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A WORD FROM JICA ZAMBIA'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the executing Agency of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA), Technical Cooperation, Grant Aid and ODA Loan. The actions that drive us as JICA are commitment, working together with the people, thinking and acting strategically with broad and long-term perspectives, bringing together diverse wisdom, resources and innovation that will bring about unprecedented impact. In meeting some of these actions, allow me with great enthusiasm to present to you, our cooperating partners, the JICA Zambia Information Pack (JICA ZIP) 2021 edition, which contains the activities of JICA Zambia in the year 2021.

Zambia and Japan have shared a very good relationship and cooperation for more than 50 years. JICA has been the bridge linking Japan and developing countries, in this case Zambia. JICA's support to Zambia is primarily focused on: 1) Vitalization of Industries 2) Improvement of Foundation for Economic Activities.

I am hopeful that the year 2021 shall be a Productive year despite the COVID-19 Pandemic. JICA has continued to work extra hard even in these unprecedented times to continue nurturing the existing cooperation between

Zambia and Japan and to live up to our Mandate. JICA has been helping in the fight against COVID-19. We have completed and upgraded Three (3) Health Centres in the Project for upgrading Lusaka Health Centres to General Hospitals (Level 2 Hospitals). Under this Project, Chipata, Kanyama and Chawama Clinics have been upgraded to General Hospitals. Phase I of this project saw the completion and upgrade of Matero and Chilenje Clinics to General Hospitals in July, 2016. I am glad to announce that this Project has broken barriers and has expanded to the Copperbelt under the project for "Upgrade of Copperbelt Health Centers to District Hospitals".

Equipment has also been provided in the named Hospitals to assist with various Health procedures. It is my hope that this and many more Projects that JICA is implementing will improve service delivery in the Health system.

JICA will also continue providing short-term and long-term training in Japan and third countries for participants' capacity building in their various sectors under the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP). This program is implemented in all 150 countries where JICA operates and it seeks to improve and strengthen human Resource Development. JICA values Human Resource Development because it is the biggest asset of a Nation and has a role to play in its's development. Over 4,000 Zambians have benefitted in these Trainings provided by JICA.

JICA further subscribe to the vision 2030, which is the first long-term written plan for Zambia. It sets out the goals and targets for Zambia to become a prosperous middle-income nation by 2030. It is for this reason that JICA will continue cooperating with counterparts in various sectors such as Agriculture, Energy, Infrastructure Development, Health, Education and Private Sector Development.

I hope that you find this edition of the JICA ZIP informative, as you know more about JICA's cooperation in Zambia.

**JICA Zambia Office
Chief Representative,
Mr Tokuhashi Kazuhiko**

Mission

JICA, in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter, will work on human security and quality growth.

Vision

Leading the World with Trust

Action

1. Commitment: Commit ourselves with pride and passion to achieving our mission and vision.
2. Gemba: Dive into the field ("gemba") and work together with the people.
3. Strategy: Think and act strategically with broad and longterm perspectives.
4. Co-creation: Bring together diverse wisdom and resources.
5. Innovation: Innovate to bring about unprecedented impacts.

What is JICA?

A Bridge Linking Japan and Developing Countries

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is the executing agency of Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA) which assists and supports developing countries to resolve various issues they are facing. Funds that are used in Japanese ODA are supported by the taxes paid by Japanese people.

JICA is in charge of implementing the majority of bilateral Finance and Investment Corporation including Technical Cooperation, Finance and Investment Corporation and Grant Aid in an integrated manner.

JICA is currently working in over 150 countries and regions and having nearly 100 Overseas Offices.

