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Socio-Economic Development Consulting



About KRC

Koei Research & Consulting Inc. (KRC) is the largest socio-economic development consulting company in Japan. It was formed in 2017 by the merger of two subsidiaries of Nippon Koei: Koei Research Institute International Corp. (KRI) and System Science Consultants Co., Ltd. (SSC) with combined histories of consulting services over 40 years in over 100 countries worldwide.

We maintain teams of professionals with project experience and expertise in building the systems that are required for nationwide development to advance society and economy.

Since KRC services cover a wide range of areas, we are able to respond effectively to the ever-diversifying and increasingly complicated needs of countries all over the world. We provide comprehensive consulting services based on solid insight and sophisticated capabilities at every stage of projects from advising on policies, collecting sector information to formulating master plans and providing assistance to implement program activities. We also provide technological assistance and setting up technological projects paid for by JICA (Japanese ODA), the World Bank and ADB.

KRC belongs to the Nippon Koei Group, Japan's leading comprehensive engineering consultants, which has a worldwide reputation for providing quality and reliable engineering services. For more than 70 years, Nippon Koei has been trusted with the planning, design, construction supervision, and project management of major infrastructure projects in almost all sectors of engineering in over 160 countries worldwide. With over 4,500 employees, the Nippon Koei Group has tremendous accumulated expertise in infrastructure engineering fields internationally and in Japan. Consequently, KRC is well positioned to implement comprehensive nationwide development solutions.

KRC is committed to providing of high-quality and creative consulting services that meet and even exceed the expectations of our clients.

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Private Sector Development

KRC has been engaging in consulting and project management services to facilitate and enhance private sector development in developing countries, covering the following fields.

We have facilitated and increased private sector business activities in developing countries by:

- Promotion and facilitation of investment/trade
- Planning & establishment of one-stop-service facility for licensing facilitation
- Development of small & medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and local industries
- Improvement of investment & business climate
- Capacity building for organizations concerned with private sector development
- Development of the agro-based community, agribusiness, and tourism

We have facilitated company expansion overseas and performed market surveys & marketing support.



Finance and Public-Private Partnerships

KRC has introduced public-private partnership (PPP) to secure more effective and efficient development of public infrastructure under an appropriate sharing of roles and responsibilities between the public and private sectors.

We have provided comprehensive support for improvement of the financial environment in developing countries with:

- Capacity building for PPP related organizations and formulation of relevant regulations
- Study on measures to ensure bankability of a project (e.g. government guarantee and viability gap funding)
- Financial viability examination of PPP projects and proposal of reasonable funding scheme
- Design of tender scheme and project implementation scheme

We have supported and implemented two-step loans for use by government-affiliated financial institutions for the development of local industries and infrastructure.



Governance Improvement / Public Management Development

KRC has helped developing countries overcome inefficient administrative services for citizens by assisting them to correct unstable revenue structure, shortage of administrative officers and their lack of competence, and lack of appropriate administrative management system.

We have provided comprehensive consulting services for governments to implement efficient administrative services by:

- Central and local government administrative system development
- Public financial management (PFM) improvement
- Organizational and functional administrative improvement
- Public officials' capacity building
- Facilitating decentralization to achieve improvement of public services





Peace Building / Post-Conflict Development

KRC recognizes a peace as the foundation for development and so we have considered it our important mission to help countries threatened by conflict that need assistance for prevention or recovery from the conflict. Over several decades, KRC has supported the countries of Afghanistan, Sudan (include former South Sudan, Darfur), Rwanda, Palestine, DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo), etc.

Recovery includes the process of humanitarian assistance and development, so KRC services focus special attention for war victims and vulnerable people including displaced people and ex-combatants in order to ensure that desperately poor populations do not slip back into conflict.

We especially have provided services in the following areas:

- Health, water and sanitation, and education as basic needs
- Livelihood skills development and vocational training including empowerment of women as reconstruction of local economy
- Capacity development of the government in consideration of equalities in allocation of public resources

KRC has much experience in the operation of projects in conflict affected areas including remote management. To maximize development impact, it has been critical that the projects are operated in partnership with UN, bilateral donors, NGO and local civic organizations.



Education Sector Development

KRC supports the vital role of education to achieve national goals by providing:

- Necessary knowledge and skills to enable citizens to have a safe and happy life
- The basis to acquire necessary expertise and skills for the economic development of individuals, enterprises and nations
- The basis to build a peaceful society of diverse people under the principles of inclusiveness and fairness

We have supported developing countries solve educational issues and meet the needs they face with the latest knowledge and best practices:

- Education programs formulation
- Curriculum and learning materials development
- Training for Pre-Service & In-Service teachers
- Management capacity improvement of education institutions



Vocational Training Sector Development

KRC has been supporting vocational training in developing countries for their economic development and improvement of employment through capacity development involving training authorities and training providers. We also have substantial experience in vocational and livelihood training in conflict-affected countries to assist smoother reintegration of war victims and vulnerable.

We have supported training institutions and the government over wide areas including:

- Developing policy, strategy and legal framework related to vocational training
- Operation and management of training institutions and its authority body including human resources development, organization management, financial management, information management, etc.
- Developing teaching and training materials such as training standards, course plan, curricula, textbooks, etc.
- Conducting research on labor market and training needs
- Developing training facility and its management





Health Sector Development

KRC has helped address the two main health issues in developing countries: namely, protecting human health and healthy living environments. We have provided consulting services toward realizing universal health coverage (UHC), under which people can receive health services for health promotion, disease prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation without financial hardship.

We have contributed to achieve UHC by:

- Development of health policies, strategic plans and implementation programs
- Strengthening of health administration and institutional capacities
- Enhancement of human resource development system for health personnel
- Improvement of health management information system
- Restructuring public health financing system
- Development of health insurance system
- Enrichment of quality and quantity of health services

We have empowered health service providers in developing countries to promote people's health and prevent the preventable death, especially in the fields of:

- Maternal, newborn and child health
- Reproductive health
- Primary health care
- Prevention and control of communicable diseases
- Prevention of non-communicable diseases

We have also provided consulting services for:

- Health needs in aging of population
- Effective utilization of Japan's experiences in developing countries in the fields of universal health insurance, aging, non-communicable disease control, remote diagnosis system, disaster medicine, etc.





Facility Design & Equipment Procurement

KRC has provided research, planning, design and the supervision of facility improvement and the procurement of equipment in developing countries. Our services have spanned a number of social sectors from health/medical care, education, and vocational training to agriculture and fisheries.

We have provided consulting services for:

- Designing improvements to facilities and planning procurement of equipment
- Planning to operate and maintain facilities and equipment
- Maintenance support







Formulation of Local Policy / Community Development

KRC has provided a consistent platform, from research to plan formulation, for local governments in Japan with emphasis on the decision-making process while valuing public participation.

We have provided consulting services covering:

- Formulation of local policies and strategies
- Formulation of a master plan, particularly in the planning of administrative and financial management strategy, administrative evaluation, child care support, gender equality, education, and industry promotion
- Community development by civic activity and business planning





