

**International Cooperation & Development Affairs**

**Annual Report 2022**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

**Republic of China (Taiwan)**

**August 28, 2023**

## Table of Contents

<b>I. Foreign Aid Policies of the Republic of China (Taiwan)</b> .....	1
1. Legal Basis .....	1
2. Global Trends .....	1
3. Mutual Assistance and Reciprocity .....	2
4. Targeted Impacts .....	2
<b>II. Official Development Assistance from the International Community &amp; Taiwan</b> .....	2
1. Official Development Assistance from the International Community .....	2
2. Official Development Assistance from Taiwan .....	5
<b>III. Taiwan's International Cooperation &amp; Development Affairs in 2022</b> .....	7
1. Bilateral Cooperation .....	8
(i) Infrastructure Assistance .....	8
(ii) Technical Assistance .....	18
(iii) Humanitarian Assistance .....	19
(iv) Educational Training .....	20
2. Cooperating with Like-minded Nations & Multilateral Cooperation .....	22
(i) Cooperating with Like-minded Nations .....	22
(ii) Implementation of Cross-Regional & International Organization Cooperation .....	23
(iii) Cooperating with International NGOs (INGOs) .....	28
<b>IV. Showcasing Taiwan's Commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b> .....	31
1. Eradicating Poverty and Hunger .....	31
2. Deepening Health Cooperation .....	32
3. Facilitating Talent Development .....	33
4. Ensuring Environmental Sustainability .....	34
5. Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment .....	35
6. Co-creating Economic Prosperity .....	36
<b>V. Conclusion</b> .....	37

## **I. Foreign Aid Policies of the Republic of China (Taiwan)**

According to the Constitution of the Republic of China (Taiwan), "[t]he foreign policy of the Republic of China shall, in a spirit of independence and initiative and on the basis of the principles of equality and reciprocity, cultivate good-neighborliness with other nations, and respect treaties and the Charter of the United Nations, in order to protect the rights and interests of Chinese citizens residing abroad, promote international cooperation, advance international justice and ensure world peace." The international cooperation and development affairs of Taiwan, therefore, aim to cultivate good-neighborliness with other nations, strengthen relations with friendly states, fulfill international responsibilities and obligations, give back to the global community, and support humanitarianism while upholding the Constitution and observing global trends.

### **1. Legal Basis**

In May 2009, Taiwan published its first White Paper on Foreign Aid Policy, asserting Progressive Partnerships and Sustainable Development at the heart of its foreign aid efforts. In June 2010, the International Cooperation and Development Act (ICDA) was promulgated along with six subordinate legislations. According to the ICDA and its six subordinate legislations, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) and other government agencies shall first commission the International Cooperation and Development Fund (TaiwanICDF) or other legal entities, organizations or professionals to handle any international cooperation and development affairs.

MOFA established the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Database in 2010 and updated its database in 2023 to comply with regulations set forth by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The ODA Database provides a compilation of information related to international cooperation and development affairs undertaken by Taiwan's government agencies. The information is regularly updated and compiled into an annual report that is then presented to the Executive Yuan for submission to the Legislative Yuan. Subsequently, the report is published on the MOFA website for public access. Information on ODA efforts by Taiwan is also presented to the OECD through TaiwanICDF. The procedures above ensure that Taiwan's international cooperation and development affairs are legal, professional, transparent, and aligned with international practices.

### **2. Global Trends**

In January 2016, the UN declared its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), thereby

announcing the future development trends for the world's economy, society, and environment. Taiwan has adopted the SDGs in the promotion of its international cooperation and development. In addition to assisting partner nations through official government engagements, Taiwan seeks to bring in private resources, share its own experiences, and develop sustainable partnerships with diplomatic allies and friendly nations.

### **3. Mutual Assistance & Reciprocity**

Taiwan upholds the principles of Steadfast Diplomacy in providing foreign aid, choosing to work with partner nations when developing cooperation and development programs. In the spirit of Reciprocity, Mutual Assistance, and Facilitating Sustainable Development, Taiwan respects the policies of partner nations and prioritizes the needs of its people while taking into account the competitive industries and advanced technologies of Taiwan to ensure cooperation and development programs benefit both nations and their peoples, fulfill the UN SDGs, and generate sustainable prosperity.

### **4. Targeted Impacts**

To ensure cooperation programs between Taiwan and partner nations meet the demands for overall economic and social development, Taiwan adopts a bilateral consultation mechanism with partner nations to jointly determine cooperation programs and also takes into account the partner nation's current infrastructure. Taiwan's diplomatic missions abroad regularly evaluate and track the progress of cooperation programs. The MOFA and other government agencies also send experts, when necessary, for on-site visits to monitor program progress and ensure the program is fulfilling its goals of benefiting the people of diplomatic allies or friendly nations.

## **II. Official Development Assistance from the International Community & Taiwan**

### **1. Official Development Assistance from the International Community**

In the Detailed Summary Note of the ODA Levels in 2022 – Preliminary Data<sup>1</sup>, the OECD points out that official development assistance (ODA) by member countries<sup>2</sup> of its Development Assistance Committee (DAC) amounted to US\$204.0 billion in 2022 and total ODA rose by 13.6% compared to 2021. ODA from member countries as per cent of their gross national income (GNI) was 0.36% **in 2022**, an increase from the 0.33% in 2021 and a new high.

The ODA increase from DAC members was primarily due to costs for assisting refugees in Europe, which amounted to US\$29.3 billion in 2022 and represented 14.4% of DAC member countries' total ODA. With the pandemic now easing around the world, DAC countries spent US\$11.2 billion on COVID-19 related activities in 2022, a 45% decrease from 2021.

Bilateral sovereign loans by DAC countries increased by 36.1% between 2021 and 2022. The three countries that provided the highest shares of bilateral ODA as sovereign loans were Japan (60%), Korea (32%), and France (22%). By contrast, sovereign lending by EU Institutions increased by 110% and represented 24% of its bilateral ODA.

In 2022, the United States continued to be the largest DAC member provider of ODA (US\$55.3 billion), comprising more than a quarter of total DAC ODA, followed by Germany (US\$35.0 billion), Japan (US\$17.5 billion), France (US\$15.9 billion) and the United Kingdom (US\$15.7 billion). For more information, please refer to Figure 1.

The average country effort of OECD/DAC members based on ODA as a percentage of GNI is 0.45%. For more information, please refer to Figure 2. The following countries met or exceeded the United Nations' ODA as a percentage of GNI target of 0.7%: Luxembourg (1.00%), Sweden (0.90%), Norway (0.86%), Germany (0.83%), and Denmark (0.70%). Countries beyond the DAC to have met or exceeded the UN's ODA/GNI target include Türkiye (0.79%) and Saudi Arabia (0.74%). G7 donors provided 75% of total ODA and DAC-EU countries 45%. In general, ODA rose in 26 DAC member countries.

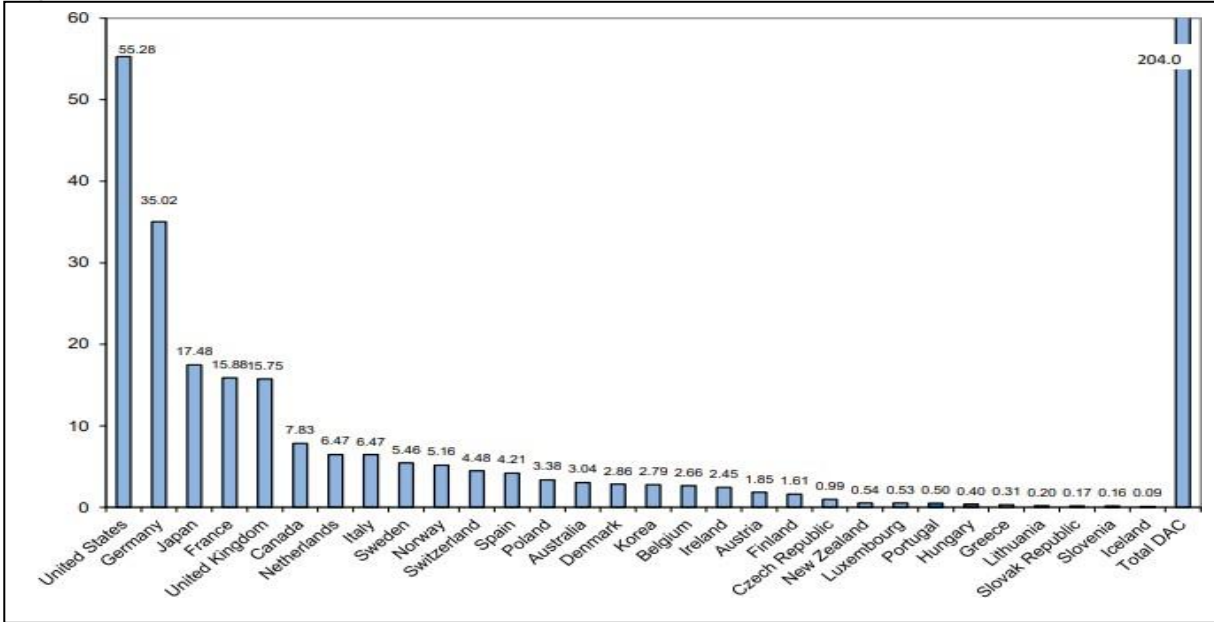
While not a member of the OECD or DAC, Taiwan has long been dedicated to international cooperation and development. The report from OECD points out that Taiwan has increased its ODA in 2022 by 23.7% from 2021, donating a total of US\$432 million.

