

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ippei Tsuruga

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: **Social Protection Policy Officer, International Labour Organization (ILO)**

DATE OF BIRTH: **18 June 1984**

NATIONALITY: **Japanese**

RESEARCH INTERESTS: **Social Protection (Policy/Finance), Informal Economy, Poverty, Inequality, Targeting**

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: **South East Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Cambodia, Kenya, Nigeria**

OVERVIEW

Ippei Tsuruga is Social Protection Policy Officer at International Labour Organization (ILO), currently working on the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy in developing countries. Prior to joining ILO, he served for 6 years as Representative of JICA USA, Deputy Assistant Chief of JICA Research Institute and JICA Country Economist for Kenya, Nigeria and Somalia. He played a key role in the development of country assistance strategies, and the management of country operations and joint research projects.

EDUCATION

2008 - 2009 **MA in Poverty and Development** (specialisation: Development Economics; dissertation: *Social Protection and Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: A Quantitative Analysis*) Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK
Supervisor: [Dr. Sarah Cook](#), [Dr. Martin Greeley](#)

2004 - 2008 **BA in Law** (specialisation: Public Policy; thesis: *Implementing Human Security in Development Assistance*) Kagawa University, Japan
Supervisor: [Prof. Kazuya Ishii](#)

Other Training (academic and professional)

2013 - 2014 **Microeconometrics, Econometrics, Statistics** (non-degree) Graduate School of Economics, Hosei University, Japan

2013 **Impact Evaluation** (statistical methodology), JICA

2012 **Academy on Social Security** (social protection design, finance) International Training Centre of International Labour Organisation (ILO), Italy.

2012 **Financial Analysis, Macroeconomics, Debt Sustainability Analysis**, JICA

2010 **Project Cycle Management** (planning, monitoring, evaluation) Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development, Japan

EMPLOYMENT

2016 - PRESENT **Social Protection Policy Officer, ILO**

1. Develop strategies/policies for the extension of social protection coverage to workers in the informal economy.
2. Develop strategies/policies for the extension of social protection coverage to people with disabilities.
3. Compile and analyse relevant quantitative and qualitative information necessary for the assessment of the social protection policies at the national, regional and international level.
4. Analyse data for assessments and research studies of social security schemes and social protection systems, and in particular with regard to social protection floors.
5. Prepare research and background papers on various aspects of social protection policies.
6. Draft components of global, regional and country analyses for reports and publications on various aspects of social protection policies, in particular with respect to policy development, implementation, monitoring and impact analysis.
7. Contribute to the development of policy guidance and capacity-building material.

8. Assist in technical backstopping, project implementation and monitoring as a junior desk officer.
9. Participate in technical missions for research, training and fact finding.
10. Assist in organising workshops and seminars.

2013 - 2016 **Advisory Member, Social Protection Network, JICA**

Social Security Network is one of knowledge management networks within JICA and holds internal resource persons on social protection, headed by Deputy Director General of Human Development Department (HDD) and Director of Social Security Division (SSD). The network aims to discuss various social protection issues and advise HDD and SSD at policy levels and project approaches/designs. I am one of 20 members and responsible to:

1. Advise SSD on social protection (particularly social transfers).
2. Comment on SSD's assistance strategy papers.
3. Advise SDD's survey teams on scopes, approaches and designs.
4. Update international discussion on social protection for SSD.

Key achievements:

1. Participated in and commented on the strategy paper on disability and social protection for the future assistance.
2. Conducted a seminar on designing social protection instruments particularly on cash transfers, using case studies of Kenyan CCT programme for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and Cambodian programme for the poor households.
3. Commented several policy papers of social security division in distance.

2014 - 2016 **Representative, JICA USA Office**

1. External relations with UN agencies, US Government and research institutes, in particular on post-2015 agenda.
2. Responsible for office management (treasury, procurement, contract and staff management etc).
3. Authoring for IDS-AFD-JICA joint project "Quality of Growth", headed by Lawrence Haddad, IFPRI.
4. Collaboration with research institutes (Brookings, CSIS, Columbia University etc).
5. Various management tasks including staff management and recruitment.
6. Manage procurement and coordination for Japan's emergency assistance for Latin American regions.

2013 - 2014 **Deputy Assistant Chief, JICA Research Institute, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Conduct a research on "Assessing Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: Quality of Growth for Whom", as a part of IDS-JICA joint research project.
2. Act as part of decision-making authority for the institute's activities, and represent the institute on any matters of external relations.
3. Manage and coordinate 7 research projects by dealing with plan, budget and contract as well.
4. Manage research projects (plan, budget, strategy; education, poverty etc.).
5. Leading external relations.

Key achievements:

Contributed to papers, technical inputs, editing and project management as specified below.

1. Jointly with Institute of Development Studies at University of Sussex and Agence Française de Développement on Quality of Growth (area of growth, poverty, and social development), co-chaired by Lawrence Haddad.
2. Jointly with Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University on Industrial Development, co-chaired by Joseph Stiglitz.
3. Edited a book on African development "Africa 2050: Realizing the Continent's Full Potential" from Oxford University Press. I was responsible for concept, budget allocation, contract, and edit on behalf of Director of JICA Research Institute.
4. Impact evaluation on participatory agricultural project on Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment Project in Kenya.
5. Impact evaluation on Technical Assistance for Improving Managerial Capital for Small and Medium-sized Enterprise in Latin America.