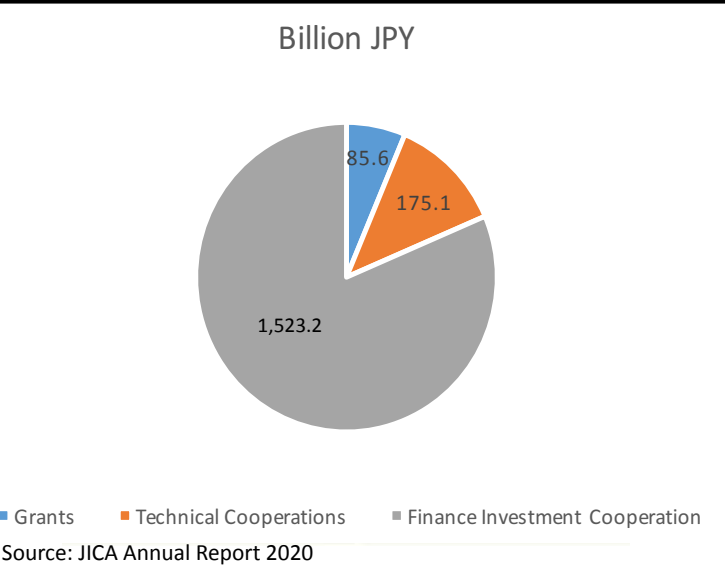
JICA’s Main Approach

<p>Technical Cooperation</p>	<p>For human resources development and improvement of administrative systems of developing countries, Technical Cooperation involves dispatching of experts, provision of necessary equipment and training of personnel in Japan and other countries. Cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues and needs of developing countries.</p>
<p>Finance and Investment Corporation</p>	<p>Finance and Investment Corporation support developing countries above a certain income level by providing low-interest, long-term concessional loans to finance their development efforts. Finance and Investment Corporation are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development works that require substantial funds. Private Sector Investment Finance, on the other hand provides financial support for private sector activities in developing countries.</p>
<p>Grant Aid</p>	<p>Grant Aid is provision of funds to developing countries which have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment, Grant Aid is used to improve basic infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.</p>

Scale of JICA's Operations Worldwide

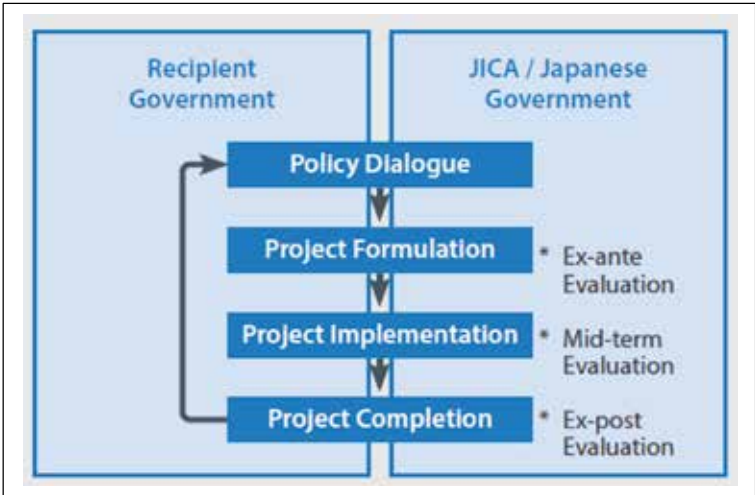
Looking at JICA's operations in fiscal year 2019 (Table 3, Technical Cooperation implemented by JICA amounted to ¥175.1 billion, a decrease of 7.9% from the previous fiscal year. Turning to Grants, JICA implemented 147 projects amounting to ¥85.6 billion (Grant Agreement amount). Of Finance and Investment Cooperation, ODA Loan was provided through 40 projects amounting to ¥1,459.4 billion (commitment basis), while Private-Sector Investment Finance amount totaled ¥63.7 billion and was provided to four organizations.

Table 1: Scale of JICA's Operation in JFY2019



JICA's Operational Flow

JICA implements effective and efficient support under the Japanese government's development cooperation policy, which is based on an unbiased and broad perspective beyond each scheme. JICA provides its assistance in close collaboration with the Japanese Government and recipient governments throughout the project cycle.



Overseas Offices (As of July 1, 2020)



History of JICA's Cooperation in Zambia

JICA office in Zambia was established in 1970 as a representative office when the first Japanese Volunteers were dispatched to Zambia. Consequently, it officially became JICA Zambia Office in 1987 after signing Exchange of Notes by both governments. In 2008, JICA merged with Japanese ODA Loan arm under former Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). Since then, Technical Cooperation, Grant Aid and ODA loans has become implemented under one umbrella, JICA.

