Research Framework for the Study on Gender Mainstreaming in the Area of Peace-building & Disaster Risk Reduction

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1. Background

The government of Japan has been working on its National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS). The NAPWPS will be officially approved and its progress monitoring will start soon.

JICA will be responsible for realizing many of the objectives and actions related with peace-building and disaster risk reduction (DRR) described in the NAPWPS.

While JICA has been implementing a number of programs and projects aimed at protecting and empowering women, it must further enhance its efforts to promote women’s participation and leadership along the principles of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and related resolutions.

In the areas of peace-building and DRR, JICA will further promote gender mainstreaming and enhance women’s participation and leadership. This spans all stages of the project cycle (which includes planning, implementation and monitoring of individual projects) and all phases of peace building and DRR (which includes recovery, reconstruction and prevention).
2. Proposition (Peace-building)

- Women are economically and socially vulnerable, along with children, the elderly and people with disability, among others. JICA thus implemented projects that promoted women’s social “involvement,” “mobility,” and “equality of opportunity” in peace-building programs/projects.

- However, JICA’s operations did not sufficiently consider women as “active agent for change” and their participation in decision-making processes. Therefore, JICA’s efforts to enhance women’s leadership opportunities in peace-building has been rather limited.
2. Proposition (DRR)

• While building physical infrastructure has been a major pillar of the JICA’s DRR concerned Divisions/Departments, the programs/projects focused on community disaster prevention and post-disaster welfare have been relatively limited in JICA’s DRR operations.

• However, local communities’ resilience plays a major role in both disaster prevention and in the rehabilitation & reconstruction processes.

• Therefore, programs/projects for strengthening disaster resilience of local communities, especially through enhancing women’s participation and leadership in DRR management, should be further promoted.
3. Objective

The main objectives of the research are:

• To consider effective approaches to promoting gender mainstreaming in peace-building and DRR;

• To make recommendations for promoting peace-building and DRR operations with a gender and diversity perspective.
4. Field Survey/Case studies for Peacebuilding

(1) Afghanistan:
Afghanistan Women Police Training Program in Turkey

(2) The Philippines Mindanao:
Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for the Bangsamoro
5. Field Survey/Case studies for DRR

(1) Sri Lanka:
   - Tsunami and Conflict Affected Communities Upliftment Project in the North East Region (T-CUP)
   - Disaster Management Enhancement Project adaptable to Climate Change

(2) The Philippines:
   - Urgent Development Study on the Project on Rehabilitation and Recovery from Typhoon Yolanda

(3) Haiti:
   - Response/recovery of 2010 Haiti Earthquake
6. Implementation Structure

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