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/ODA-2022-summary.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has 38 members and its Development Assistance Committee (DAC) has 32 members, including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union. The seven OECD members that are not currently DAC members include Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Israel, Latvia, Mexico, and Türkiye. While the EU is a DAC member, it is not a member of the OECD.

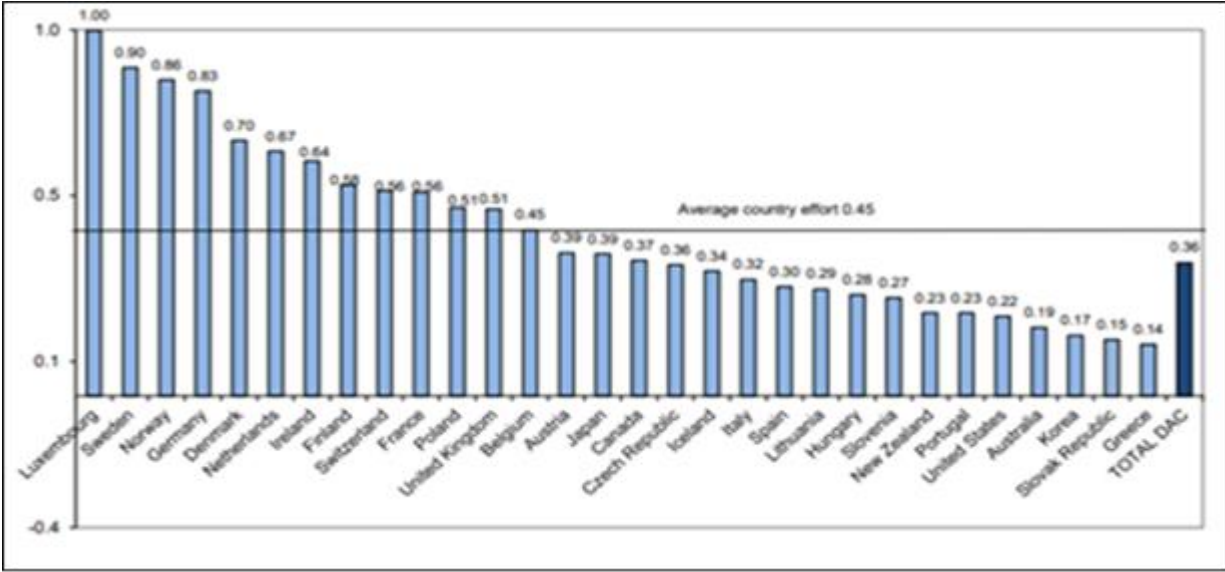
Figure 1: ODA in 2022 from OECD/DAC Members - Amount



Source: OECD

(Unit: US\$1 billion)

Figure 2: ODA in 2022 from OECD/DAC Members - Percentage of GNI



Source: OECD

(Unit: US\$1 billion)

## 2. Official Development Assistance from Taiwan

Taiwan's international cooperation and development programs are developed in accordance with the policies of partner nations and to meet the people's needs. While there are minor variations in funding for international cooperation and development programs from year to year, a general increase throughout the years has been observed. In 2022, Taiwan's ODA amounted to NT\$12,857,993,243, which is equivalent to around US\$432 million. ODA contributions from Taiwan in 2022 increased by US\$123 million from the US\$309 million in 2021. ODA as a percentage of GNI also increase by from 0.04% in 2021 to 0.055% in 2022.

Cooperation projects between Taiwan and diplomatic allies or friendly nations in 2022 covered production such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, and husbandry (29.20%); commodity aid and program assistance (25.54%); social infrastructure and services (22.06%), humanitarian aid (7.6%), economic infrastructure and services (5.9%), cross-cutting support (4.96%), and others (4.74%). ODA statistics can be found in the table below:

<b>Taiwan ODA in 2022 by Category</b>		
Category	Amount (USD)	Percentage (%)
<b>Total ODA</b>	<b>431,809,559.16</b>	100%
<b>GNI</b>	<b>780,209,000,000.00</b>	-
<b>ODA/GNI (%)</b>	<b>0.0553%</b>	-
<b>Social Infrastructure &amp; Services</b>	<b>95,252,501.19</b>	<b>22.06%</b>
Education	11,489,946.65	2.66%
Health	12,534,768.93	2.90%
Water Supply & Sanitation	650,000.00	0.15%
Government & Civil Society	11,860,556.01	2.75%
Government & Civil Society - General	1,509,203.46	0.35%
Conflict, Peace & Security	467,496.60	0.11%
Other Social Infrastructure & Services	23,527,088.92	5.45%
COVID-19 Prevention & Control	33,213,440.63	7.69%
<b>Economic Infrastructure &amp; Services</b>	<b>25,493,271.82</b>	<b>5.90%</b>
Transport & Storage	45,457.37	0.01%
Information & Communications Technologies	562,077.72	0.13%
Energy Generation & Supply	131,828.40	0.03%
Energy Policies	56,053.26	0.01%

Renewable Energy Generation	4,398,774.00	1.02%
<b>Taiwan ODA in 2022 by Category</b>		
Energy Supply	70,524.23	0.02%
Banking & Financial Services	12,162,952.62	2.82%
Other Economic Infrastructure & Services	5,466,854.45	1.27%
Financial Intermediaries - Public Sector	2,598,749.77	0.60%
<b>Production Sector</b>	<b>126,075,755.98</b>	<b>29.20%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing	44,940,278.65	10.41%
Industry, Mining, Construction	14,001,982.52	3.24%
Tourism	67,301,409.64	15.59%
<b>Multi-Sector/Cross-Cutting</b>	<b>21,419,660.99</b>	<b>4.96%</b>
General Environmental Protection	976,818.23	0.23%
Other Multi-sector/Aid	5,000,000.00	1.16%
Multi-sector Education/Training	15,442,842.76	3.58%
<b>Commodity Aid/General Program Assistance</b>	<b>110,262,702.50</b>	<b>25.54%</b>
General Budget Support	108,545,743.00	25.14%
Development Food Assistance	56,088.26	0.01%
Other Commodity Aid	1,660,871.25	0.38%
<b>Humanitarian Aid</b>	<b>32,829,681.91</b>	<b>7.60%</b>
Crisis Management	23,998,475.97	5.56%
Rebuilding	7,928,687.22	1.84%
Disaster Prevention	902,518.72	0.21%
<b>Others</b>	<b>20,475,984.76</b>	<b>4.74%</b>
Administrative Fees of Aid Providers	16,338,022.61	3.78%
Unallocated/Unspecified	1,825,276.19	0.42%
Development/Aid Awareness	2,312,685.97	0.54%
<b>Total</b>	<b>431,809,559.16</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: ODA Database, MOFA



### **III. Taiwan's International Cooperation & Development Affairs in 2022**

Taiwan promotes international cooperation and development through bilateral partnerships that are expanded into multilateral cooperation programs (including aid and loans) to assist partner nations develop. Cooperation programs can be found below:

#### **1. Bilateral Cooperation**

##### **(1) Infrastructure Assistance**

Major categories and cooperation programs relating to infrastructure are listed below:

##### **a. Social Infrastructure Programs**

Infrastructure is the cornerstone of national development. Taiwan seeks to strengthen the competitiveness of partner nations and enhance the quality of life of their peoples by helping them improve their social infrastructure. Such efforts support SDG 1: End poverty; SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all; SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all; and SDG 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

##### **(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. Exchange information on compensation for environmental damage according to the Agreement on Technical and Scientific Cooperation in Soil and Groundwater Protection Between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam and the Vietnam Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei.
- ii. Cooperate with Thailand on the Landslide and Surface Erosion Prevention Project (Phase III).