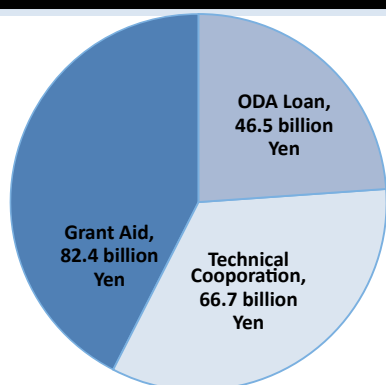
Year	Event
1964	Establishment of diplomatic relations between Japan and Zambia right after its independence.
1968	Japan received the first Zambian participants for training courses in Japan.
1970	First Japanese volunteers dispatched to Zambia. JICA office for Japanese volunteers was set up in Lusaka.
1987	JICA Zambia Office was established after Exchange of Notes by both governments.
2006	Signing of Agreement on Technical Cooperation.
2008	Merger of JICA and ODA loan pillar under former Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).
2009	First ODA Loan Project committed for 17 years after Zambia's attainment of HIPC completion.
2020	50th Anniversary for dispatch of volunteers

Contribution to Zambia

JICA has been supporting Zambia's Socio-Economic Development since commencement of cooperation by sending training participants to Japan in 1968, under the Japanese development cooperation philosophy of "Capacity Development"; enhancement of the capacity of Zambian counterparts from individual to national level through reciprocal manner of cooperation. JICA's support to Zambia is primarily focused on: 1) Vitalization of industries, 2) Improvement of infrastructure and solid services to support economic activities. JICA has supported Zambia's development agenda in different sectors, through different modalities as shown below.

Statistics of JICA's Contribution to Zambia

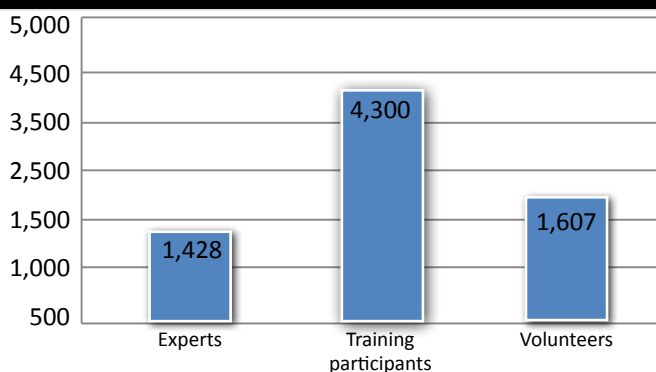
Table 1: Accumulated Amounts according to cooperation modality as of JFY2019



Note: All figures are as of 31st March 2020, end of Japanese Fiscal Year 2019.

Amount of ODA Loans is on the Loan Agreement basis, and that of Grant Aid is on the Grant Agreement basis. Technical cooperation is disbursed amount.

Table 2: Number of experts, training participants and volunteers



Note: All figures are as of 31st March 2020. The number of dispatch for volunteers is comprised of junior volunteers as well as senior volunteers.

