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Tackling Global Issues with Diverse Actors

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# JICA GLOBAL AGENDA

— JICA'S 20 STRATEGIES FOR GLOBAL  
DEVELOPMENT ISSUES



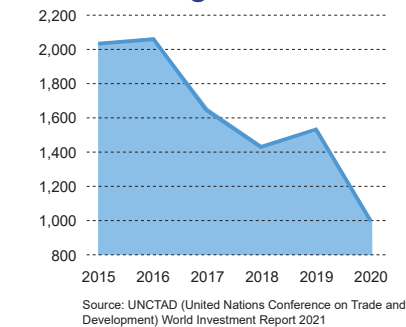
Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) works toward the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

# Global issues we are facing

## Increasing Disparities Caused by COVID-19

The global outbreak of COVID-19 took a severe toll on the socioeconomy. The number of extremely poor people living on less than \$1.9 a day decreased to 8.4% of the total population (about 650 million people) in 2019, but in 2020, it increased for the first time in decades, with about 120 million people additionally pushed into extreme poverty. Children's learning opportunities were undermined, and more than 100 million children (1 in 11 primary and secondary school students) fell below the minimum reading level. Socially vulnerable people are more severely affected. Foreign direct investment (FDI) has plummeted 35% since 2019. While developed countries have been recovering since the beginning of 2021, investment in industry and infrastructure in developing countries remains stagnant, raising alarms about the widening gap.

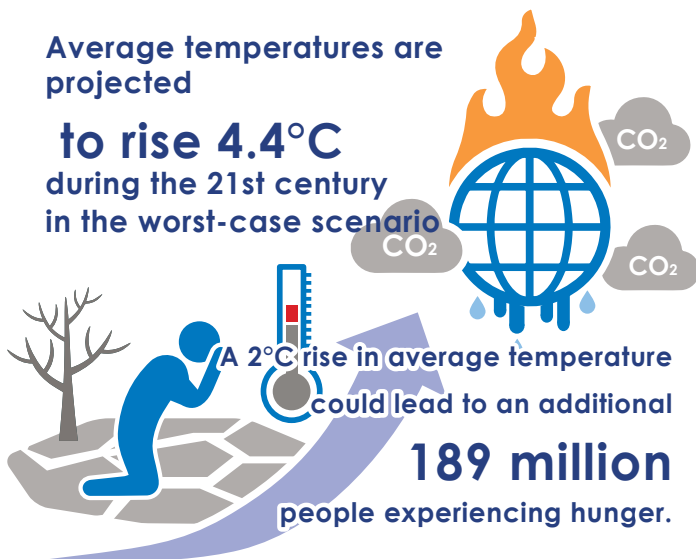
### Changes in FDI



About **120 million** new people were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020

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to rise **4.4°C** during the 21st century in the worst-case scenario



## Crisis Caused by Climate Change

Climate change intensifies and increases the frequency of natural disasters such as droughts and heavy rains, causing significant challenges for food supplies.

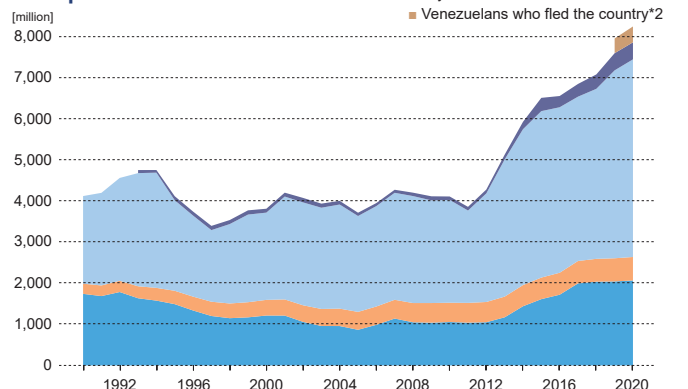
On the basis of Paris Agreement in 2015, the consensus document was adopted at the 26th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26) in 2021 to pursue efforts to limit the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C compared with pre-industrial levels. Without curbing greenhouse gas emissions, the worst-case scenario predicts that average temperatures will rise by 4.4°C during the 21st century. It is estimated that 216 million people worldwide will be forced to migrate internally by 2050, and an additional 189 million individuals will face starvation if the temperature rises by 2°C.

Concrete measures must be urgently implemented worldwide to address the global crisis.

## Threatened Peace and People's Safety

In 2020, there were 56 armed conflicts in the world. The number of refugees and internally displaced persons due to conflict and persecution in Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, and other countries had doubled over the past decade to a record 82.4 million at the end of 2020. Vulnerable groups such as children, people with disabilities, and women are particularly affected by conflict, political instability, and violence. Armed conflicts not only set back the development of a country, but also deprive people of their lives, livelihoods, and dignity. Furthermore, communities are destroyed, making it difficult to rebuild society and being a destabilizing factor for surrounding communities. In addition to responding to crises, it is necessary to prevent social instability and conflict.

