

# JICA's Path for Development Activities

JICA will develop and implement specific programs and projects based on the Development Cooperation Charter, which was endorsed by the Cabinet in February 2015.

Specifically, it will focus on promoting human security further, encouraging “quality growth,” and strengthening cooperation with various actors.

## ● “Quality Growth” and Mitigating Disparities

- From the perspective of human security, JICA will offer assistance that will contribute to quality growth that is inclusive, sustainable, and resilient as well as poverty eradication through such growth. Specifically, JICA will assist in delivery of basic social services, climate change mitigation and adaptation, human resources development aimed at strengthening self-help efforts and governance capacity of partner countries, and socioeconomic infrastructure development, with special focus placed on reducing disparities, creating employment opportunities, self-reliant development of partner countries, disaster risk reduction (DRR) mainstreaming, and the quality of infrastructure in terms of life cycle cost and safety.
- To take advantage of Japan’s experience, expertise, and technology for quality growth, JICA will encourage infrastructure export, promote the international deployment of the Japanese Model, assist SMEs in expanding their business operations overseas, and further go ahead with Private-Sector Investment Finance projects, public-private partnership (PPP) infrastructure projects, and other PPP projects.
- Regarding regions and development issues, JICA will take special note of connectivity within the region and between

regions and the rest of the world in terms of physical, institutional, and people-to-people linkages as well as assistance that transcend countries or issues.

- JICA will extend necessary cooperation even to countries that have attained a certain level of per capita income but generated considerable internal disparities, those with special vulnerabilities such as small island countries, and those with a relatively high level of income as represented by ODA graduates, based on their actual development needs and affordability.

## ● Promoting Peacebuilding and the Sharing of Universal Values

- In its projects that build on the principle of human security, JICA will focus on people with particular vulnerabilities, including children, women, persons with disabilities, the elderly, refugees and internally-displaced persons, and ethnic minorities. JICA will design and implement specific assistance both for the achievement of the Japan’s Strategy on Global Health Diplomacy and Universal Health Coverage and for food security in various sectors.
- To establish and promote values such as democracy and the



Brazil: Students learning welding skills in the Project on Promotion and Capacity Development of Professionals for Shipbuilding Industry and Offshore Development. (Photo by Atsushi Shibuya)

rule of law, JICA will provide assistance both in governance, including democratization, and in the development of legal and judicial systems that regard issues such as anticorruption measures.

- JICA will further enhance its efforts to improve its capacity to respond to peacebuilding and humanitarian needs as soon as possible, even before a peace agreement is reached in post-conflict settings, as well as its capacity to provide seamless assistance from emergency assistance and reconstruction to development.
- Based on careful assessment of political and security situations, JICA will provide timely and appropriate peacebuilding support to Afghanistan, Iraq, the Palestinian Authority, 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 the countries surrounding Syria with a view to achieving regional stability that encompasses surrounding countries as well.

#### ● **Strengthening its Operational Engagement on Global Issues and the International Aid Agenda**

- JICA will increase its assistance in sectors where the current Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) — which need to be achieved by 2015 — have not been attained yet. It will also review its contribution to the achievement of the MDGs and communicate its findings.
- JICA will embrace global trends in development assistance, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by capitalizing on Japan's expertise and experience. It will contribute to deepening international discussions on such issues and reflect the outcomes of these discussions in its activities.
- JICA will proactively work with the international community to address global issues such as climate change and infectious diseases. To address infectious diseases, JICA will work to strengthen the foundations for controlling emerging and reemerging infectious diseases from the perspective of global health security.
- JICA will reflect the outcomes of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in its activities. It will also engage appropriately in such international conferences as the Seventh Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting, the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21), and the Sixth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD VI).

#### ● **Expanding and Deepening Strategic Partnerships**

- In order to identify new development resources and maximize development effectiveness, JICA will expand and deepen strategic partnerships with private companies, local governments, universities and research institutions, NGOs and civil society, other public organizations, other donors, regional organizations, and emerging countries.
- In view of the Japanese government's moves to promote regional revitalization, JICA will seek out new partners from among local governments and private companies while taking into account the potential of its domestic offices to serve as

hubs for revitalizing regional communities.

- JICA will actively disseminate and utilize Japan's experiences, expertise, and technologies that are internationally competitive in light of global trends in order to maximize its operational effectiveness and play a leading role in shaping global trends in development assistance. To these ends, JICA will sort out its past projects with a high problem-solving capacity, and disseminate them as "Japan Brand ODA" models. It will also formulate and implement its own projects based on these models.
- JICA will develop the human networks and strategic partnerships that have been built both in Japan and abroad so that they will contribute to mutual learning and development. In this way, JICA will also further promote South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation that will nurture new development partners.
- JICA will actively communicate the experience and expertise the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer program has accumulated for the past 50 years and further deepen the program's values of developing globally competent human resources, empowering women, and other purposes. It will also take advantage of the JOCV and other volunteer programs to increase its assistance for development through sports.

#### ● **Supporting an Active Role for Women and Their Empowerment in Developing Countries**

- Based on the Japanese government's commitment on women-related policies in its assistance to developing countries, JICA will offer policy and institutional support that enhances gender equality and also formulate and implement projects where women are major beneficiaries. In addition, JICA will implement high quality operations by incorporating gender mainstreaming in any of its projects, regardless of the sector or issue it is designed to address.
- With regard to the implementation and monitoring of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security that the Japanese government is developing, JICA will take into account not only gender equality and women's empowerment but also women's participation and leadership in formulating and implementing projects.



Chile: A Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer teaching volleyball to women in a village (photo by Kazuyoshi Nomachi)