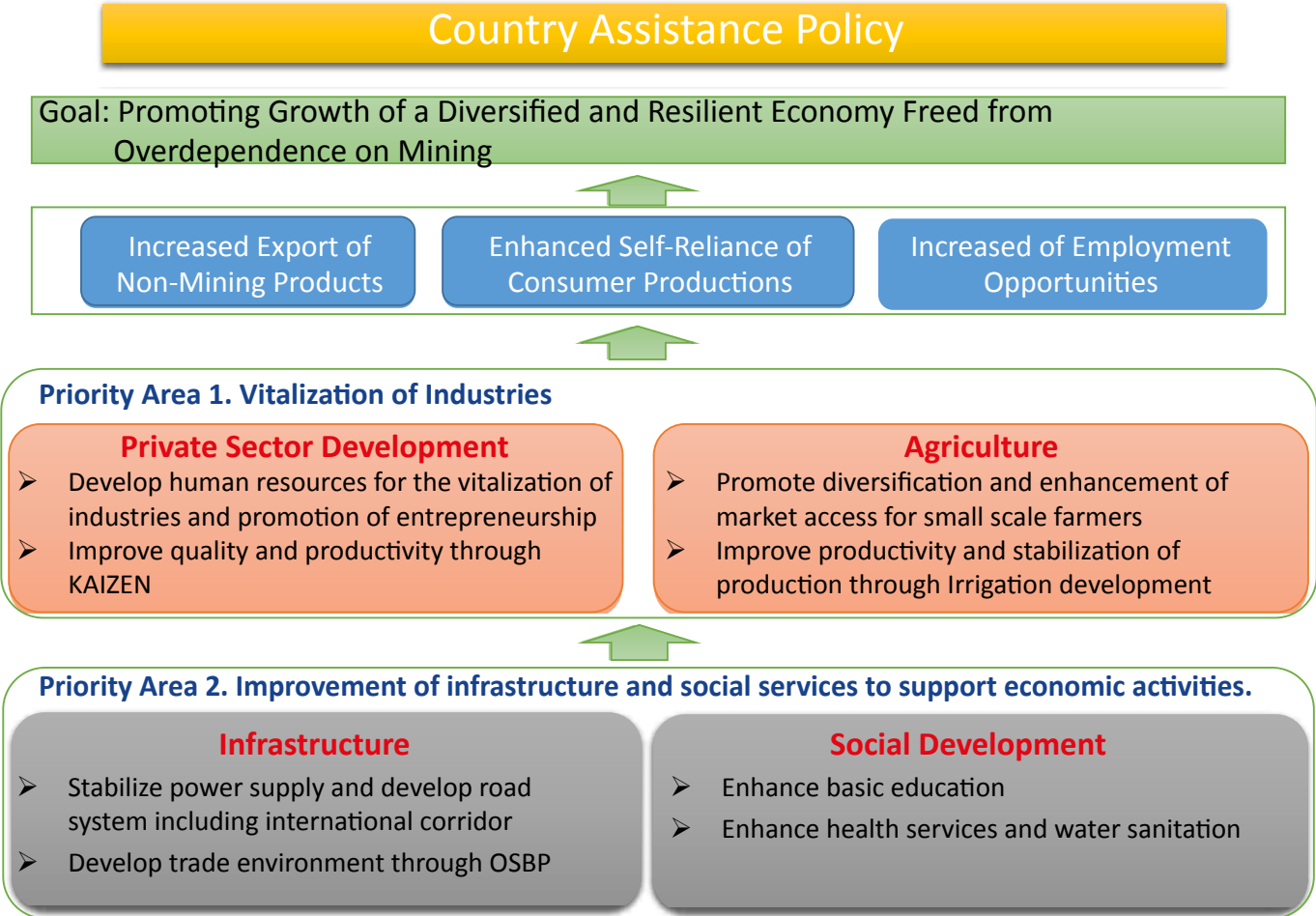
JICA's Cooperation in Zambia

JICA's Cooperation Strategy and Priority Areas

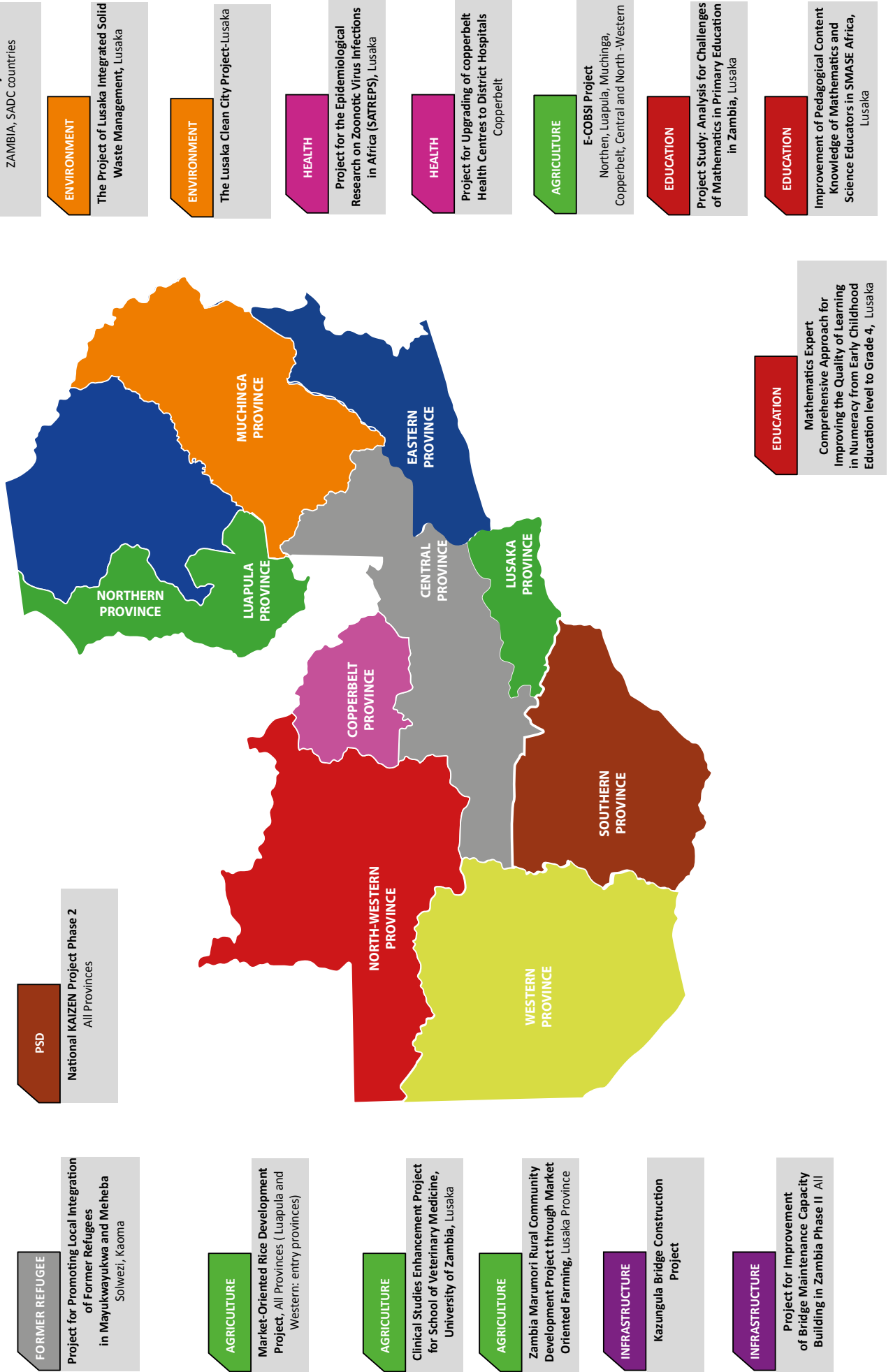
In line with the Government of Zambia's development strategies, the Japanese Government revised its "Country Assistance Policy for Zambia" in 2018 and established its overall goal of "Promoting Growth of a Diversified and Resilient Economy Freed from Overdependence on Mining".

In accordance with this policy, JICA Zambia set two priority areas for its operation: (1) Vitalization of Industries (2) Improvement of infrastructure and social services to support economic activities.

Under these priority areas, JICA mobilizes all the assistance schemes to work towards the above-stated development objective, while fully respecting ownership by the Government of Zambia. JICA also proactively collaborates with cooperating partners including traditional and emerging development partners, the private sector as well as civil society organizations which have certain level of expertise in their own respective fields.



