

Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative

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To all members of the press

Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative Secretariat: Japan Social Innovation and Investment Foundation (SIIF)

Signatories to the Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative increased more than 3.5 times in two years to 74 institutions. Impact finance AUM under the Initiative approximately tripled to 10,724 billion yen.

In 2024, the Initiative will strengthen asset owner engagement.

The Japan Impact-driven Financing Initiative (Secretariat: Social Innovation and Investment Foundation, hereafter "SIIF"), launched in November 2021 with the signatures of 21 financial institutions, today published the "Impactdriven Financing Initiative Progress Report 2023" (hereafter "Progress Report"), which summarizes activities and progress in the second year of the Initiative.

The Initiative was launched in November 2021 by 21 financial institutions from various financial sectors, including banks, insurance companies, asset managers, and venture capitals, with the idea of solving environmental and social issues through finance as a purpose of financial organizations. In this Progress Report, as in last year's report, we have examined the impact finance AUM (Assets Under Management) of the signatory institutions in the following three categories: those with "intention" and "strategy" but without "measurement" (category 0), those with "intention" and "strategy" and measuring outcomes (category 1), and those with "management" for impact generation in addition to measurement (category 2). The latter two (categories 1+2) are classified as impact finance, and the total impact finance AUM of 63 signatories/supporters (12 undisclosed) as of 2023 is 10,724 billion yen.



The total size of AUM has tripled from last year's 3.85 trillion yen. The reasons for this are: (1) major financial institutions with large impact finance assets, such as Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, Norinchukin Bank, Nippon Life Insurance Company, etc., joined the Initiative last year; and (2) existing major financial institutions expanded their impact finance AUM, such as Mitsubishi UFJ Bank, Mizuho Bank, SBI Shinsei Bank, Dai-ichi Life Insurance, Japan Post Insurance, etc. Of the AUM reported, the domestic/international breakdown is

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approximately 50/50. By asset class, loans represent the majority of the AUM.

The report also includes a special roundtable discussion, "Expectations for the Impact-driven Financing Initiative: Why Finance Should Be Impact-Oriented Now," featuring Toru Takakura, President/Representative Executive Officer at Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Hiroshi Shimizu, President and Chief Executive Officer, Nippon Life Insurance Company, and Keiko Tashiro, Deputy President, Corporate Executive Officer and Member of the Board, Daiwa Securities Group. The report also highlights the impact-oriented financial management activities of individual signatories and supporters of the Initiative.

In addition, the report presents the contents of the Mid-Term Plan developed in July 2023 and includes progress on seven working groups and planning teams: Definition and Inclusion

Criteria, Impact Measurement and Management (IMM), Social Indicators, Asset Owner Asset Management, Regional Finance, Venture Capital, and Overseas Collaboration.

As an important direction for the future, we will continue to share and discuss advanced cases of impact measurement and management (IMM), which is an important feature of impact finance, as we did last year, and we will also establish IMM planning officers in each working groups to promote cross-working group discussions, with the aim of creating a "Basic Idea of IMM" document as our Initiative. Regarding regional finance, we will deepen discussions on the connection between lending and investment, and consider a new way for regional finance to be impact finance. Since the participation of asset owners is low compared to other countries, we plan to strengthen our efforts to reach asset owners, who are the key to the spread of impact finance.

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