##### **(b) West Asia & Africa:**

Cooperate with Türkiye to plant 30,000 Turkish pine trees in the Taiwan Friendship Forest.

##### **(c) Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

Mobilization of Technical Services and Capital to Strengthen Community-based and Municipal Operated Water and Sanitation Systems in Honduras.

**(d) Europe:**

- i. Donated funding to rebuild Kharkiv and other Ukrainian cities.
- ii. Donated funding to rebuild Bucha, Ukraine.
- iii. Provided donations to renovate Slubek Garden in the old town of Bratislava, Slovakia.

**b. Educational & Cultural Programs**

Human resources are the key to national competitiveness and education is an important factor for realizing the UN SDGs. Through education and training, Taiwan assists partner nation with nurturing high-caliber human resources. Soft power and cultural projects also foster exchanges and deepen relations with other countries.

**(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. Taiwan Digital Opportunities Centers (TDOC) — Palau, the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Nauru.
- ii. Signed the Agreement Between the Republic of China (Taiwan) and Tuvalu on Police Cooperation.
- iii. Overseas Volunteer Programs — Thailand, Palau, Tuvalu, and the Marshall Islands.
- iv. Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project — Palau.
- v. Healthcare Personnel Training Program — Fiji.
- vi. Sponsored the 2022 Toy Library Project for Central Vietnam Early Childhood Centers conducted by the Zhi-Shan Foundation TAIWAN— Vietnam.
- vii. Sponsored the Community Resilience Project — Fire Risks and Crisis Management conducted by the Taiwan Fund for Children and Families — the Philippines.
- viii. Sponsored the 2022 Asian Girls Campaign conducted by the Garden of Hope Foundation — India and Nepal.

**(b) West Asia & Africa:**

- i. Up-skilling and Lifelong Training Program in Eswatini.
- ii. Healthcare Personnel Training Program — Eswatini.
- iii. Overseas Volunteer Programs — Eswatini, Uganda, Kenya, and Jordan.
- iv. Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project — Türkiye and Jordan.
- v. Cooperated with the South African Wilderness Foundation Africa (WFA) for Project Imbewu, and educational project.
- vi. Sponsored donations organized by the Taiwan Toy Library Association under the Spread Love Campaign — Eswatini.
- vii. Sponsored Traditional Chinese Teaching Programs organized by the Pu-Hsien Educational Foundation — Eswatini, Malawi, Lesotho, Namibia, Mozambique, and Madagascar.

**(c) Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- i. School Meals for Impoverished Children Project in Belize (to ensure universal education and close the wealth gap).
- ii. Donated 50 police body cameras to Belize.
- iii. Taiwan-Paraguay Polytechnic University Program.
- iv. Vocational Training Projects in Latin America and the Caribbeans.
- v. Overseas Professional Mandarin Teaching Project — Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, and Paraguay.
- vi. Healthcare Personnel Training Program — Belize and Saint Lucia.
- vii. Overseas Volunteer Programs — Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, and Paraguay.
- viii. Co-organized the Ocean Challenge with the AIT Kaohsiung Branch Office.

**c. Healthcare & Medical Programs**

Taiwan has long implemented public health and medical cooperation projects with diplomatic allies and friendly nations to share Taiwan's advanced professional knowledge, technologies, and experiences in public health and medicine to strengthen public health and healthcare capabilities in these countries. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020, Taiwan has assisted the international community with epidemic prevention by donating pandemic supplies and sharing its experiences on epidemic prevention, putting a spotlight on Taiwan's medical

and public health capacity.

**(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. Assisted the Chinese Christian Medical Mission with donations of second-hand dental equipment to charitable clinics in remote areas of Myanmar and Nepal.
- ii. Cooperated with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Vietnam on an Environmental Monitoring Cooperation Project.
- iii. Exchanged information on environmental technology information with Vietnam under the Agreement on Technical and Scientific Cooperation in Soil and Groundwater Protection Between the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Vietnam and the Vietnam Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei.
- iv. Mid-to-long Term Project for Medical Cooperation and Industry Chain Development under the New Southbound Policy — Vietnam.
- v. New Southbound Policy — Project to promote education and training for international psychiatric and mental health professionals and develop a platform for international cooperation.
- vi. Medical Cooperation and Industry Chain Development Project under the New Southbound Policy — Vietnam.
- vii. Medical Cooperation and Industry Chain Development Project under the New Southbound Policy (Phase II) —Ten centers in seven countries — India, Indonesia (two centers), Myanmar, the Philippines, Vietnam (two centers), Thailand, and Malaysia (two centers)
- viii. Taipei Veterans General Hospital signed MOUs with major medical institutions in Vietnam, including Vinmec Health System, Viet Duc Hospital (renewal), Thu Duc District Hospital (renewal), and the University Medical Center, Ho Chih Minh City (UMC; renewal); Taichung Veterans General Hospital signed MOUs with medical institutions in Vietnam, including UMC, Bach Mai Hospital, Viet Duc Hospital, and Cho Ray Hospital; Kaohsiung Veterans General Hospital signed MOUs with University Medical Shing Mark Hospital, Thu Duc District Hospital, UMC, and Viet Duc Hospital.
- ix. Taichung Veterans General Hospital signed an MOU with Universitas Indonesia and the National University of Malaysia (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia).
- x. Taiwan and Palau signed the Memorandum of Understanding of Forensic Pathologists

Cooperation.

- xi. Medical Cooperation Project with Pacific Allies and Friendly Countries - Palau, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tuvalu, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.

**(b) West Asia & Africa:**

- i. Public Health and Medicine Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini.
- ii. Public Health and Medicine Enhancement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini.
- iii. Renovation of the Mbabane Government Hospital Referral and Emergency Complex.
- iv. Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini (Phase II).
- v. Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in Somaliland.
- vi. Computer donation to family hospitals in Darkhan-UUL Province, Mongolia.
- vii. Medical exchange to assist in the organization of health screening activities for the elderly in the Orkhon Province, Mongolia.
- viii. Improved medical equipment to support the renovation of health care facilities in Dundgobi Province, Mongolia
- ix. Donation of an artificial intelligence electrocardiogram machine to the Mongolia's National Rehabilitation Center and another to the Third State Central Hospital.
- x. Donation of information technology equipment to medical and health care facilities in the Bayan-Ulgii Province, Mongolia
- xi. Sponsored the Noordhoff Craniofacial Foundation's cleft and dental mission in rural Mongolia.

**(c) Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- i. Project for Strengthening Medical Emergency Response in Haiti.
- ii. Signed the MOU on the Consultancy Project for Disaster Management and Medical Capacity Building in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines under the Taiwan International Health Action (TaiwanIHA) framework.
- iii. Public Health Medical Emergency Response System Strengthening Project in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- iv. Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Metabolic Chronic Diseases in St. Kitts and Nevis.

- v. Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Paraguay (Phase II).
- vi. Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for the Improvement of Maternal & Neonatal Health in Guatemala.
- vii. Construction project of the National Hospital of Chimaltenango in Guatemala.
- viii. Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Honduras.
- ix. COVID-19 capacity building project with Jamaica.
- x. Supported Sunshine Social Welfare Foundation with personnel training program for the rehabilitation of burn victims in Central and South America - Paraguay, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, and Portugal.

#### **d. Economic Infrastructure Programs**

"Zero poverty," "decent work and economic growth," and "reduced inequalities" are key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The COVID-19 pandemic has a significant impact on issues such as employment, economic growth, and incomes, and poses a threat to human rights and equality, particularly for women and young girls. Taiwan is actively engaged in diplomatic cooperation, using financial instruments to work with partner governments, and investing in critical infrastructure projects to establish sustainable operating models. These joint efforts are aimed at improving the quality of life for the people in these countries. In addition, through the use of financing tools, women can improve their economic productivity and increase their household income, giving them the opportunity for financial and economic independence.

##### **(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. Sponsored the Garden of Hope Foundation's Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANW) and the Asian Girls Campaign.
- ii. Palau Women and Youth Entrepreneurs and MSMEs Re-lending Project.

