

Program Goals and Overview

The 4th Medium-term Plan (Fiscal 2017-2021)

In accordance with the law, JICA conducts its operations based on medium-term plans stipulating five-year cycles. In the 4th Medium-term Plan, which began in fiscal 2017, JICA has formulated plans based on the Development Cooperation Charter and international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), concerning development issues such as infrastructure and economic growth, human-centered development, universal values and peacebuilding, and global issues, along with regional priority issues as well as partnerships with various actors and contributions to international discussions. JICA also sets out detailed measures for strengthening its organizational and operational foundations, security, and internal controls in the Plan.

Through efforts to achieve these plans, JICA will continue to play its expected role both within and outside Japan.

Outline of the 4th Medium-term Plan

Address development issues and global issues and contribute to national interests in Japan through development cooperation

Realize peace, security, and prosperity as well as an international environment with high stability, transparency, and predictability

Contribute to enhancing the international community's confidence in Japan, strengthening the relationship between developing areas and Japan, and formulating the order and the norms of the international community

Contribute to the vitalization of the economy and society in Japan through strengthening the relationship between developing areas and Japan

Operational Focus Areas

- (1) Strengthen the human capacity of individuals who will be key players in their countries' development
- (2) Fortify partnerships between actors in Japan who are involved in, and contributing to development cooperation and regional vitalization
- (3) Contribute to international commitments and serve as a leader in the international community
- (4) Strengthen security measures

Prioritized Approaches

- (1) Promote development cooperation that builds a mutually trusted relationship by emphasizing country ownership and partnership
- (2) Promote human-centered approaches based on the concept of human security
- (3) Strengthen strategic operations and enhance the quality of JICA's operations
- (4) Disseminate clear, uniform information

Concrete initiatives

Efforts to address priority issues

- (1) Secure a foundation and driving force for economic growth
- (2) Promote human-centered development, which supports basic human life
- (3) Share universal values and realize a peaceful and secure society
- (4) Build a sustainable and resilient international community by addressing global challenges

Strengthen Japanese partnerships

Strengthen foundations for implementation

(Public relations, research, operations evaluations etc.)

Regional priority issues

Strengthen security measures

Other important operational management issues

(The promotion of effective and efficient development cooperation; Proactive contribution in international discussions and strengthening partnerships with international organizations, bilateral donors and others; and Strengthen internal controls)

Important policies and initiatives of the Japanese government

Development Cooperation Charter
Related policies
Government commitments

International framework surrounding development cooperation

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Paris Agreement (climate change)

Directions of JICA's Development Activities for Fiscal 2018

JICA seeks to contribute to the peace, stability, and prosperity of the international community by addressing the priority issues identified in the Development Cooperation Charter of the Japanese government and the 4th Medium-term Plan of JICA. To this end, JICA will redouble its efforts in the following areas with a view to achieving human security and quality growth:



Sudan: Project for Strengthening Vocational Training System Targeting State Vocational Training Centers
[Photo by Akio Iizuka]

1 Operations based on the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy of the Japanese government

JICA will forge ahead with development cooperation activities within the framework of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy. It will also work to further strengthen partnership in the international community. Special focus will be placed on, among other areas, (1) developing human resources for strengthening intra-regional connectivity, (2) constructing infrastructure and improving the trade and investment climate, (3) building the legal and judicial framework to establish the rule of law, and (4) developing maritime security capacity.

2 Strengthening the capacity of individuals who will be key players in their countries' development

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Meiji Restoration, JICA will launch the JICA Development Studies Program to boost the development of human resources who can spearhead the solution of increasingly diverse and complex development issues. The Program provides the opportunity to systematically learn about Japan's experience of development. Participants who have completed the program are encouraged to put what they have learned in Japan to good use for the development of their countries after returning to their home countries. They are also encouraged to serve as leaders supportive of or knowledgeable about Japan so that bilateral relations are well maintained and strengthened over the mid- to long-term.

3 Vitalization of both developing countries and Japan through the private sector's potential

Toward quality growth—that is, inclusive, sustainable, and resilient growth—JICA will leverage the strengths of the private sector, including Japanese small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and local regions, and mobilize their potential for its operations in developing countries as well as regional vitalization.

4 Promoting the formulation and dissemination of future-oriented cooperation concepts

JICA will work harder to incorporate innovative methods and technologies into its development cooperation. It will also work to mobilize various sources of funds to meet strong development needs. Additionally, JICA will redouble its efforts to formulate and disseminate concepts such as Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA), thereby enhancing its presence in the international community.