2012 - 2013 **Research Officer, JICA Research Institute, Japan**

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Act as part of decision-making authority for the institute's activities.
2. Represent the institute on any matters of external relations.
3. Manage research projects (plan, budget, strategy; education, poverty etc.).
4. Leading external relations.

Key achievements:

1. Manage/Coordinate 10 research projects (plan, budget, strategy; education, poverty etc.).
2. Published a book chapter "Policy Challenges for Infrastructure Development in Africa - The Way Forward for Japan's Official Development Assistance" and assisted in editing the whole book "Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa" published from JICA-RI.
3. Advised on social protection to implementing departments.

2012 - 2013

Visiting Lecturer, Kagawa University, Japan

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Lecture my own experience on international cooperation once a year for undergraduate students.

Key achievements:

2. Lectured my own experience on international cooperation once a year for 200 undergraduate students.

2010 (three month)

Representative, JICA Kenya Office

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Under the career development programme, assist in implementing a variety of projects at the country office.
2. Collect information for the future assistance.
3. Develop network with key development partners.

Key achievements:

1. Built a network between JICA and development partners (World Bank, UNs, DFID, NGOs etc.) on social protection through meeting and attending workshop.
2. Collected information on the trend of Social Protection in Kenya to propose JICA's commitment to the sector, which has been practiced in seminar and research as mentioned above.

2010 - 2012

Country Officer (Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Eritrea), JICA Africa Department, Japan

Brief description of duties and responsibilities:

1. Manage country assistance programmes and projects in operation together with regional offices and development partners.
2. Participate in and lead policy dialogues with recipient governments.
3. Draft legal documents for grant aid.
4. Draft terms of reference for service contract with consultants.
5. Report to Regional Director.

Key achievements:

1. Developed a country assistance strategy for Kenya.
2. Managed the assistance portfolio (various sectors) for Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia and Eritrea in charge (over 20 programmes, 45 projects, US\$ 60 million per annum in total).
3. Conducted a rapid assessment and developed an assistance framework on the 2011 drought response for the Horn of Africa and managing its operations (committed US\$ 20 million for Kenya).
4. Developed several proposals and legal documents (Grant Agreement etc.) for new projects.
5. Conducted a stock-taking survey on Health and Social Protection in Kenya to formulate a framework of mid- and long-term interventions to increase an access of poor households to the health system.
6. Led a series of internal seminar on Social Protection (concept & instrument etc.), Cash Transfers and other targeted programmes in cooperation with the poverty reduction team.

2009 - 2010

Assistant Programme Officer (paid-intern), ILO Cambodia

At ILO's International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour (IPEC),

1. Develop ILO proposals to the Cambodian National Social Protection Strategy (NSPS) on child labour and social policy.
2. Assist programme officers in child labour projects.

Key achievements:

1. Assisted in developing concept notes on Social Protection and Child Labour (CL), which is integrated into the approved National Social Protection Strategy Framework in Cambodia.
2. Assisted in conducting seminars/consultations on CL, Social Protection and Cash Transfers.
3. Assisted in developing the programme implementation plans.
4. Assisted in conducting research and drafting reports and background papers for the project.
5. Documented and kept up to date the Child Labour Documentation Centre.

2005 - 2008

Development Officer (part-time intern), Second Hand (NGO), Japan

PUBLICATIONS

Tsuruga, Ippei (2015) Chronic Poverty in Cambodia: Quality of Growth for Whom. *IDS-AFD-JICA Joint Project on Quality of Growth and JICA Research Institute Working Paper*

Fujita, Yasuo, Tsuruga, Ippei, and Takeda, Asami (2013) Policy Challenges for Infrastructure Development in Africa - The Way Forward for Japan's Official Development Assistance. In: JICA-RI ed. *Inclusive and Dynamic Development in Sub-Saharan Africa*. ISBN: 9784863570511

JICA (2012) Sector Review on Health and Social Protection in Kenya.

JICA (2011) JICA Analytical Work for Kenya (Country Assistance Strategy).

ILO IPEC (2010) The Role of a National Social Protection Strategy in Augmenting Human Capital through Promoting Education, Reducing Child Labour and Eliminating its Worst Forms in Cambodia. Conference Paper: Technical Consultation on Social Protection and Child Labour, ILO IPEC Cambodia.

Tsuruga, Ippei (2009) The variations between countries with regard to the impact of economic growth on poverty reduction: Lessons from Bangladesh and Zambia. *Conference Paper: University of Tokyo Forum in London*, University of Tokyo.

Tsuruga, Ippei (2008) Implementing Human Security in Development Assistance. *Research for Development and Peace*, vol. 5, pp.33-46, Ishii Seminar (thesis for undergraduate degree in Japanese).

OTHERS

COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE SKILLS

Microsoft Office Package, STATA

LANGUAGES

Japanese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

Dr. Sarah Cook

Director, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Innocenti Research Centre, Italy

Prof. Lawrence Haddad

Senior Research Fellow of International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA
Honorary Research Professor, University of Sussex, UK

Prof. Kazuya Ishii

Faculty of Law, Kagawa University, Japan