##### **(b) Central Asia, West Asia & Africa:**

- i. Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini.
- ii. Transport Technical Cooperation Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia).

- iii. Donated Taiwan-developed precious water pans to Mongolia to address global extreme weather and desertification issues.

**(c) Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- i. Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era.
- ii. Nevis Small Enterprises Re-Lending Project.
- iii. Paraguay Project to Improve Capacity to Support Development of MSMEs.
- iv. Regional Bank Corporation Project (Paraguay).
- v. MSEs Re-lending Project.
- vi. Financial Technician Deployment Project in Guatemala.
- vii. Early Warning and Disaster Management System Project.
- viii. Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez (Guatemala).
- ix. Project for Capacity Strengthening to Support Incubation and Entrepreneurship for MIPYMEs (Guatemala).
- x. Project to Strengthen Food Security and Improve Living Conditions Post-Earthquake of August 14, 2021.
- xi. The New Taipei City Government and the Central America Trade Office (CATO) teamed up to create a coffee and tea gift set.

**e. Information & Communications Projects**

Based on Taiwan's extensive experience in broadband infrastructure development and the establishment of information hardware, software, and e-government systems over the years, Taiwan has been actively assisting partner countries in improving telecommunications infrastructure and establishing digital governance systems. These collaborative efforts aim to provide more efficient government services and enhance digital literacy.

**(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. The Taiwan-Philippine VOTE (Volcano, Ocean, Typhoon, and Earthquake)-Meteorology Project: improving the capability of extreme weather, oceanic meteorology,

and short-term climate forecasting (Phase II).

- ii. Taiwan Digital Opportunities Centers (TDOC) — Palau, the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Nauru.

**(b) West Asia & Africa:**

- i. Donation of information technology equipment for remote education to the St. Nino Orthodox School of the Patriarchate of Georgia.
- ii. Somaliland E-government Capability Enhancement Project.
- iii. Health Information Management Efficiency Enhancement Project in Somaliland.

**(c) Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- i. Belize Motor Vehicle Registration and License System Project.
- ii. Project for ICT in Education in St. Lucia.
- iii. Intelligent Bus Management and Monitoring System Project for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- iv. Enhancing Public Safety with Intelligent Video Analytics Project for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Project.
- v. St. Kitts and Nevis Land Administration Information System Project.
- vi. Enhancing Agricultural Adaptive Capacity to Climate Variability Project (St. Kitts and Nevis).
- vii. Jamaica Capacity Building Project (supporting Jamaica's participation in the international skills competition, particularly in the use of the VMX Pi camera).

**f. Agriculture & Fisheries Projects**

Projects focused on agriculture, forestry, and fisheries are key to our foreign assistance efforts. In line with the United Nations' SDGs, we aim to strengthen these industries for our partner countries. By introducing high quality technology, we seek to strengthen the production and marketing capabilities of our partner countries, helping them achieve the goals of food security and zero hunger.



**(a) Asia-Pacific:**

- i. Aquaculture Project (Palau).
- ii. Horticulture Extension Project (Palau).
- iii. Poultry and Livestock Project (Palau).
- iv. Livestock Expansion Project (Marshall Islands).
- v. Enhancing Nutrition Balance Through Agricultural Production Project (Marshall Islands).
- vi. Fruit and Vegetable Production and Nutrition Enhancement Project (Tuvalu).
- vii. Dietary Diversity Extension Project in Nauru.
- viii. Rice Seeds Production Project in Papua New Guinea.
- ix. Aquaculture Project (Fiji; Phase II).
- x. Guava and Dragon Fruit Production, Marketing Extension, and Capacity Building Project (Fiji).
- xi. Expanding High-Quality Rice Seed Production in South Sulawesi (Indonesia).
- xii. Modern Agriculture Demo Farm in Karawang (MADFK; Indonesia).
- xiii. Karawang Horticulture Development Project (Indonesia).
- xiv. Raising Competency of Farmers' Horticultural Produces Project in Thailand.
- xv. Joint cooperation with Thailand on the intelligent management of cattle herds through machinery and technology.
- xvi. Strengthened cooperation with relevant agricultural authorities in the Philippines and Vietnam through videoconferencing to enhance cooperation in importing heat-tolerant breeds from Taiwan to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to promote the mutual exchange of livestock production technology.
- xvii. Joint cooperation on the Taiwan-Philippines Button Mushroom Demonstration Farm.
- xviii. Joint cooperation with the Philippines to conduct a feasibility study on the export of Taiwan's livestock, poultry and livestock supplies to the Philippines.
- xix. Joint cooperation with Long An Province in Vietnam to promote the rice and fruit tree seedling nursery demonstration center project.
- xx. Joint cooperation with Vietnam to conduct a feasibility study on the export of Taiwan's livestock, poultry and livestock supplies to Vietnam.
- xxi. Joint cooperation with Nepal on a project to save the endangered Bengal Florican through community management and monitoring, and to develop a priority conservation zone plan for fishing cats in the Rupandehi region of Nepal.
- xxii. Joint cooperation with Cambodia to improve safe off-season vegetable production - biopesticide and biofertilizer application project.

**(b) West Asia & Africa:**

- i. Fruit Tree Production and Marketing Project (Eswatini; Phase II).
- ii. Pig Industry Enhancement Project (Eswatini; Phase II).
- iii. Eswatini Aquaculture Project.
- iv. Improving Production and Quality of Vegetables and Fruits in Somaliland.
- v. Date Palm Cultivation and Tissue Culture Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia) & Marine Fish Research Consultant Dispatch Project (Saudi Arabia).
- vi. Horticultural Crops Development Consultants Dispatch Project (Bahrain) and Aquaculture Development Consultant Dispatch Project (Bahrain).

**(c) Europe:**

**(d) Slovakia - Employing citizen science to assist botanical gardens in local conservation efforts for threatened plants.**

**Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- i. Regional project for the Prevention and Control of Fusarium TR4 of Banana in Central America - Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras.
- ii. Corn Production Resilience Strengthening Project.
- iii. Bamboo Industries Project (Guatemala).
- iv. Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Belize).
- v. Funding support for the Breeding Sheep and Goat Production and Guidance System Enhancement Project (Belize).
- vi. Project to Strengthen Capacity for Commercial Production and Operation of Orchids (Paraguay).
- vii. Surubi Fingerling Breeding and Cultivation Project (Paraguay).
- viii. Honduras Pig Breeding and Reproduction Project.
- ix. Healthy Avocado Seedling Production Project in Honduras.
- x. Rice Production Enhancement Project - North/North-East, Artibonite Valley, and South, Haiti.
- xi. Banana Productivity Improvement Project in St. Lucia.
- xii. Project for Enhancing the Efficiency of Production-Distribution Supply Chain in Fruit and Vegetable Sector in St. Lucia.
- xiii. Banana Revitalization Project in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

## **g. Sustainability Projects**

Drawing on Taiwan's expertise in agriculture, meteorology, disaster risk reduction, and other fields, Taiwan helps partner countries strengthen their capacity to adapt to climate change and prevent disasters. This includes technology assistance and capacity building.

- (a) Signed an MOU on the establishment of a fund to tackle climate change between the Taiwan and the Marshall Islands.
- (b) Clean energy project - Palau, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tuvalu, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea.
- (c) The Collaboration Agreement between the Science Technology Center for Disaster Reduction of Taiwan and the National Emergency Management Office.
- (d) Sponsored and organized the Joint Taiwan-Vietnam-Thailand International Workshop on the Weather and Climate Forecast.
- (e) Belize Urban Resilience and Disaster Prevention Project.
- (f) Flood Warning Capacity Improvement for the Belize River Basin Project.
- (g) Farmers' Organization Production and Marketing Capacity Enhancement Project.
- (h) The Climate & Ocean Risk Vulnerability Index (CORVI) project (St. Kitts and Nevis).
- (i) Saint Christopher and Nevis Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project.
- (j) Saint Christopher and Nevis Renewable Energy Dispatch Special Project.
- (k) Wilderness Foundation Africa's Project Imbewu.
- (l) Conservation of the Tornada Wetlands in Portugal – Pond to Wetland Project.