## 82.4 million people have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution<sup>\*1</sup>



\*1. the number of people facing forced displacement due to conflict, persecution, violence, human rights violations, or events seriously disturbing public order at the end of 2020

\*2. excluding asylum seekers and refugees from Venezuela Source: UNHCR Global Trends Report 2020

# "JICA Global Agenda" to tackle global issues with various partners

The world, which has pursued economic affluence and human dignity, is facing difficulties that threaten the survival of all life, such as climate change, COVID-19, and frequent conflicts. It is essential to reassess the past approach to development and economic growth and to reconstruct a society that upholds the dignity of the individual. To address these global challenges, the international community must unite under common goals and mobilize a diverse range of resources.

JICA has set 20 cooperation strategies for global issues, "JICA Global Agenda" from the four perspectives; of Prosperity, People, Peace, and Planet, based on its mission of realizing "Human Security" and "Quality Growth".

Based by this "JICA Global Agenda," JICA will collaborate with governments and individuals in partner countries, as well as engage with various partners in Japan and abroad, to address global issues and to realize a free, peaceful, and prosperous world where people can believe in a bright future and pursue diverse possibilities.

## Prosperity



We support the development of high quality infrastructure, stable energy supply, development of industries, and improvement of farmers' livelihoods, which are the foundation and driving force of economic growth in developing countries. We assist to realize sustainable, strong, and prosperous societies.

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| 1 Urban and Regional Development                               | 2 Transportation             |
| 3 Energy and mining  | 4 Private Sector Development |
| 5 Agriculture and rural development (Sustainable Food Systems) |                              |

## People



We support stable healthcare services, infectious disease control, improved nutrition, and quality education for all people. We will achieve a society where children, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups are included and no one is left behind.

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| 6 Health                 | 7 Improving Nutrition                          |
| 8 Education              | 9 Social Security / Disability and Development |
| 10 Sport and Development |  |

## Peace



We will realize a peaceful and just society that shares universal values such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights, and the rule of law, and that ensures stability and security. We will promote gender equality and utilize digital technology to solve problems.

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| 11 Peacebuilding                           | 12 Governance |
| 13 Public Finance and Financial System     |               |
| 14 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment |               |
| 15 Digital for Development                 |               |

## Planet



We will respond to global issues such as climate change and environmental problems, which the international community must address together, and realize sustainable and resilient societies in developing countries where there are concerns about serious impacts.

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| 16 Climate change  | 17 Natural Conservation |
| 18 Environmental Management  |                         |
| 19 Sustainable Water Resources and Water Supply                                  |                         |
| 20 Disaster Risk Reduction through Pre-disaster Investment and Build Back Better |                         |

# Collaborate and co-create with diverse partners to maximize impact

## JICA's Role

### Agenda Setting

Setting objectives and goals to achieve together toward the future

**Case** Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD)

The international initiative jointly launched by JICA and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), an international NGO, with the goal of doubling rice production in Africa in 10 years (2008: 14 million tons, 2018: 28 million tons). Currently, a total of 19 organizations are members of the CARD Steering Committee, with the goal of further doubling the production (56 million tons in 30 years) set in 2019.

### Platform

Creating a place where diverse partners gather and co-create

**Case** JICA Development Studies Program / JICA Chair

By inviting human resources from partner countries to Japan or send lecturers to partner countries, the program provides opportunities to learn about Japan's modern development experience, and its knowledge as an aid implementing country in the postwar period, through summarizing them into universal concepts. It aims to effectively help partner countries to develop, as well as to create new values through the activities of knowledgeable and pro-Japanese human resources and interactive learning with Japan, and to revitalize local communities and develop global human resources in Japan.

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### Market Creation

Creating business opportunities

**Case** IT Human Resource Development in Bangladesh

In 2008, the activities of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) led to the introduction of a national IT certification and the development of human resources. Furthermore, in Miyazaki City with issues of IT personal shortage, the city, Miyazaki University, and private companies have collaborated to support Bangladeshi IT personnel so that they are welcomed and appreciated by Japanese companies, and adjust to life in Japan, contributing to "multicultural coexistence in Japan" and "regional development". The program involves industry, government, and academia, and is being continued as a private-sector project.

### Finance Mobilization

Mobilizing Funds to Solve Issues

**Case** Forest Conservation in Timor-Leste

The project targets about 48,000 people whose livelihoods depend on forest resources such as fuel and food in areas that are being deforested due to overgrazing and deforestation to expand farmland. In 2021, the project was approved as a related project of the Green Climate Fund (GCF).



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#### What is JICA Global Agenda

JICA's cooperation strategies for global issues. JICA, with its partners, aims to show global impacts realizing the goals set under JICA Global Agenda. JICA Global Agenda and its goals will be shared among partner countries and various actors, enhancing dialogue and collaboration, therefore, maximizing the development impacts. Through these efforts, JICA will comprehensively contribute to the achievement of the SDGs by 2030 as well as realize Japan's Development Cooperation Charter which focus on "human security," "quality growth," and "addressing global challenges".

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