JICA Zambia Office Project Site Map



Private Sector Development

Overview

JICA has been providing technical and financial support to Private Sector Development in Zambia since 2006. Based on the request from the Zambian Government since then, JICA has implemented “the Project for Triangle of Hope, Strategic Action Initiative for Economic Development (ToH SAIED)” from July 2006 to March 2009, “the Study on Master Plan of Lusaka South Multi Facility Economic Zone (MFEZ), 2007 - 2009”, “Zambia Investment Promotion Project - Triangle of Hope, 2009 - 2012” and “the Project of Industry Strategy Formulation for Engineering Product, 2011 - 2013”.

After TICAD V in 2013, JICA introduced to African countries “MONOZUKURI” which means Japanese manufacturing skills and technology and “KAIZEN” which means continuous Improvement. Further, new partnerships between Official Development Assistance (ODA) projects and private sector activities were included as part of JICA’s policy. In light of the above, from 2014 JICA's assistance has been on human resource development through support to Rural Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises from 2014 to 2015 and National KAIZEN Project Phase 1 from 2014 to 2016. Currently, National KAIZEN Project Phase 2 is underway up to January 2022.

Technical Cooperation Project

“National KAIZEN Project Phase II” (2017.7-2022.1)

National KAIZEN Project Phase 2 is been implemented by KAIZEN Institute of Zambia (KiZ). KiZ was registered on 28th October, 2013, under the Companies Act, chapter 388 of the Laws of Zambia, as a company limited by guarantee whose members are Zambia Development Agency and Zambia Bureau of Standards under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.

Overall goal of the project is to expand KAIZEN implementation in both private and public sectors to acquire quality and productivity improvement.

Expected outputs through project activities are i) management capacity of KiZ is enhanced for sustainable dissemination and expansion of KAIZEN, ii) KAIZEN consultant development system is enhanced, iii) KiZ is able to continuously provide KAIZEN consulting services that match with needs of private and public sectors, and iv) promotion activities to disseminate KAIZEN nationwide are enhanced. Therefore, KiZ through the project has been providing KAIZEN consultation services to private companies and public institutions based on the needs of clients. The continuous implementation of KAIZEN is expected to bring about the improvement of communication, safety, productivity and so on.



Quality Control Team from Hitachi Construction Machinery Zambia Co. Ltd. developed and produced a Trolley Tool Box. It brought benefits such as reduced unnecessary movements to and from tool stores, improved job concentration, enhanced safety, etc.



National KAIZEN Conference Board occupied with the latest information from each organizer’s team

International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) 2020

FIVE Zambian companies in 2020 received Platinum prizes for their quality improvement work at the 45th International Convention on Quality Control Circles (ICQCC) held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Dakar, Bangladesh, from December 1 – 3, 2020.

The international Convention on Quality Control Circle awarded the top prize to ZESCO Limited (Team Lean Generators), HITACHI Construction Machinery Company (Z) Limited (Team Excavator), Lusaka's Kanyama Level One Hospital (Team VIVID), Lusaka Water and Sanitation Company (Team Producer), and Strongpak Limited (Team Buyantanshi) for implementing various projects aimed at promoting, quality, safety and efficiency at their work places.

The five companies participated in the Convention, whose theme was "Unlocking Imagination through QCC" from Lusaka and submitted their projects virtually for assessment by the ICQCC panel of judges in Dakar.

This is the third time the Zambian teams have competed for awards at the ICQCC which is an international premier event for work improvement projects to pitch their projects to international Assessors.

The five companies have in the past few years been implementing quality improvement projects with guidance from the KAIZEN institute of Zambia Limited (KiZ) with support from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

This just goes to show that our journey towards quality is on the right path. Our showing in this international League of Nations promoting excellence is impressive. Since our first participation this league 2018 in Singapore, 2019 in Japan and 2020 in Bangladesh, all our participants have been awarded the highest prizes. We thus proud that the quality of our KAIZEN practice is of international standard.



These photos were taken during the online 45th International Convention on Quality Control Circles ICQCC held at Pacific Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh from 1- 3 December 2020. Five Zambian companies namely; HITACHI Construction Machinery Company (Z) Limited (Team Excavator), Lusaka's Kanyama Level One Hospital (Team VIVID), Lusaka Water and Sanitation Company (Team Producer) and Strongpak Limited (Team Buyantanshi) participated at the convention. In addition, all the five companies were awarded platinum prizes for implementing various projects aimed at promoting, quality safety and efficiency at their work places.