### **(2) Technical Assistance**

#### **a. Technical & Medical Missions**

Taiwan dispatched 22 technical missions (including Central America Investment and Trade Mission) to 21 countries, including the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Tuvalu, Palau, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Eswatini, Somaliland, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Paraguay, Haiti, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. A total of 139 overseas technical personnel and 65 substitute military servicemen in diplomatic functions were deployed, implementing approximately 92 technical cooperation projects in agribusiness, livestock, horticulture, fisheries, vocational education, Mandarin education, information and communication technology, industry, trade and investment, environmental protection, public health, and more.

## **b. Overseas Volunteer Programs**

Taiwan dispatched 28 long-term and project-based volunteers to eight countries, including Belize, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Eswatini, Uganda, the Marshall Islands, and Jordan. The volunteers worked in diverse areas including education, public health, and biodiversity conservation.

### **(3) Humanitarian Assistance**

In response to natural disasters and conflicts around the world, Taiwan provides immediate assistance to countries and people facing disaster and hardship in the spirit of humanitarian aid.

#### **a. Asia-Pacific:**

- (a) Sponsored rice subsidy program - Palau, Marshall Islands, and the Philippines.
- (b) Immediate assistance in providing medical supplies to four allied countries in the Pacific during the COVID-19 outbreak to combat and contain the outbreak.
- (c) Joint collaboration between Taiwan and Terre des hommes Foundation (Tdh) to implement the Digital Health Innovation for COVID-19 Response in India (Phase II) project.
- (d) Assisted the Chinese Christian Medical Mission in donating second-hand dental equipment to charitable clinics in remote areas of Myanmar and Nepal.
- (e) Sponsored the SimplyHelp Foundation on the donation of charitable goods and pandemic supplies to Nauru.

#### **b. West Asia & Africa:**

- (a) Sponsored the Mine Action Programme organized by Jordan's National Committee for Demining and Rehabilitation (NCDR).
- (b) Sponsored the Israeli NGO The Hebrew City to promote support for disadvantaged communities in southern Tel Aviv.
- (c) Donated rice to South Africa, Eswatini, Türkiye, and Somaliland.
- (d) Donated bedding for kindergarten dormitories in Övörkhongai Province, Mongolia.
- (e) Sponsored World Vision's Child Sponsorship Program - Eswatini and Malawi.
- (f) Sponsored the SimplyHelp Foundation on the donation of charitable goods and pandemic

supplies to Somaliland.

- (g) Sponsored World Vision's Child Sponsorship Program - Eswatini.
- (h) Sponsored the Garden of Hope Foundation's 2022 Asian Girls Campaign - Mongolia and Pakistan.

**c. Latin America & The Caribbeans:**

- (a) The 2022 Humanitarian Food Aid Program for Allied Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean - Haiti, Honduras, and Guatemala.
- (b) Sponsored World Vision's Child Sponsorship Program - Honduras, Guatemala, Haiti, El Salvador, and Nicaragua.
- (c) Sponsored the SimplyHelp Foundation on the donation of charitable goods and pandemic supplies - Haiti, Honduras, Saint Vincent, Belize, Saint Lucia, and Guatemala

**d. Cross-regional:**

The Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) approved applications for food aid from charitable organizations, including Good Neighbor Taiwan, World Vision Taiwan, and Tzu Chi Foundation, to provide food assistance to Guatemala, Eswatini, South Africa, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Haiti, Honduras, and St. Maarten.

**(4) Educational Training**

Educational training is primarily divided into three categories - vocational training projects, professional workshop program, and higher education programs:

**a. Vocational Training Projects:**

- (a) Vocational Training Project for Latin American and the Caribbean and Pacific Allied Countries Vocational Training Project.
- (b) Project for the Revitalization of Crafts and Youth Entrepreneurship in Antigua Guatemala and Surrounding Municipalities in Sacatepéquez.
- (c) The Project on Counseling Foreign Youth Farmers Internship Program in Taiwan - the Philippines and Indonesia.
- (d) Collaborated with the Thai-German Institute (TGI) of the Thai Ministry of Industry to promote cooperation between vocational training institutions and organized the 21st Thai-Taiwan Joint Consultation Committee Meeting.

- (e) Joint cooperation with Eswatini's skills certification authority, the Directorate of Industrial and Vocational Training (DIVT),

on the Eswatini Technical and Vocational Skills Certification Enhancement Project to strengthen capacity building.

- (f) Sponsored women's training program in the Nnewi region of Anambra State, Nigeria.
- (g) Sponsored the Taiwan-Reyhanli Center for World Citizens to provide various vocational training courses and improve the social welfare of Syrian refugees and local residents in Reyhanli, Türkiye.
- (h) Joint cooperation with Türkiye for computerized classrooms.

**b. Professional Workshop Program:**

Commissioned by MOFA, TaiwanICDF organized 16 seminars and workshops under the international human resource training program: Workshop on Green Finance Promotion, Workshop on Distance Learning Approaches, Workshop on Technology Applications for Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion, Workshop on Disaster Resistance, Workshop on Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Workshop on Trade Facilitation, Workshop on Clean Energy Development Strategies, Webinar on Digital Governance, Workshop on Management of Medical Quality, Workshop on Smart City, Workshop on Value-Added Agriculture and Aquaculture, Workshop on Water Circulation, Workshop on SMEs Development Policy, Workshop on Smart Pandemic Prevention, Workshop on Local Characteristic Development, and Workshop on Agrotechnology. A total of 905 participants completed training through the workshops.

**c. Higher Education:**

- (a) Taiwan Fellowship Program.
- (b) Taiwan Scholarship Program.
- (c) MOE Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Program.
- (d) MOE Subsidies for Short Term Research Awards.
- (e) Sponsored members of the Philippine Coast Guard to obtain degrees from Taiwan's Central Police University Department of Maritime Police.
- (f) Taipei City's Learning Chinese Grants for Enhancing International Exchange.
- (g) 2023 New Southbound Policy Elite Study Program.

**2. Cooperating with Like-minded Nations & Multilateral Cooperation**

In recent years, Taiwan has been expanding cooperation with like-minded nations,

assisting countries of operations with economic and social development, and enhancing Taiwan's capacity for foreign aid.

### **(1) Cooperating with Like-minded Nations**

- a. Signed the MOU on U.S.-Taiwan Cooperation on International Development and Humanitarian Assistance to facilitate collaboration in areas such as international development assistance, humanitarian aid, capacity building, training, and knowledge transfer.
- b. Established the Pacific American Fund: U.S.-Taiwan Partnership (PAF-UTP) to enhance climate resilience among countries in the Pacific region.
- c. Signed the Arrangement for Technical Cooperation for Micro-, Small-, and Medium-Sized Businesses (MSMEs) in Paraguay with the US to open Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs).
- d. Sponsored phase two operations of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation's 2X Women's Initiative.
- e. Collaborated with Canada on R&D for grain products.
- f. Collaborated with France on poultry breeding and genomic selection research exchange.
- g. Organized the Taiwan and Denmark Bilateral Net Zero Agriculture International Proceedings III to enhance livestock and poultry production efficiency and implement carbon reduction feeding management strategies.
- h. Collaborated with Geneva University Hospitals in Switzerland to enhance training for Taiwan's National Disaster Medical Assistance Team (NDMAT).
- i. Collaborated with Israeli NGO Pitchon-Lev to promote the Taiwan Initiative for Youth Education and Empowerment.
- j. Collaborated with the Hiroshima Prefecture FFADH in Japan to conduct experiments on the growth characteristics, wood properties, and genetic diversity of cedar and cypress species.
- k. Collaborated with the University of Sydney in Australia on the development and application of an automatic detection system for dairy cow gait.

### **(2) Implementation of Cross-Regional & International Organization Cooperation**

- a. Organized seven international workshops with the United States, Japan, Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada, the European Union, Israel, Slovakia, the Netherlands under the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF). Held an additional three overseas GCTF events in India, St. Lucia, and Israel.
- b. Contributed to the first batch of multilateral funds supporting Ukraine and gender

equality from the TaiwanBusiness-EBRD Technical Cooperation Fund.

