



in ALBANIA



Through technical cooperation and ODA Loan projects, JICA has been supporting Albania in the fields of environmental protection and urban planning.

GREATER TIRANA SEWERAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Scheme: **ODA loan**
L/A: **June 2008**
Counterpart organization: **Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy
National Water Supply and Sewerage and Waste Infrastructure Agency**

The Greater Tirana Area has been developing rapidly, driven by both the concentration of capital in Albania and foreign investments. Despite the increase in industrial and domestic wastewater, the sewerage system remains undeveloped, leaving Lana River, running through the Tirana Municipality and its surrounding area, seriously polluted by the direct discharge of untreated wastewater and garbage disposal. As a result, disposed garbage and bad odour negatively affect local residents' hygienic and living environment. As the river down streaming passes through a highly populated area, there is a concern for the contamination of the underground water of those areas.

With JICA's support, the quality of both groundwater and river water are expected to be improved through the construction of sewerage facilities (sewage treatment plants, sewage pipes and drains) in the Greater Tirana Area.



Sewage treatment facilities construction

SMALLHOLDER FAMILIES' FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT IN ALBANIA

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**
Project Period: **November 2017 to October 2021**
Counterpart organization: **Ministry of Finance and Economy**

The Albanian economy is based on a large segment of the household's economies and entrepreneurs. 45 % of its population lives in rural areas.

The agriculture sector has one of the strongest contributors to GDP. On the other hand, the scale of financial inclusion in Albania is low. Only 38% of people over the age of 15 have bank accounts in formal financial institutions, leaving many families without access to financial services.

In order to tackle this issue, JICA and the government of Albania have launched this project. It intends to improve the financial access among small-scale farmers through FED invest, the implementing agency of the project.



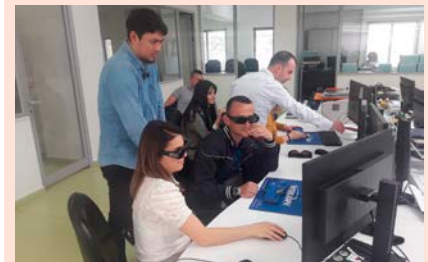
Beneficiaries of the Project

PROJECT ON GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION AND SUSTAINABLE LAND DEVELOPMENT IN TIRANA-DURRES AREA

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**
Project period: **June 2017 to June 2020**
Counterpart organization: **State Authority of Geospatial Information (ASIG)**

The Tirana-Durres Region, an area connecting the capital city of Tirana to Durres in its suburbs, has an experienced explosive population and urban growth over the last decade. However, the official map for the Region has not been updated since the 1980s, due to the lack of finance and technical capacity.

In order to respond to this situation, the Government of Albania established the State Authority for Geospatial Information (ASIG). Through the JICA support, ASIG will implement integrated operations on geographic information in order to build National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), as well as develop the capacity of topographic map production.



Students of Polytechnic University of Tirana learn how to produce the digital topographic mapping

THE PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OF THE REGIONAL LEVEL EMERGENCY CENTRES

Scheme: **Grant aid and Follow-up cooperation**
G/A (Grant Aid): **February 2010**
M/M (Follow-up cooperation): **October 2015**
Counterpart organization: **Ministry of Health**

JICA has provided the Grant Assistance for medical equipment to the Paediatric Hospital of Mother Theresa University Hospital Centre in the years 2000 and 2010, aiming for the modernization of the medical equipment and improvement of the medical service of this Hospital.

In order to extend the effectiveness and improve the life of the medical equipment procured under the Project, a JICA Follow-Up Cooperation Scheme, in the amount of 570.000 USD, was

implemented. The main objective of this project is to maintain quick diagnosis and treatment at the Paediatric Hospital for infant and children patients. New medical equipment, such as X-ray radiography & fluoroscopy, ultrasound, patient monitors, nebulizers, suction machines, as well as spare parts, were supplied to the Paediatric Clinic of Mother Theresa University Hospital Centre during 2016-2017.



Paediatric Clinic of "Mother Theresa University Hospital Centre" in Tirana

ABOUT JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assists and supports developing countries as the executing agency of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

In accordance with its vision of “Leading the world with trust”, JICA supports the resolution of issues of developing and transient countries by using the most suitable tools of various assistance methods and a combined regional-, country- and issue-oriented approach.

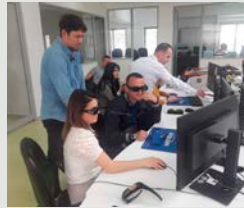
JICA is in charge of administering all ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations. JICA, the world’s largest bilateral aid agency, operates in over 150 countries and regions and has approximately 90 overseas offices.

Technical Cooperation

For the human resources development and the formulation of administrative systems of developing countries, technical cooperation involves the dispatch of experts, the provision of necessary equipment and the training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues.



Smallholder Families' Financial Inclusion Project



Project on Geospatial Information and Sustainable Land Development in Tirana-Durres Area



Training in Japan: Capacity development in sustainable tourism -based on Japanese tradition "Omotenashi –Hospitality"

Finance and Investment Cooperation

ODA LOAN

The ODA loans support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds. The ODA loans are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development that require substantial funds.



Greater Tirana Sewerage System Improvement Project

PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE

JICA supports the acceleration of developing countries' economic/social growth through the private sector, through debt and equity investment for the development projects of private companies.

Grants

Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. Grants are used for the improvement of basic infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.



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Disaster Relief

Research

Cooperation through Citizen Participation



ABOUT JICA BALKAN OFFICE

Established in 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia, JICA Balkan Office covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. JICA Balkan Office provides assistance for growth and stability to the countries of the region, working mainly in the areas of environmental conservation, private sector development and consolidation of peace.

*The Government of Japan recognized Kosovo as an independent country on March 18th, 2008.

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