

Special Reports



Poverty alleviation and the promotion of sustainable development have become the mutual responsibility of all nations on earth. In order to realize the goals of social and economical development, environmental protection and sustainable resources management, international organizations need to integrate various materials and strategies.

Ten years after the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, the progress of alleviating poverty in developing countries is still very limited. Eradication of some devastating endemics may have improved the overall quality of life, but new problems such as HIV/AIDS have brought significant new challenges.

Globalization has greatly increased the flow of commodities, services, and capital around the world. However, some developing countries have not benefited from this trend and they have suffered even more because of the uneven distribution of wealth. The poverty gap has expanded, causing new and serious problems.

All these issues demonstrate the difficulty and the complexity of international assistance. Facing the challenges ahead, the ICDF constantly adopts the latest international assistance trends to help achieve sustainable development. The ICDF has done so by integrating investment and lending, technical assistance, education and training, as well as medical and social services. Furthermore, the ICDF cooperates with international institutions and organizations on a bilateral or multilateral basis. This strategy boosts the chances for success and expands Taiwan's presence in the global arena.

This year's special reports describe the ICDF's overall international assistance efforts, focusing on past achievements and the challenges ahead.