

Outline of the Annual Report on Japan's ODA Evaluation 2014

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1 Outline and objectives of the Report

(1) Outline

This report describes the ODA evaluation trends of Japan and the international community, and provides an overview of ODA evaluations conducted by MOFA, other ODA related ministries and agencies, and JICA in FY 2013. Thus, this report summarizes the efforts by the entire government of Japan for the ODA evaluations in the year. (Individual evaluation reports have already been released and are available on the homepages of MOFA, other ministries, and JICA.)

(2) Objectives

The objectives of this report are to fulfill accountability to the public and to promote public understanding of ODA by showing a clear overall picture of ODA evaluation and by presenting the roles and achievements of the ODA evaluation as well as the follow-up efforts on response measures to the recommendations of the previous fiscal year. This report will be distributed to experts, NGOs, universities, libraries, and other related organizations, and will also be published on the ODA homepage of MOFA.

2 Contents of the Report

This report is composed of three chapters and reference.

- (1) "Chapter 1 An Overview of ODA Evaluation" describes how ODA evaluation activities were enhanced and came to be considered as a part of the policy PDCA Cycle (Plan (policy planning and formulation), Do (implementation), Check (evaluation) and Act (feedback)) in the ODA reform movement, and introduces the current ODA evaluation implementation structure.

It also explains the recent trends of international organizations such as OECD-DAC (Development Assistance Committee) concerning the discussion on aid evaluation to improve development effectiveness. Furthermore, as Japan's contribution, it introduces "the ODA Evaluation Workshop" which aims at developing the evaluation capacities of partner countries in the Asia-Pacific region and improving development effectiveness.

- (2) "Chapter 2 An Overview of FY 2013 ODA Evaluation" summarizes the results of

evaluations conducted by MOFA, other ministries and agencies, and JICA in FY 2013. Regarding the evaluations conducted by MOFA, this chapter introduces results of policy-level evaluations, such as country assistance evaluation, as well as some of the response measures to the recommendations made in each evaluation. It also introduces an evaluation of Japan's assistance conducted by a partner country.

- (3) "Chapter 3 Follow-up Efforts on FY 2012 Evaluation Results by MOFA" presents the outline of the follow-up efforts on response measures to the recommendations made in ODA evaluations conducted in FY 2012.
- (4) "Reference" includes a list of ODA evaluation studies by MOFA since 2003, the chronology of ODA evaluations, and other references.