

# Grand Bargain annual self-reporting exercise:

## Japan

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## **Work stream 1 - Transparency**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has published information on grant, loan, technical cooperation and organizational matters in the IATI XML format since June 2014 (data since 2008).

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

In addition to the JICA's publication, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published ODA data of 2014 and 2015 in the IATI XML format in September, 2016 in order to strengthen transparency and accountability of Japan's ODA projects.

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

Japan continues to contribute to the work on ODA statistics of OECD/DAC along with modernization of ODA and publish Japan's ODA data in the IATI format.

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 2 – Localization**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan has a grant scheme to eligible nonprofit organizations including local and international NGOs and local public authorities, namely “Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (GGP).” In Japanese FY2015, Japan supported 855 projects amounting to 9.1 billion Japanese Yen (approximately 82.7 million USD) through the GGP.

Japan, in collaboration with OCHA Regional Office for Southern Africa (ROSA), has carried out a project to support strengthening national and regional capacities for effective preparedness and response as well as for enhanced resilience in the Southern Africa.

Japan also carries out support for emergency logistics preparedness in Pacific Island Countries, in collaboration with WFP.

Japan has carries out support to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) whose Implementing body is National Society (Red Cross and Red Crescent) of each country.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

Japan has continued its assistance to the local and national responders through the GGP scheme.

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 3 – Cash**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan utilizes cash-based transfers, including e-card and e-voucher, as one of the modalities of assistance in projects through WFP and UNHCR, where appropriate.

A Japanese NGO supported by the Government of Japan has provided cash assistance to vulnerable Syrian refugees and the host community as a part of an emergency winterization project in Jordan.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 4 – Management costs**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 5 – Needs Assessment**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan has utilized the UN Humanitarian Response Plans for policy planning and funding decisions.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 6 – Participation Revolution**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?



## **Work stream 7 - Multi-year planning and funding**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan develops “Rolling Plans”, which are a multi-year list of ongoing and planned projects through bilateral and multilateral channel, for all its partner countries and utilizes it at the occasion of policy dialogues with partner countries and donor coordination meetings.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 8 - Earmarking/flexibility**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan recognizes unearmarked and softly earmarked funding enable international organizations to respond to emergencies rapidly and to implement projects efficiently, effectively and flexibly. With this in mind, Japan has increased unearmarked and softly earmarked funding. Japan has decided to earmark projects for specific geographical areas and thematic areas, if appropriate, with thorough consultation with international organizations.

Japan has been contributing to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) since 2008, in terms of its financial readiness, flexibility and predictability for future humanitarian crisis. In 2016, Japan disbursed approximately 1.3 million USD to CERF.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 9 – Reporting requirements**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Japan utilizes annual report and financial report published by international organizations and does not request individual reports for the contribution from the original budget. While Japan requests project completion reports and financial reports for the projects funded through the supplementary budget and the emergency grant aid scheme, Japan does not request to use any specific format.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?

## **Work stream 10 – Humanitarian – Development engagement**

### **1. Baseline (only in year 1)**

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Strengthening response capacity of local government and communities are also important so as not to protract and recurrent crises. Japan has provided mid-to-long term assistance like capacity development including seminars for the disaster-management officials and technical cooperation to strengthen disaster response capacity of local communities. In addition, in terms of refugee issues, Japan is providing technical cooperation and loans to strengthen the response capacity of refugee hosting governments and communities.

In collaboration with UNHCR and UNDP, Japan has been implementing the “humanitarian-development nexus” in nine countries in Sub-Sahara Africa and the Middle East, providing a total of approximately 110 million US dollars assistance for refugees and host communities.

Japan commits to provide a concessional loan of up to 100 billion yen (approximately 900 million US dollars) to support the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Fund in April, 2016.

### **2. Progress to date**

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

Japan commits to provide support amounting approximately 100 million US dollars to the World Bank’s Global Concessional Financing Facility (GCF) in September, 2016.

### **3. Planned next steps**

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

### **4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)**

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

### **5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)**

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?