

JICA's Strategy

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 2019

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:

1 Promote "Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

To realize the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" advocated by the Japanese government, JICA will provide the Indo-Pacific region with both tangible and intangible support. JICA's support will include expanding and establishing freedom of navigation and the rule of law, improving regional connectivity by developing quality infrastructure that aligns with international standards, and providing development cooperation to support capacity building for maritime security.

2 Strengthen the capacity of leaders in developing countries

As a main pillar of its projects, JICA will advance the JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP), launched in 2018, a program that maintains and strengthens trusted relationships between Japan and developing countries over the medium and long term. Special focus will be placed on strengthening collaboration with partner universities to provide more opportunities for international students (JICA scholars) to systematically learn about Japan's experience of development and the importance of the rule of law. JICA will also remain committed to maintaining and developing relationships with the participants after they return to their home countries so that they can play an active role in their countries as leaders.

3 Establish a platform by enhancing domestic collaboration

JICA will strengthen its collaboration with diverse partners across Japan to address issues in developing countries, while also benefiting Japanese society. Special focus will be placed on establishing a platform to strengthen information-sharing, dialogues, and project collaborations regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

4 Promote innovation

To tackle development issues that are either new or unresolvable by using existing techniques, JICA will explore and adopt innovations. Special focus will be placed on making institutional arrangements for promoting innovations to overcome the limitations of conventional forms of cooperation and address challenges facing developing countries.

5 Improve strategy and external dissemination of projects

For important issues affecting the international community and Japan, JICA will undertake timely efforts to be able to make full promotional use of international fora such as the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) and the 2019 G20 Osaka Summit. Special focus will be placed on contributing to (1) climate change measures, (2) human security, (3) the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympic Games, (4) collaboration with *Nikkei* communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, and (5) the new Japan-China cooperative relationship. By proactively highlighting these activities, JICA will enhance its presence in the international community.