

2.1 Overview of FY2014 ODA Evaluation

Chapter 2 provides an overview of ODA evaluations conducted by MOFA, other ministries and agencies, JICA, and partner country, mainly in FY2014.

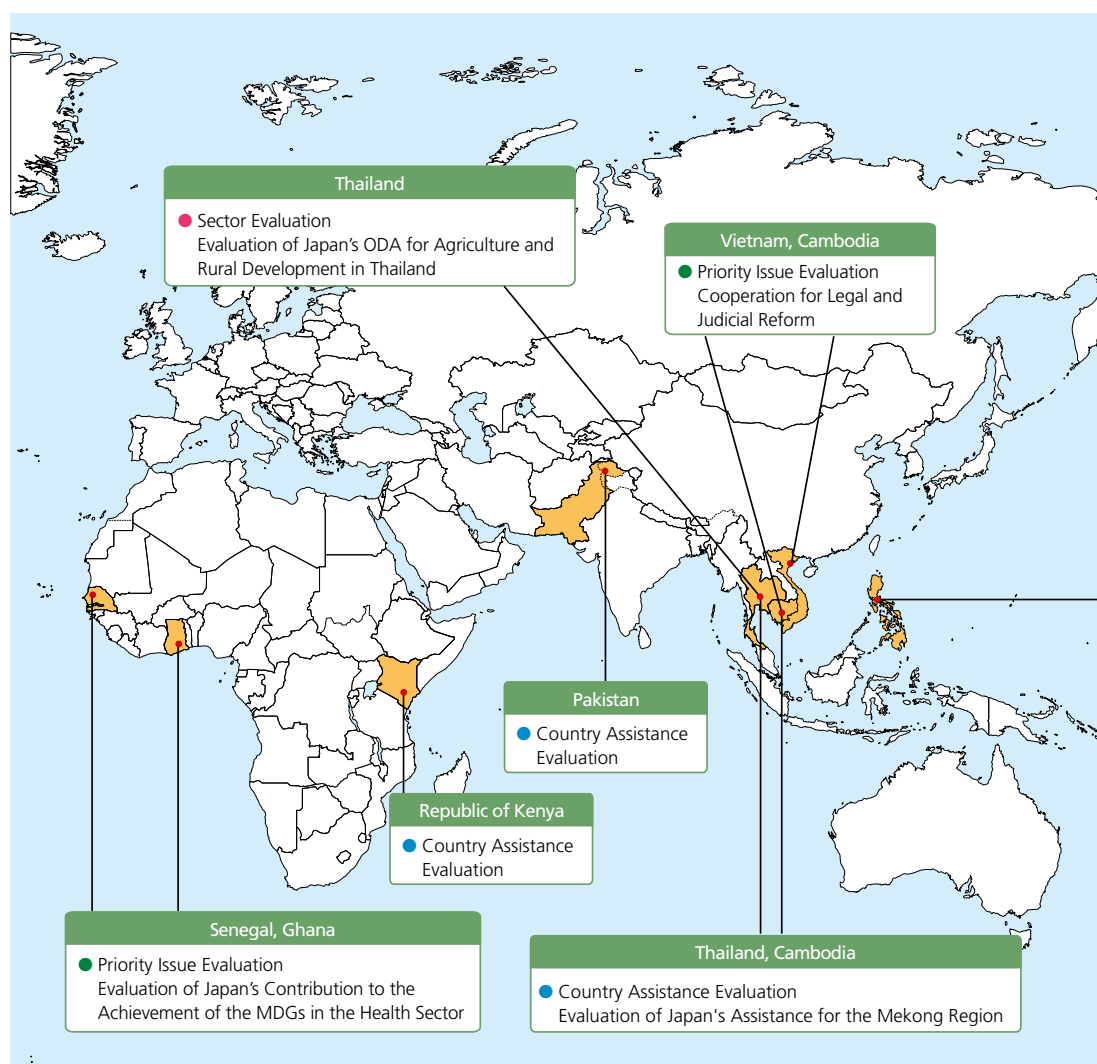
Evaluations by MOFA

MOFA implemented nine third-party ODA evaluations in FY2014 that it commissioned to external experts. This chapter provides an overview of these evaluations and presents MOFA's response measures (as of July 2015) to the recommendations derived from these evaluations.

As can be seen in the results of the Country Assistance Evaluation of Kenya, which comments, "Significant effects were ascertained in nearly all of the priority sectors for Japan's ODA to Kenya, therefore, the effectiveness of results is rated high," and the Evaluation of Cooperation for Legal and Judicial Reform, which comments, "Cooperation for legal and judicial reform has contributed greatly to Japan's diplomacy. The evaluation team evaluates highly of the fact that many of those who have become fond of and knowledgeable about Japan through the cooperation, characterized by active interaction at the personal level, have become central figures in the administration and in the business circles," Japan's assistance is desirable in terms of effectiveness and diplomatic impact. At the same time, as can be seen in the results of the Evaluation of the JICA Partnership Program, which comments, "There is room for improvement in some areas to facilitate better operation of the scheme as it was confirmed that local public relations activities were not enough since the project was implemented with limited manpower," some points for improvement of this assistance are presented. The original reports of the individual evaluation are available on the MOFA website.

Also, MOFA's ex-post monitoring on Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects and self-evaluation based on the GPEA are outlined.

- Country Assistance Evaluations: 3 (Japan's Assistance for the Mekong Region, Pakistan, Kenya)
- Priority Issue Evaluations: 3 (Cooperation for Legal and Judicial Reform, Humanitarian Assistance in Case of Emergency, Japan's Contribution to the Achievement of the MDGs in the Health Sector)
- Aid Modality Evaluation: 1 (Grand Aid for Countries with Relatively High Income)
- Other Evaluations: 2 (JICA Partnership Program, Review of Japan's ODA Evaluations from FY 2003 to 2013)



Operations Evaluations by JICA

JICA conducts project evaluations of individual projects, as well as thematic evaluations which analyze multiple projects from comprehensive and cross-sectoral perspectives. In FY2013, JICA conducted 76 external ex-post evaluations by third-party evaluators, 50 internal ex-post evaluations, mainly by JICA overseas offices, and 3 thematic evaluations. Chapter 2.4 provides an overview of such operations evaluations conducted by JICA. The details of JICA's individual evaluation results are available on the JICA website.

Evaluations by Other Ministries and Agencies in Japan

Other ministries and agencies conduct self-evaluations of ODA-related policies mainly based on the GPEA. This chapter lists the evaluation studies conducted by other ministries and agencies in FY2014.

Partner Country-led Evaluation

In FY2014, the Embassy of Japan in Thailand entrusted an evaluation of Japan's ODA assistance programs to an associate professor of a university in Thailand and others. This chapter presents an overview of this evaluation.

- Sector Evaluation: Evaluation of Japan's ODA for Agriculture and Rural Development in Thailand

