



【Online】

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus)

**General information on
Capacity Development of Local Government for
Community Rebuilding in Conflict-Affected Countries
課題別研修「紛争影響国における地域社会再建にかかる地方行政能力強化」
JFY 2022**

Course No. 202107729J001

Online Program Period : From May 10, 2022 to May 23, 2022

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This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.

JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in February 2015, which stated, *“In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.”* JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

I. Concept

Background

After the cold war, conflicts have been recurring frequently all over the world; and its solutions, the reconstruction and development after the conflicts and the support to prevent the reoccurrence of the conflicts are crucial issues internationally. Recent characteristics of the conflicts are summarized as an increase of the internal conflicts, diversification and complication of the root causes of the conflicts, and its concentration on the developing countries, especially on the less developed areas. In the context of these conflict-affected countries, there exist common problems of the government structure being fragile with governance issues. The regional/local government systems which this training program targets at have the problems of functionality for efficient public service delivery. In order to establish the peaceful state and the sustainable development, it is necessary to support to enhance the capacity in regional/local government.

Japan has restored the vast damages of the World War II, built the peaceful state and attained the economic development. Efficient and functional local government is one of key aspects for sustainable peace and development of Japan. Thus, to share the system and practices of the local government of Japan as an example is effective to reconsider the role of the regional/local government in the conflict-affected countries.

For what?

This program is for regional/local and central government officers to improve their comprehension with reference to the local development and community rebuilding in order to enhance their policy/plan formulation and implementation capacity.

For whom?

This program is offered to regional/local government officials and central government officials in charge of local government and planning

How?

This training program offers the online lectures and discussions on i) case studies of community rebuilding in conflict-affected countries, ii) local government system of Japan, iii) experiences of cooperation between local government and communities in promoting local development, iv) postwar/post-disaster community rebuilding experiences in Japan, v) roles, competences and inter-government relations in promoting local development.

Through these, participants will extract the lessons which can be referred to in strengthening the functions of regional/local government, and to resolve the issues faced by these governments. In addition, by reviewing the processes and mechanisms of public service delivery, it is expected to enhance the policy formation and implementation capacity in rebuilding a region/community which will not relapse into conflicts.

This training program not only puts emphasis on the study on the local governance but also on discussions on how to apply them for more stable development in their own countries.

II. Description

- 1. Title (Course No.):** Capacity Development of Local Government for Community Rebuilding in Conflict-Affected Countries (202107729J001)
 - ※ (201902675J003) only for Somalia
 - ※ (201903538J008) only for Yemen

- 2. Online Program Period (This program is exclusively online.)**

May 10, 2022 to May 23, 2022
16:00-21:00 (JST=UTC+9)

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- 3. Target Regions or Countries**

Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda

- 4. Eligible / Target Organization**
 - Regional/Local governments
 - Central ministry in charge of local governments

- 5. Capacity (Upper limit of Participants)**

12 participants

- 6. Language**

English

- 7. Objective**

Capacity of regional/local and central government officers in conflict-affected countries in charge of local development and community development will be strengthened in terms of policy/plan formulation and implementation.

- 8. Overall Goal**

The course will focus on the potentials and role of regional/local government in local and community development. Reference will be made to Japan's experience in local development, local government system, as well as post-war and post-disaster reconstruction processes. Participants will also share and learn views and experiences from other participants.

Expected Module Output and Contents:

This course consists of the following components. Details on each component are given below:

Expected Module Output	Subjects/Agendas	Methodology
<p>【Module Output 1】</p> <p>To review the relevance of promoting peacebuilding through community rebuilding in conflict-affected countries.</p>	<p>Framework of peacebuilding and case studies of support for the local government in conflict affected countries</p>	<p>Lecture Discussion (zoom)</p>
<p>【Module Output 2】</p> <p>To understand the roles and functions of local government system of Japan, including its history, institutional reforms and challenges.</p>	<p>Transition of local government system in Japan, Current local government system in Japan, Relationship between executive and legislature</p>	<p>Lecture (zoom)</p>
<p>【Module Output 3】</p> <p>To obtain the concrete images on how the local government functions in promoting development with a focus on relationship between government and communities, and extract lessons which could be referred to in strengthening local government functions to resolve issues of the own country.</p>	<p>(1) Local government mission and responsibility</p>	<p>Lecture Discussion (zoom)</p>
	<p>(2) Case study in Higashi-Hiroshima City</p> <p>a) Local government system in Higashi-Hiroshima City</p> <p>b) Comprehensive planning and citizen participation</p> <p>c) Community building based on government-citizen collaboration</p>	<p>Lecture (zoom)</p>
<p>【Module Output 4】</p> <p>To understand and acquire the lessons learned with regard to the role of local government in community rebuilding, which could be referred to in strengthening</p>	<p>(1) -Lessons from postwar reconstruction in Hiroshima prefecture -Observation of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park</p>	<p>Lecture (zoom)</p>
	<p>(2) Overview of Great East Japan Earthquake and implementation mechanism of reconstruction projects</p>	<p>Lecture (zoom)</p>

local government functions to resolve issues of the own country, based on Japan's postwar and post-disaster reconstruction experiences.	(3) Community development for reconstruction in Higashi-Matsushima City	Lecture (zoom)
	(4) Post-disaster reconstruction in Iwaki City a) Initiatives immediately after the earthquake b) Current challenges and initiatives	Lecture (zoom)
	(5) Activities of civilian organization for reconstruction in Iwaki	Lecture (zoom)
【Module Output 5】 To revisit opportunities and challenges of promoting peacebuilding through development, and elaborate policy recommendation/action plans.	(1) Reflection (2) Formulation and presentation of action plan	Discussion Exercise Presentation (zoom)

Note: The above contents may be subject to change.

III. Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations:

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.

2. Nominee Qualifications:

Applying Organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current duties: be local government officials (in conflict-affected regions), Central government officials in charge of local government or planning
- 2) Experience in the relevant field: have more than 5 years' experience
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Language: have a competent command of English (reading, writing, speaking and listening) to participate in the course
- 5) Health: must be in good health, both physically and mentally, to participate in the program

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: below and under fifty (50) years old
- 2) Gender Consideration: JICA is promoting gender equality. Women are encouraged to apply for the program.

(3) Pre-requirement **IMPORTANT**

The followings are pre-requirement to participate this online program

- 1) Hardware
 - a) PC or tablet *Smartphone is NOT acceptable.
 - b) Audio output device such as speaker or headset
 - c) Webcam/ PC camera
- 2) Internet Connection
5 Mbps is recommended. It handles video conferencing, download/upload files and light video streaming.

In order for the active online discussion, stable internet connection is necessary. Therefore, in the process of selection, we may conduct a brief online interview at the designated time. JICA will NOT provide expenses for internet connection.

3) Software

- Cisco Webex Meetings

https://www.webex.com/content/webex/c/en_US/index/downloads.html/

- Zoom Client for Meeting

<https://zoom.us/download>

-MS Office and MS Teams

*The software to be used is determined depending on availability of the participant's environment.

- 4) In case that the above-mentioned condition can't be prepared by applicants, JICA may consider to arrange the venue and environment. Participants are required to move to the designated place, mostly hotel or JICA Office, to participate in the online program if necessary.

3. Required Documents for Application:

(1) Application Form: The Application Form is available at **the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)**.

* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

(2) Photocopy of Passport: You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

*The following information should be included in the photocopy:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date

(3) Inception Report: To fill in the attached Inception Report and submit with the Application Form. Without the Report, the application will not be permitted.

(4) Organization Chart: To be submitted an Organization Chart of the whole government and of the applicant's organization together with the Application Form. Please clearly indicate the applicant's position on the chart. Submission of Organization Chart is considered to be an important factor in the selection process of participants.

4. Procedures for Application and Selection:

(1) Submission of the Application Documents:

Closing date for applications: **Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).**

(After receiving applications, the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will send them to **the JICA Center in JAPAN by March 7th, 2022**)

(2) Selection:

After receiving the documents through proper channels from your government, the JICA office (or the embassy of Japan) will conduct screenings, and then forward the documents to the JICA Center in Japan. Selection will be made by the JICA Center in consultation with concerned organizations in Japan. *The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.* Qualifications of applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military will be examined by the Government of Japan on a case-by-case basis, consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan, taking into consideration their duties, positions in the organization, and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner.

(3) Notice of Acceptance:

Notification of results will be made by the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) **not later than March 23rd, 2022.**

5. Document(s) to be submitted by accepted candidates:

Job and Country Report -- to be submitted by **April 20th, 2022.**

Only accepted candidates are required to prepare the Job and Country Report. Detailed information will be provided after the Notice of Acceptance.

6. Conditions for Attendance:

- (1)** to strictly adhere to the program schedule.
- (2)** not to change the program topics.
- (3)** to comply with the copyright policy.

IV. Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer: JICA Chugoku

(1) Center: JICA Chugoku Center (JICA CHUGOKU)

*"Chugoku" is the name of the region consisting of five (5) prefectures in western part of Japan's main island. JICA Chugoku is in charge of implementing JICA's projects/programs in the region.

(2) Program Officer: Ms. MURAKAMI Yayoi (cictp@jica.go.jp)

2. Implementing Partner:

(1) Name: Hiroshima International Center

(2) URL: <http://hiroshima-hip.or.jp/en/>

3. Expenses:

The following expenses will be provided for the participants in case the venue other than the participant's working place is designated by JICA based on JICA's rule:

(1) Allowances for accommodation, per-diem, transportation and insurance

V. ANNEX:

Inception Report

(Deadline is March 7th, 2022 same as Application Form)

All applicants are required to fill in the form and submit them with other application documents. This is used for the selection of applicants.

The report should be typewritten in English. (Three pages at maximum)

1. Applicant information

1. Name	[Family]	[First]	[Middle]
2. Country			
3. Contact	Tel.	Fax.	
4. Email address			
5. Job record	duration	The name of department, organization and the service it provides	
6. The present department			
7. Outline of the work content and the role of the department you belong to	• • • •		
8. Outline of work contents among 7. that you are in charge of at present	• • • •		
9. How you are involved in any type of JICA project, if you are involved.	• • • •		

2. Government status and programs/plans for peacebuilding

(1) Description of the conflicts and political crisis of your country (background of the conflicts, root causes of the conflicts)

(2) Current Status of the Governance Structure and System of your Country (Political System, administration system, layers of government institutions from national to local levels, etc.)

(3) Current issues on local development and community rebuilding in the process of peacebuilding

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(4) Measures taken for the improvement of local development and community rebuilding in the process of promoting peacebuilding

(Examples of good practice)

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(5) The role to play as a JICA participant

For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind

the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



Contact Information for Inquiries

For enquiries and further information, please contact the JICA overseas office or the Embassy of Japan. Further, address correspondence to:

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