of security and other relevant conditions, JICA will provide timely peacebuilding support to Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine, South Sudan, the Horn of Africa, the countries surrounding the Sahel, Myanmar's ethnic minority groups, consolidation of the peace in the Mindanao region of the Philippines, and assistance to the countries surrounding Syria and other countries.
- With a focus on establishing and promoting values such as democracy and the rule of law, JICA will extend its support toward realizing the rule of law and promoting democracy through initiatives such as strengthening the capacity of media.

### 3. Initiatives toward International Cooperation and Trends in International Assistance

- JICA will proactively cooperate with the international community on post-2015 development agendas, as well as promoting

support that will contribute to achievement of the current MDGs.

- In order to contribute to discussions toward establishing a post-2020 new international framework against climate change that all countries will join, JICA will support developing countries' efforts for climate-change mitigation and adaptation, in accordance with the Proactive Diplomatic Strategy for Countering Global Warming.
- JICA will promote mainstreaming of disaster risk management and contribute to establishing resilient communities and sustainable urban development in the context of a post-2015 development agenda, the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held in Japan in 2015, as well as the succession of the Hyogo Framework for Action.
- JICA will expand collaboration with international partners, and also follow up on the discussions on redefinitions of ODA and development funds.

### 4. Promotion of Private Sector Collaboration and Domestic Collaboration

- In order to proactively support activities of the private sector that will contribute to development, JICA will work on firmly establishing and enhancing projects that directly assist activities of private sector companies, such as assistance on the overseas expansion of SMEs, Private-Sector Investment Finance projects, public-private partnership (PPP) infrastructure assistance, promotion of base of the pyramid (BOP) business, projects under the Collaboration Program with the Private Sector for Disseminating Japanese Technology, and Overseas Volunteering Program in Collaboration with Private Sector.
- JICA will strengthen its assistance to Japanese local governments' involvement in international activities and their efforts for vitalization of their communities by enhancing the participation of local governments in ODA activities such as JICA Partnership Programs and technical cooperation projects as well as technical training programs.
- JICA will provide assistance that demonstrates soft power such as knowledge and development experience, which are accumulated in industries, governments, academia, and the civil society of Japan. To promote this, JICA will identify the right drivers from among NGOs, civil society, local governments, private corporations, universities, and other entities, and promote collaboration among these drivers.

### 5. Support for Women's Empowerment and Social Involvement in Developing Countries

- Based on the Japanese government's policies relating to women in assistance to developing countries, JICA will promote assistance to policies and systems that enhance gender equality, formulation and implementation of projects where women are major beneficiaries, and mainstreaming of gender issues in the process of formulating projects in any field and on any subject.