The Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) grants in the FY18 portfolio are aligned with the program’s strategic framework.

Innovative. Projects apply innovative development approaches or ideas. Some projects may comprise entirely new innovations. Others may replicate approaches that have not yet been adopted in the recipient country, but have been tested successfully in other countries.

Responsive to the poor. Projects support community-driven development by empowering vulnerable or marginalized groups at the grassroots level to participate in efforts to improve their livelihoods.

Promote rapid response. Projects provide reasonably rapid results and deliver benefits to targeted stakeholders.

Build capacity. Projects empower and strengthen local communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations (CSOs), and other stakeholders to improve their organizational and institutional capacities to engage target groups in their development.

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**JSDF’s Catalytic Role**

- Grants reach poorest and marginalized groups not accessible by other interventions.
- Projects pilot innovative activities that can be scaled up through World Bank Group (WBG) operations and that inform government policies.

Forty-four projects in the FY18 portfolio (of which 7 approved grants were pending effectiveness) were developed around five of the JSDF program’s thematic areas of focus along with their corresponding and established program-level results framework:

(i) **Livelihood Support**;

(ii) **Improved Nutrition and Early Childhood Development**;

(iii) **Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural Practices**;

(iv) **Local Governance and Accountability**; and

(v) **Basic Health and Sanitation Services**.

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**Achieving Development Results at a Glance**

**Livelihood Support**

- 80,668 direct beneficiaries (67 percent female)
- 23,268 persons started new employment/businesses under eight projects
- 71,632 persons received skills training and business management support
- 154 percent average increase in household incomes in nine projects
- 80 percent of beneficiaries of capacity building were female and
- 95 percent of beneficiaries were still in business at project closure in rural Ghana
- 100 percent of participating municipalities in the Philippines integrated community enterprises (created under the project) into local economic development plans

**Environmentally Sustainable Agricultural Practices**

- 10,431 direct beneficiaries (47 percent female)
- 7,873 farmers trained in sustainable agricultural practices
- 41 percent increase in yields and 49 percent rise in sales in participating farms in Kyrgyz Republic
Projects apply aligned with the FY18 portfolio are JSDF grants in the Development Fund.

**RESULTS AT A GLANCE**

**ACHIEVING DEVELOPMENT**

- Promote rapid response.
- Empower and strengthen local stakeholders.
- Influence policies.
- Inform government operations.
- Scale up activities by other interventions.
- Develop innovative development activities.

**RESULTS BY THE NUMBERS**

**IMPROVED NUTRITION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**

- **733,993 direct beneficiaries** (73 percent female)
  - 79,739 practitioners, adolescent girls, lactating mothers, and pregnant women benefited from nutrition education, basic nutrition, and early child care and development (ECCD) services
  - 35,514 vulnerable children enrolled in ECCD programs toward transitioning to mainstream schools
  - 140,000 children <2 years received micronutrient sprinkles, over 17,000 pregnant women received iron supplements, and 17.5 percent increase in households growing nutritious agricultural products between 2015 and 2017 in Tajikistan
  - 1,000 families trained in sweet potato cutting in Timor-Leste
  - 97 percent of some 18,000 beneficiaries received cash transfers on time in Togo

**LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

- **442,640 direct beneficiaries** (73 percent female)
  - 8,626 poor and vulnerable people participating in the Social Accountability Framework process (access to information, open budget, citizen monitoring) in Cambodia were able to cite at least two standards for schools and health center services
  - 4,814 poor and vulnerable people participating in Social Accountability Framework process in Cambodia were able to cite changes for school, health center, and commune budgets (budget awareness)

**BASIC HEALTH AND SANITATION SERVICES**

- **248,430 direct beneficiaries** (55 percent female)
  - 222,635 persons with access to improved sanitation facilities
  - 19,889 beneficiaries of post-Ebola mental health interventions in Liberia
  - 59 percent improvement in depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and disability among beneficiaries in Liberia

**LEVERAGING DEVELOPMENT RESULTS**

FY18 JSDF Leverage: Scaling Up into WBG-Financed Projects

- JSDF Grants of **$16 M**
  - leveraged over **$280 M** in World Bank Project Financing (FY17-18)

Examples of JSDF Grants and Leveraging

- JSDF grant for Social Inclusion and Improvement of Livelihoods of Youth, Vulnerable Women and Handicapped in Post-Conflict Western Cote d’Ivoire: $2.70 M leveraged $90 M
- IDA through Youth Employment and Skills Development Additional Financing and Youth Employment Projects.
- JSDF grant for Zambia Livelihood Improvement Project amounting to $2.75 M helped leverage $65 M World Bank-financed Girl’s Education and Women’s Empowerment and Livelihoods Project.