



in KOSOVO



Through technical cooperation and grant aid assistance, JICA has been active in the areas of environmental infrastructure and enhancing the capacity, as well as in harmonizing inter-ethnic collaboration between different communities in Kosovo.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL IN KOSOVO

Scheme: Technical Cooperation
Project Period: October 2017 to September 2020
Counterpart organization: Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning (MESP)

Air pollution is becoming a serious issue in Kosovo, and there is a growing concern over the health among the people. In order to tackle the issue, JICA, together with the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, has been implementing the project to improve the capacities of the Ministry and related agencies to better measure and control air pollution. As a part of the project, JICA donated to the Hydro-Meteorological Institute of Kosovo 100 technical equipment for the exhaust gas measurement and air quality measurement.



Training for ION chromatograph

THE PROJECT FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF RADIO TELEVISION OF KOSOVO (RTK)

Scheme: Technical Cooperation
Project period: October 2015 to April 2019
Counterpart organization: Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK)

It has been 20 years since the end of the conflict in Kosovo, but there is still a need for the improvement of the inter-ethnic relationships. In order to foster the collaboration, JICA has supported Kosovo's public broadcaster, Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK), in the production and broadcasting of information programs jointly produced by a multi-ethnic team. The team produced an informational program called "UMAMI," which name is derived from the Japanese word for savory taste, which is being broadcast. Based on the concept of interethnic collaboration, UMAMI is a probing documentary that covers a variety of topics from both perspectives. The show has been broadcasted with subtitles in both Albanian and Serbian languages.



Albanian and Serbian staff working together to develop the Program

THE PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Scheme: Grant Aid
G/A: March 2011
Counterpart organizations: Ministry of Finance and Economy, Pristina municipality, Prizren municipality, Public Company "Ekoregjioni", and Public Company "Pastrimi"

Deterioration of public health due to the insufficient waste collection service was a serious issue in Kosovo, especially in urban areas such as Pristina, the capital, and Prizren, the second-largest city. The project contributed to

improve the public waste disposal systems in Prizren and some municipalities surrounding Prizren by providing the relevant utility companies with about 40 new compacter trucks.



Community meeting – introduction of the new system of waste collection



Composting monitoring

TRAINING ON ENHANCING TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY FOR FOOD SAFETY CONTROL

Scheme: Technical Cooperation (Third Country training)
Project period: September 2017- October 2020
Counterpart organization: Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency (KFVA)

Strengthening the capacity of the agriculture sector is set as a priority in Kosovo. In this regard, improving the productivity and quality of products in the agriculture sector are highlighted as well as increasing competitiveness and alignment to EU standards. In particular, food safety concern is one of the general objectives of Kosovo.

Based on the discussion between the JICA ODA Adviser and the senior management of the

Kosovo Food and Veterinary Agency (KFVA) who participated in the JICA training program in 2012, the needs of KFVA for strengthening its capacity for auditing the food safety control process was identified. The project intends to create a group of trainers for food safety control measures especially focusing on auditing Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) implementation and General Principles of Food Hygiene.



The first course, entitled "General Principles of Food Hygiene" was conducted at the University of Jordan in 2017

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.



ODA Advisor



The Project for Capacity Development of Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK)



Training in Japan: Community based development with local residents as main actors

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.

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.



Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project Phase 2 (India)

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.



The Project for Improvement of Solid Waste Management

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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