- c. Continued partnership with EBRD on implementation of the Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund (FIISF)-Small Business Account-Phase III, Agribusiness Account, Sustainable Agribusiness Value Chain Account, and Special Fund for the High Impact Partnership on Climate Action (HIPCA).
- d. EBRD FIISF Agribusiness Account - Türkiye's Yayla Agro project, Turkmen brewer Berk's potato chip expansion; Turkmen Taze Ay's company expansion, meat processing expansion, and halal meats expansion; Turkmen sweets company HASAR's expansion.
- e. EBRD FIISF-Small Business Account-Phase III- Subproject 10: Lebanon Green Economy Financing Facility-Bank Audi Pilot Project.
- f. EBRD FIISF-Sustainable Agribusiness Value Chain Account-Subproject 1: Ukraine E Company.
- g. EBRD FIISF Green Energy Special Fund: Chisinau streets improvement and Moldova Glass Container Company; Energy efficient lighting for Bacau, Romania; Bosnia and Herzegovina BiH Elektrokrajina Power Distribution Upgrade Project; Elektro-Bijeljina smart-metering expansion; Belgrade waste-to-energy project.
- h. Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund-Small Business Account-Phase III: Moldovan SME microfinance and leasing firm Express Leasing; Romanian Banca Transilvania; UniCredit Bank and UniCredit Consumer Financing.
- i. EBRD FIISF-Agribusiness Account-Subproject 8: Ukraine Grain Company.
- j. Contributed to the APEC Support Fund (ASF) General Fund; Marine Debris Management and Innovation Sub-Fund; Digital Innovation Sub-Fund; and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sub-Fund. Organized the online conference for the APEC Workshop on the Application of Electronic Veterinary and Phytosanitary Certificate.
- k. Organized 27 APEC capacity-building events or meetings encompassing topics such as female economic empowerment, healthcare and public health, digital technology, agricultural technology, SME development and occupational training, etc.
- l. Donated to the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) International Cooperation Review Group (ICRG).
- m. Sponsored the Garden of Hope Foundation's 2022 Asian Network of Women's Shelters (ANW).
- n. Donated to the South East Asian Central Banks (SEACEN) Additional Scholarships (SAS).
- o. Participated in the Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network in compliance with Article



- 19 of the Minamata Convention on Mercury.
- p. Organized the Austronesian Forum: Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, the Philippines, New Zealand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and US Hawaii and Guam.
  - q. Engaged in international cooperation with the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center for the Asian and Pacific Region (FFTC) to enhance the global market orientation of tropical fruit value chains.
  - r. Implemented the Asia-Pacific Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology (APCoAB) project with the Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI).
  - s. Donated to the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) Center of Excellence on Smart Manufacturing and the APO Center of Excellence on Green Productivity.
  - t. Contributed to the Central American Bank for Economic Integration Taiwan-CABEI Partnership Trust Fund.
  - u. Partnered with CABEI to coordinate the Emergency Support and Preparedness Program for COVID-19 and Economic Reactivation, Credit for the Financing of Public Sector Operations, Financial Sector Support Facility for Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), and Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era.
  - v. Collaborated with the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) under the Organization of American States (OAS), through the Taiwan-PADF Disaster Assistance and Reconstruction Fund, to implement disaster prevention and control cooperation in Paraguay.
  - w. Sponsored and donated to the Regional Health Policy Framework of the Central American Integration System (SICA) 2015-2022 through the Secretaria Ejecutiva Del Comisca (SE-COMISCA).
  - x. Partnered with the Eastern Caribbean Partial Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECPCGC) to implement the Female MSMEs Credit Guarantee Program for St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and St. Lucia.
  - y. Partnered with the Secretariat for Central American Tourism Integration (SITCA) to implement the Strengthening the Central American Tourism Integration and Promotion (Phase III) program.
  - z. Partnered with the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SG-SICA) to implement the Observatory and Index on Democracy Security of SICA.
  - aa. Partnered with SG-SICA to implement the UN SDG project for social policy innovation

- through providing care to vulnerable populations in the region.
- bb. Partnered with SG-SICA to consolidate its institutional capacities and facilitate its coordinating role and achievements.
  - cc. Partnered with the Coordination Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC) to implement the Make Central America a Safer and More Resilient Region in the Face of Disaster Risk initiative.
  - dd. Partnered with the Organization of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector of the Central American Isthmus (OSPESCA) to integrate fisheries and aquaculture industrial value chains.
  - ee. Partnered with the Center for the Promotion of MSMEs (CENPROMYPE) to promote regional actions to develop MSMEs.
  - ff. Partnered with the Central American Commission for Environment and Development (CCAD) to assist with the development and reasonable use of renewable energy in Central American nations.
  - gg. Continued partnership with Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) on the Specialized Financial Intermediary Development Fund, as well as the Credit Program for Safeguarding the Productive Sectors and Women MSMEs (Belize).
  - hh. Contributed to the African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) Corpus Fund.
  - ii. Donated to the World Vegetable Center (WorldVeg) to build a network for the enhancement of international vegetable R&D collaboration and to assist diplomatic allies and developing nations in the Asia Pacific, Latin America, and Africa with capacity building to promote vegetable strain production and marketing.
  - jj. Partnered with the IDB on the Specialized Financial Intermediary Development Fund (SFIDF) to promote micro-credit programs in Latin America, as well as the Mobilization of Technical Services and Capital to Strengthen Community-based and Municipal Operated Water and Sanitation Systems in Honduras.
  - kk. African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO): Assisted diplomatic allies and friendly nations to foster talents with the capacity and skills for long-term policy development through the International Human Resource Training Program.
  - ll. Partnered with the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to enhance the resistance of Taiwanese rice against biotic and abiotic stressors through the integration of genetic, genotypic, and phenotypic information.
  - mm. Donated to the Egmont Group (EG) Egmont Centre of FIU Excellence and Leadership

(ECOFEL).

- nn. Pan American Development Foundation (PADF): International Human Resource Training Program.
- oo. Partnered with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) to sponsor the Youth Innovation Challenge: Tackling Marine Debris.
- pp. Contributed funding for the International Whaling Commission's (IWC) cetacean Bycatch Mitigation Initiative (BMI).
- qq. Contributed funding for seabird bycatch mitigation efforts by the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP).
- rr. Worked with the African Union and Namibia to implement capacity building projects in the African region.
- ss. Partnered with Community Empowerment Studies (CESROC) to promote the Forum of Asia-Pacific Community Empowering (FAPCE).
- tt. Participated in the EU-directed International City Partnerships: Acting for Green and Inclusive Recovery (ICP-AGIR).

### **(3) Cooperating with International NGOs (INGOs)**

- a. Mercy Corps: Assisted with implementation of the Adolescent Girls' Empowerment Initiative - Phase II.
- b. The Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (SGDD-ASAM): Assisted with humanitarian aid projects for immigrant television, and helped refugees combat misinformation, as well as promote community cohesion.
- c. Türk Kızılay (Turkish Red Crescent): Strengthened socioeconomic development of disadvantaged and refugee women in Ankara; provided disaster relief to victims of the 2022 Afghanistan Earthquake; and donated rice to disadvantaged refugees in Türkiye.
- d. Sponsored the establishment of Press Freedom Centers in Ukraine through Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
- e. CARE Türkiye: Donated rice to disadvantaged refugees in Türkiye.
- f. Orthodox Church of Ukraine: Donated funds for the rebuilding of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.
- g. World Farmers' Organisation (WFO): Partnered with TaiwanICDF to organize the WFO General Assembly and THE CLIMAKERS APAC Region Digital Workshop.
- h. World Vision: Partnered with TaiwanICDF on the Cash Assistance Project to Complement Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of

- Eswatini (Phase I and II).
- i. Food for the Poor (FFTP): TaiwanICDF Taiwan Technical Mission in Guatemala partnered with CARITAS, FFTP's partner in Guatemala, on the development of the aquaculture value chain in the Village of Tabacal (Tilapia Farm Program); partnered with TaiwanICDF Technical Mission in Belize and FFTP on the TaiwanICDF Sheep Livelihoods Project (2-year project); partnered with TaiwanICDF Technical Mission in Haiti and FFTP on the Farmers Association Rice Production and Marketing Project – Southern Province of Haiti (2-year project).
  - j. Catholic Relief Services (CRS): Partnered with TaiwanICDF and IDB on the AZURE Mobilization of Technical Services and Capital to Strengthen Community-based and Municipal Operated Water and Sanitation Systems in Honduras; Partnered with TaiwanICDF and CRS Philippines to assist and restore the livelihoods of vulnerable households affected by the typhoon in Padre Burgos and Tomas Oppos, in Southern Leyte.
  - k. Step 30: TaiwanICDF partnered with Step 30 to send volunteers to Kenya and promote awareness of Chigoe fleas (jiggers) with local volunteers.
  - l. Love Binti International: TaiwanICDF Overseas Volunteers sent volunteers to Ugandan villages to assist with local agricultural development.
  - m. Center for Sustainable Development (CSD), Columbia University: TaiwanICDF partnered with CSD to implement the Refugees Act and Communicate for Health (REACH): Using Technology to Increase Health Literacy and Health Care Access for Refugees in Türkiye (Phase II), as well as organize the webinar titled "Emerging Stronger after COVID-19: Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development."
  - n. Terre des hommes (Tdh): TaiwanICDF partnered with Tdh's India chapter to implement the second phase of the of Digital Health Innovation for COVID-19 response in India.
  - o. CARE International: TaiwanICDF partnered with CARE International to implement the Haiti Earthquake WASH Assistance to Affected Communities and Households Project.
  - p. Action Against Hunger: TaiwanICDF partnered with the Haiti chapter to improve the nutrition provided to earthquake-impacted households in the south of Haiti.
  - q. Good Neighbors International: TaiwanICDF partnered with GNI's Romanian chapter and Good Neighbors Taiwan to provide community and emotional support to Ukrainian refugee children in Romania.
  - r. TRAFFIC International: Wildlife trade policy analysis and communications.

