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ODA Bureau, Office for Government Policy and Evaluation

Summary of evaluation set-up and reporting system

The purpose of evaluation is to improve international development cooperation projects through feedback on assessment findings and ensure accountability by measuring and reporting the outcome of such projects.

Evaluation procedures for Korea’s international development cooperation projects (planning, execution, determination of results, disclosure, and feedback) are accomplished under the supervision of the Subcommittee for Evaluation under the Committee for
International Development Cooperation. The Subcommittee consists of key supervisory ministries and executing agencies for official development assistance (ODA), as well as civilian experts. The Office for Government Policy Coordination serves as its secretariat.

The Subcommittee reviews the evaluation plans, assessment findings, and feedback plans of those ministries and agencies, and examines the status of feedback. It also selects major projects in the field of policy and strategy, by country, and by sector, and evaluates them through an external assessment. Moreover, the Subcommittee conducts a meta-evaluation every two years to diagnose and improve the quality of self-assessments conducted by the ministries and agencies.

To ensure transparency and accountability in assessment, the OPC makes evaluation results publicly available on its ODA website (www.odakorea.go.kr). The ministries and agencies provide the Subcommittee (Office for Government Policy Coordination) with their feedback plans regarding recommendations based on the evaluation findings. The Subcommittee monitors the implementation of these plans on a semi-annual basis as part of its feedback mechanism and ensures that evaluation results are applied to policy-making and project execution. In addition, the Office for Government Policy Coordination carries out evaluation training regularly to enhance the competencies of personnel at those ministries and agencies.