

## History

- 1959** Republic of China (Taiwan) initiates overseas technical assistance, sending its first group of agricultural specialists to Vietnam.
- 1961** Under Operation Vanguard, technical missions help to improve agricultural production in many African countries, expanding its operations to become the Sino-Africa Technical Cooperation Committee (SATCC) the following year.
- 1972** SATCC merged into the Committee of International Technical Cooperation (CITC), leading Taiwan's overseas technical cooperation work and assisting partner nations in their agricultural development.
- 1989** At a time when Taiwan enters a period of rapid economic growth, the government establishes the International Economic Cooperation Development Fund (IECDF) to provide economic assistance to developing partners.
- 1996** The government dissolves the IECDF and establishes an independent organization, the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), on July 1. The following year, the CITC is incorporated into the TaiwanICDF.

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# Partnerships for Progress and Sustainable Development

## About Us

Since the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) was founded in 1996 as Taiwan's professional development assistance organization, we have been dedicated to assisting friendly or developing countries in economic, social and human resource development, and in promoting economic relationships among these countries through technical cooperation, lending and investment, international education and training, and humanitarian assistance. By utilizing the organization's funds and their yields to engage in direct and indirect investments, and by implementing bilateral and multilateral technical cooperation, educational training programs, or humanitarian aid, the TaiwanICDF's mission is to provide humanitarian assistance for countries that suffer from natural disasters, or for international refugees.

## Strategy

- Respond to international development trends.
- Draw on Taiwan's comparative advantages.
- Integrate public and private sector resources.
- Strengthen cooperative partnerships.

In 2016 the UN Sustainable Development Goals set a common agenda for international cooperation and development work. The TaiwanICDF takes the SDGs into consideration in its strategic planning, designing projects accordingly in Taiwan's comparative advantages in agriculture, public health and medicine, education, ICT, the environment, and SMEs. By effectively allocating resources to these priority areas and expanding the synergy of project implementation, the TaiwanICDF will continue to share Taiwan's development experience with partner countries and the global community.



### Agriculture

Capitalizing on Taiwan's strengths in agriculture, the TaiwanICDF helps partner countries boost crop production, improve nutrition, and design more effective agricultural policies. We assist farmers' organizations, provide loans, and train farmers to empower them. We bring technology to bear in the field to improve cultivars and disease prevention and quarantine efforts. We aim also to help partner countries mitigate the effects of climate change, increase agricultural production, improve farmers' lives, and strengthen agricultural value chains.



### Public Health and Medicine

The international community is focused on improving the welfare of all people of all ages. The TaiwanICDF combines Taiwan's rich experience in public health and medicine as it works with partner countries through projects addressing maternal and infant care, chronic disease prevention, and health information systems. In planning and implementing projects, the TaiwanICDF brings together resources of public and private health care institutions and dispatches volunteers, while also offering health personnel training. Through this approach, we help our partner countries improve their health systems and move toward sustainable development and a healthier citizenry.



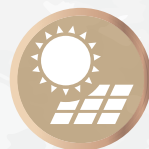
### Education

Human capital is the backbone of every economy and serves as the foundation for national competitiveness. The TaiwanICDF's education and training programs help partner countries strengthen their capacity. We draw on Taiwan's higher education resources to offer scholarships for the tertiary education of promising students from Taiwan's partner countries. Other workshops are tailored for government officials and specialists. Moreover, through the use of financial tools and consultation, the TaiwanICDF facilitates loans and provides technical assistance that bolsters the vocational education and training system of partner countries.



### Information and Communications Technology

Taiwan has a wealth of experience in information and communications technology and e-government. As ICT may accelerate poverty reduction and enhance governance in developing countries, the TaiwanICDF assists allies in building e-government systems and establishing ICT centers. At these centers, officials and staff can learn how to use technology for more effective governance and improve their ICT capabilities. At the same time, by strengthening partner countries' internet security and supporting them to meet international standards, the TaiwanICDF is helping partner countries make a key transition and move toward sustainable development.



### Environment

As a responsible member of the global village, Taiwan is sharing its experience in environmental sustainability. To help partner countries respond effectively to climate change, the TaiwanICDF is deploying Taiwan's advanced environmental monitoring systems to enhance disaster response and management mechanisms of our partner countries. The TaiwanICDF also actively invests in sustainable energy, implementing pilot projects and providing loans to partner countries to develop green energy infrastructure, and holds workshops to share Taiwan's experiences in sustainable development and related technologies, helping partner countries build capacity.



### Small and Medium Enterprises

Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) play a key role in global goals to reduce poverty and drive economic development. The TaiwanICDF has utilized the resources and experience gained from our own development to assist partner countries in increasing the output and efficiency of SMEs. We connect government agencies and stakeholders, and collaborate with international development institutions to help establish sound ecosystems that promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth.



### Engaging with the global community for sustainable development

As the world community grows ever closer, the TaiwanICDF continues to work with intergovernmental and regional organizations. Moreover, we strengthen partnerships with international non-governmental organizations through our humanitarian assistance projects. Today, sustainable development is a universal goal. The TaiwanICDF is working with partner countries, one step at a time, to contribute to global sustainable development.