- s. Synchronicity Earth (SE): Supported the Asian Species Action Partnership (ASAP); conservation of the Philippine crocodile; protection of Sunda pangolins and other wildlife in the Pu Mat National Park in Vietnam; GreenViet educational awareness programs, conservation zone protection, and gray-shanked douc langurs research; and supporting the SatuCita Foundation's conservation work for painted terrapins.
- t. Friends of Animals (FoA): Constructed workstations for wildlife and habitat patrol personnel.
- u. Cheetah Conservation Fund: Bolstered efforts for forest habitat restoration in western Somalian villages, as well as educational programs to promote coexistence with wildlife.
- v. Born Free Foundation (BFF): The Bulindi Chimpanzee and Community Project and SAVING MERU'S GIANTS.
- w. Royal Zoological Society of Scotland: Giant Armadillo Conservation Program.
- x. Donated to the International Science Council (ISC): For regular exchanges, strategic meetings, and educational training for experts from international scientific organizations or researchers involved in the natural and social sciences, as well as disaster research.
- y. Donated to the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies (IHRN): Sponsored travel expenses for experts and scholars from underprivileged regions to attend IHRN Biennial meetings and offered periodic support to academics facing persecution.
- z. Donated to The World Academy of Sciences: Promoted the development of scientific R&D and applications in developing countries.
- aa. Facilitated and sponsored the establishment of a Taiwan office for Living Arts International (LAI), marking the first SEA arts and culture NGO to establish a presence in Taiwan. Encouraged Taiwanese artists to participate in international collaborations.
- bb. Participated in the Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) to share the development of Taiwan's carbon footprint labeling (CFP-labeling) system and inventory technology.

## **IV. Showcasing Taiwan's Commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

In alignment with the global trajectory of sustainable development, the SDGs constitute a pivotal directive for Taiwan's endeavor in advancing international cooperation and development. The United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023 report<sup>3</sup> highlights the heterogeneous nature of economic recovery post-COVID-19, with developing nations facing economic malaise evidenced by a pronounced elevation in average unemployment rates compared to pre-pandemic levels. The confluence of post-pandemic challenges in developing nations, including subdued economic growth, heightened inflation, and escalating debt crises, has impeded global progress toward fulfilling the SDGs and undermined previous efforts to eradicate poverty. Simultaneously, the global landscape is beset by the repercussions of the Russia-Ukraine war and natural disasters, which have deepened food and energy insecurity.

As a conscientious global collaborator, Taiwan persists in catalyzing international cooperation and development efforts, as well as partnering with friends and allies to address sustainable development issues.

By leveraging its technological prowess, industry advantages, and robust public health infrastructure, Taiwan actively advances collaborative development initiatives and strives to make substantive contributions to the international community. The subsequent delineation elucidates how Taiwan, through its technical cooperation projects, facilitates partner nations in attaining the goals of eradicating poverty and hunger, deepening health cooperation, facilitating talent development, ensuring environmental sustainability, promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, and co-creating economic prosperity.

### **1. Eradicating Poverty and Hunger**

#### **(1) Rice Cultivation Projects in Haiti and Papua New Guinea**

The technical missions deployed by the TaiwanICDF abroad leverage Taiwan's sophisticated agricultural technologies to advance the Rice Production Enhancement Project in Haiti and the Rice Seeds Production Project in Papua New Guinea. The principle directive of the missions is the provision of long-term support to identify local agricultural development

---

<sup>3</sup> <https://desapublications.un.org/sites/default/files/publications/2023-01/WESP2023ExecutiveSummaryC.pdf>

challenges and drive development of the local food production system, thereby diminishing reliance on food imports and augmenting food security.

## (2) Improving Production and Quality of Vegetables and Fruits in Somaliland

Persistent inadequacies in resources, infrastructure, and technological know-how and prolonged absence of stable distribution channels have impeded the agricultural sector in Somaliland. These challenges, along diminishing irrigation sources and soaring shipping costs due to severe drought and rising inflationary pressure in 2022, have propelled a continual increase in production expenses, severely affecting traditional farming and husbandry practices and heightening the nation's food vulnerability. To ameliorate this situation, the TaiwanICDF deployed a technical mission to Somaliland to establish on-the-ground capabilities through the dissemination and demonstration of various advantageous agricultural technologies to local farmers. The mission also focuses on addressing local environmental and climatic challenges to stabilize production and sales. By perpetually implementing diverse agricultural adaptation measures, the mission encourages greater participation in fruit and vegetable cultivation among farmers, thereby enhancing household livelihoods and fortifying the resilience of the food production system.

## (3) Health and Nutrition Projects in Palau, the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Nauru

Palau, the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Nauru, small island developing states (SIDS) and the diplomatic allies of Taiwan in the Pacific, frequently contend with intrinsic environmental hurdles like limited arable land, elevated soil salinity, and inadequate water sources of irrigation. Long-term dependence on imports for essential goods drives the over-reliance of non-perishable items, such as canned goods, frozen meats, and starchy foods, as food staples, contributing to imbalanced dietary patterns, obesity, and chronic ailments, jeopardizing public health, and eroding human capital in these island nations. To address these challenges, the TaiwanICDF launched initiatives to introduce agricultural adaptation measures that simultaneously bolster food accessibility and enhance system resilience and support its allies in fostering dietary diversity, propagating holistic ideology, and ameliorating local food security and public health outcomes.

## **2. Deepening Health Cooperation**

- (1) **Capacity Building Project for the Prevention and Control of Metabolic Chronic Diseases in St. Kitts and Nevis** This collaborative initiative with Taipei Veterans General Hospital builds upon the chronic disease care model recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO). It amalgamates Taiwan's diverse expertise in chronic disease

prevention and control to fortify St. Kitts and Nevis' framework for addressing metabolic chronic diseases. The project aims to aid the host country in devising integrated strategies and practices for chronic disease prevention, enhancing the care capacity of medical institutions in managing metabolic chronic diseases, and empowering community members to autonomously manage metabolic syndrome.

- (2) **Project for the Promotion of Medical Technology for Improvement of Maternal-Neonatal Health in Guatemala** This project is a partnership with National Taiwan University Hospital that aims to elevate maternal and neonatal care in Guatemala through the introduction of Taiwan's professional medical technologies and experiences in maternal and child health. Key objectives include **a.** enhancing the functionality of medical care institutions at various levels within targeted areas and **b.** empowering personnel at these institutions and within the community.

- (3) **Digital Health Innovation for COVID-19 response in India (Phase 2)**

This collaborative effort with Terre des hommes India assists healthcare personnel in Ranchi County, Jharkhand, in leveraging digital technologies to provide quality health services amid the COVID-19 pandemic while adhering to epidemic prevention and control guidelines.

- (4) **Maternal and Infant Health Care Improvement Project in the Kingdom of Eswatini (Phase 2)**

In collaboration with Chia-Yi Christian Hospital and Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital, this project aims to bolster the maternal and child health capacity, enhance personnel capabilities in managing high-risk groups among women and children, strengthen organizational functionality, and improve data analysis capacity in select medical institutions throughout Eswatini, while promoting maternal and child health education in the community.