Agriculture

Overview

JICA's assistance in this sector started more than 30 years ago and worked on many projects such as the development of the Sefra-irrigation scheme in Mongu, establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Zambia (UNZA Vet), as well as dispatching of a tremendous amount of grassroots volunteers.

Our current two flagship projects are the Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOReDeP) and the Expansion of the Community-based Smallholder Irrigation Project (E-COBSI). Both have a strong focus on market access. The former is verifying "the cluster-based extension approach," which creates small-clusters of rice farmers to the attention of traders and vendors. It is also developing an approach in selling rice at a better price from market observation. The latter provides knowledge of market-survey and demand-based crop-selection to farmers and super-simple community irrigation.

A total of 5,000 households have received training under MOReDeP and E-COBSI between April and December 2020 when all the Japanese experts were evacuated back to Japan due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was enabled by a "new-normal" style of project approach, the counterpart-led field activities under the remote-backstopping of Japanese experts.

In short, JICA Zambia's agriculture team has a strong focus on market and farmers' income. We are trying to innovate the mode of interventions post-COVID workstyle. The team also renders policy advise to the Ministry of Agriculture, supports the UNZA school of Vet, offers training to senior officials in the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, and supports farmers through various JICA Partnership Programs.

Technical Cooperation Project

"Market-Oriented Rice Development Project" (2019.10 - 2025.9)

"MOReDeP" was launched in October 2019, with a strong focus on income generation from rice. This 6-year project has three components:

i) Research on ecology-based rice technologies, ii) Cluster-based extension, and iii) Market-oriented rice production (Rice-SHEP).

MOReDeP has already published the "Good Rice Practice (GRiP)" in September 2020, which was used in the training to around 1,000 households in Luapula and Northwestern provinces. Rice-SHEP was launched in Western Province in March 2021.

Target areas: Country-wide

Entry provinces are Luapula, Western province, and Lusaka provinces.

Activities are expanded to Northwestern and Central provinces.



Harvesting of rice samples for research (top), Farmer training on cultivation tools (left), and Good Rice Practice ("GRiP") (right)

Technical Cooperation Project

"Expansion of Community-based Smallholder Irrigation Development Project" (2018.12-2024.2)

E-COBSI is promoting community-based small irrigation and market-oriented farm management. The structure, made of locally available materials, can be built and maintained with the farmers' capacity under the guidance of extension offices.

Training on Market-survey skills can make farmers' decision-making more suitable for income. The project has trained 4,000 households even during the COVID-19 pandemic through the counterpart-led, remote-guidance-from-Japan style.

Target areas: Copperbelt, North Western, Central, Luapula, Muchinga, and Northern provinces



Construction of a simple weir (left), Market survey training (right)

Individual Expert

"Advisor to the Department of Agriculture" (2018.5-2021.5)

The advisor enhances the capacity of the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture in policy planning and implementation, facilitates its activities for Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) and promoting market-oriented agriculture. He is also the Senior Agricultural Advisor to the Japanese Ambassador in Zambia, as a member of the Platform for Promoting African Agricultural Development led by the Government of Japan to accelerate technology transfer and capacity building and strengthen collaboration between Japan and Zambia.

Duty station: HQ of the Ministry of Agriculture

Technical Cooperation Project

"Clinical Studies Enhancement Project for School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zambia" (2021-2024)

The project aims at capacitating the school of Vet Medicine at the University of Zambia to produce high-quality veterinarians with "Day One Competences." The Government of Japan decided to provide grant aid to the School and its clinic for upgrading equipment. This project will also update the course curricula and strengthen the capacity of the staff and Vet-clinic management.