### **3. Facilitating Talent Development**

- (1) **Eswatini Technical and Vocational Skills Certification Enhancement Project**

This initiative aims to enhance the institutional capacity of the Department of Industrial and Vocational Training (DIVT) under the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Eswatini to provide high-quality and industry-oriented skill certification and mentorship programs. It aligns with the Southern African Development Community Qualifications Framework (SADCQF) to meet Eswatini's national development needs for certified professionals in key fields.



## (2) Taiwan Scholarship, International Higher Education Scholarship Program, and International Human Resource Training Program

These programs offer scholarships to young scholars from partner countries for various educational programs in Taiwan, including undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs, as well as short-term courses or training programs in a variety of fields, including agriculture, communications, environmental protection, and public health. They aim to assist partner countries in cultivating talents and driving development.

## (3) Project for ICT in Education in St. Lucia

Through teacher training and in-service education, this project assists teachers in refining their ICT capabilities and actively engages them in creating diverse teaching materials to establish distinctive curricula. Additionally, it ensures that St. Lucia has the hardware infrastructure and resources needed to establish a robust ICT education platform and management system and smart classrooms to promote digital education and improve teaching quality.

## (4) Vocational Training Project for Latin American and the Caribbean

This initiative aims to assist Latin American and Caribbean allies in restoring socioeconomic development and enhancing national competitiveness. In 2022, the initiative launched three training categories, organizing 18 classes, including IT workshops and training courses for addressing African swine fever. Outstanding young talents were invited to Taiwan to partake in short-term training programs. A total of 422 candidates passed the Mandarin proficiency examination necessary to qualify for the program.

## **4. Ensuring Environmental Sustainability**

### (1) EBRD's Special Fund for the High Impact Partnership on Climate Action

EBRD's Special Fund for the High Impact Partnership on Climate Action (HICA) is a platform that unites donors to jointly implement climate action. Taiwan is a collaborator of EBRD that finances projects associated with climate mitigation, adaptation, and environmental protection.

### (2) St. Kitts and Nevis Solid Waste Management and Recycling Project

This project leverages Taiwan's waste recycling and reduction experience, combined with the impetus of circular economy, to assist St. Kitts and Nevis in enhancing its environmental management, increasing recycling capacity, reducing waste generation, and achieving eco-friendliness goals, all while expanding the

scope of Taiwan's foreign aid efforts.

## **5. Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

### **(1) Capacity Building Project for Microfinance Focusing on Grassroots Women in Eswatini**

This project aims to strengthen the functionality of financial service institutions in Eswatini and assist financial practitioners in knowledge and skill acquisition. It assists economically disadvantaged women in Eswatini in establishing financial and market concepts, guiding women to improve economic productivity through financing, increasing household income, and enhancing women's opportunities for financial and economic autonomy.

### **(2) Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era**

This initiative, spearheaded by the Taiwanese government, aims to support the post-pandemic economic revival of its allies in Latin America and the Caribbean, while bolstering women's economic empowerment to maintain social equilibrium. By leveraging the technical, financial, and educational training services of the TaiwanICDF, the project seeks to provide regional women with capacity-building in financial services and entrepreneurship. It also endeavors to assist women, youth, and MSMEs in mitigating the pandemic's impact, ultimately facilitating economic recovery and social stability in partner nations. Key components of the project include a. Enhancing the employment and entrepreneurship capabilities of women in partner nations and providing relief to MSMEs; b. Collaborating with international financial institutions to bolster the scale of credit guarantee funds in partner nations, offering guidance on guarantee mechanisms and measures, and identifying financial intermediaries participating in women's loan guarantee programs to enhance their lending management capabilities; and c. Engaging in joint initiatives with like-minded countries and institutions to advocate for international women's empowerment, disseminating Taiwan's achievements in gender equality through selection processes and diverse activities.

### **(3) Women's Livelihood Loan Project in Southeast and South Asia**

This program, conducted in collaboration with the TaiwanICDF, Impact Investment Exchange, and U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, introduces the Women's Livelihood Bond (WLB) to the private sector in anticipation of driving private funding to enhance the economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods of women in Southeast Asia and South Asia. Moreover, the project connects public development agencies with capital market funds, facilitating the formulation of solutions for the sustainable development of women in Southeast Asia and South Asia. The funds raised through the provision of WLBs will

be allocated to high-quality microfinance institutions (MFIs) and impact enterprises (IEs) that primarily serve women, assisting local disadvantaged women in acquiring productive assets, business skills, funding, and other financial services or market channels, and empowering women to transition to sustainable livelihoods.

## **6. Co-creating Economic Prosperity**

### **(1) EBRD Financial Intermediary Investment Special Fund Small Business Account (Phase 3) - Lebanon Green Economy Financing Facility Seed Project**

Taiwan, in collaboration with the EBRD, established a special account for local small businesses to facilitate access to funds, local economic revitalization, and economic transformation. In line with the Green Economy Financing Facility (GEFF) initiative, this project provides financing to Bank Audi in Lebanon to enhance its lending capacity for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, thus reducing financial barriers for the private sector to adopt green technologies and products, encouraging private sector investments in energy/resource sustainability and climate resilience projects, and enhancing Bank Audi's capacity to develop green products.

### **(2) Nevis Small Enterprises Re-Lending Project**

Taiwan provides financing assistance to the Nevis Island Administration through the Small Enterprise Development Unit (SEDU). Funds are aimed at formalizing the development of small businesses owned by women and individuals under 35 and promoting local economic activities.

### **(3) Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean in the COVID-19 Post-pandemic Era - Women's Economic Empowerment Guarantee Project (Paraguay)**

Taiwan, in collaboration with the Paraguay Development Finance Agency (AFD), established the Fondo de Garantía para la Mujer (FOGAMU) - a fund for microbusinesses and SMEs owned by women. The fund is managed by the Fondo de Garantía del Paraguay (FOGAPY). The FOGAMU breaks down the financing barriers for woman-owned MSMEs that are unable to provide sufficient collateral, increasing their access to financing opportunities.

### **(4) Palau Women and Youth Entrepreneurs and MSMEs Re-lending Project**

To promote women's empowerment in Palau and encourage Palauan women, youth entrepreneurship, and labor participation, the TaiwanICDF provides financing loans to the National Development Bank of Palau (NDBP). Funding is aimed at strengthening the bank's

capital structure, enhance its lending to Palauan women, young entrepreneurs, and MSMEs traditionally overlooked by conventional financing options, thereby benefiting more Palauans participating in local economic activities and promoting national economic growth.

## **V. Conclusion**

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to global public health, economic, and social development. Taiwan, in collaboration with the international community, has endeavored to combat the pandemic and enhance epidemic resilience by providing pandemic supplies, enhancing the capacity of medical personnel, and sharing Taiwan's epidemic prevention experiences with partner nations. Furthermore, Taiwan has listened to partner nations' expectations for recovery, proactively innovating new models of foreign aid work to address emerging international cooperation and development needs arising from the pandemic.

Steadfast Diplomacy values sharing and cooperation. Based on the principles reciprocity and mutual aid, Taiwan strives to assist its partners and friendly nations in forming cooperative models centered on economic and social development. It also takes into account market commercialization and industrial development in its cooperative projects to strengthen ties with its trade and industry chain partners, expand public and private engagements, harnesses resources from all parties. Domestic technical and industry strengths are leveraged to deepen cooperation with partner and friendly nations in various projects and jointly achieve cooperation goals that contribute to the fulfillment of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

---

The 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

1. End Poverty in All Its Forms Everywhere
2. End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition, and Promote Sustainable Agriculture
3. Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for All at All Ages
4. Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Promote Life-long Learning Opportunities for All
5. Achieve Gender Equality and Empower All Women and Girls
6. Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All
7. Ensure Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable, and Modern Energy for All
8. Promote Sustained, Inclusive and sustainable Economic Growth, Full and Productive Employment and Decent Work for All
9. Build Resilient Infrastructure, Promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Foster Innovation
10. Reduce Inequality Within and Among Countries
11. Make Cities and Human Settlement Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Suitable
12. Ensure Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns
13. Take Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and Its Impacts
14. Conserve and Sustainably Use the Oceans, Seas and Marine Resources for Sustainable Development
15. Protect, Restore and Promote Sustainable Use of Terrestrial Ecosystems, Sustainably Manage Forests, Combat Desertification, and Halt and Reverse Land Degradation and Halt Bio diversity Loss
16. Promote Peaceful and Inclusive societies for Sustainable Development, Provide Access to Justice for All and Build Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions at all Levels
17. Strengthen the Means of Implementation and Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development