Target areas: School of Veterinary Medicine, UNZA



The entrance of the School

Country-Focused Training

"Capacity Enhancement for Government Officials of Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector in Zambia" (2021.3-2022.3)

This training is meant for Senior officials under the Department of Fisheries. In March 2021, the first session was conducted online. It covered topics such as the history and policy for capture fisheries and aquaculture in Japan. Participants were drawn from research and extension in capture fisheries and aquaculture, respectively, and provincial head of fisheries and aquaculture. Japan visit is also planned for 2021/2022 Japanese fiscal year.

Target areas: Lusaka



Online training held in March 2021

JICA Partnership Program

"Zambia Marumori Rural Community Development Project through Market Oriented Farming" (2021.2-2024.10)

This project, implemented by the Kouya Development Association of Marumori Town, aims at promoting market-oriented farming through Marumori's practices among small-scale farmers.

This project, succeeded from the first-phase project between 2016 and 2019, raises farmers' awareness on demand, enhances market-oriented production, develops record-keeping, and improves the capacity of extension officers. This project is unique because it contributes not only to farmers in Zambia but also to residents in Marumori town by casting light on the value of long-lasting farming practices in Marumori.



Training in Zambia (left) and Training in Japan (right)

Target area: Chilanga and Kafue district, Lusaka province

Infrastructure (Energy & Transport)

Overview

JICA Zambia's Infrastructure sector comprises support to projects in both physical infrastructure development and energy. JICA Zambia has been active in facilitating cross-border transactions by promoting the system of One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs) at Chirundu and Kasungula borders. This includes the physical construction of the buildings as well as the procurement of specialized equipment operated in the buildings.

Following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, JICA Zambia Office, in collaboration with Zambia Revenue Authority and Zambian National Public Health Institute, formulated the Community Empowerment Project dubbed 'Project for Strengthening Medical Inspection for COVID-19 Control at Zambian Borders'. In this project, JICA procured and installed full body sanitizers at Chirundu and Kasumbalesa borders. In addition, JICA procured various PPE to be used by border staff to both screen and prevent the spread of the deadly corona virus.

From October 2020, JICA and RDA has started the Preparatory Survey for the Project for Construction of Luangwa Bridge. This Survey will conclude in 2021.



PPE for Chirundu and Kasumbalesa Border



Full body Sanitizer installed at entrance to customs and immigration Buildings at Chirundu and Kasumbalesa Borders



Full Body Sanitizer installed at Kasumbalesa Walkway

Technical Cooperation Project

“The Project for Capacity Development on Smooth Operation of OSBPs on the North-South Transport Corridor” (2020.11-2025.3)

The Overall Goal of the Project is to enhance trade on the North-South Corridor by improving customs clearance procedures of the targeted One Stop Border Posts. This will result in the establishment and implementation of the operational structure of OSBPs. The Operational Manual for targeted OSBPs will be established through capacity development of Customs officials. These manuals will also be utilized in other countries in Southern Africa.

The Implementing Agencies for this project are Botswana Unified Revenue Services (BURS), Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA), and Zimbabwe Revenue Authority (ZIMRA), and will be responsible for the implementation of the Project in cooperation with JICA

Technical Cooperation Project

“Capacity Building for Bridge Maintenance Project Phase 2 (2019.1-2023.1)”

The project is to strength the institutional capacity of Road Development Agency (RDA) for bridge maintenance planning and operation includes improvement of outsourcing contract management aiming at self-management of maintenance cycle (inspection evaluation, and repairing)

Under With COVID-19 circumstances, Virtual Remote Workshop for Daily Maintenance activity has been conducting connecting Japan and Zambia.

Target areas: All Provinces



Bridge inspection

Loan Project

“Kazungula Bridge Construction Project” (2013.12-2022.1)

The Government of Japan and JICA have been cooperating in the construction of the Kazungula Bridge and One Stop Boarder Post (OSBP) facilities since October 2012 through co-financing with the African Development Bank.

It is hoped that the opening of the Kazungula Bridge will smoothen the transfer of goods and services in the North-South Corridor and contribute to the economic development of both Zambia and Botswana as well as Southern Africa. JICA finances consulting service of the project, and construction of access roads and border control facilities at Botswana side (Package 2).



Kazungula Bridge and its Location

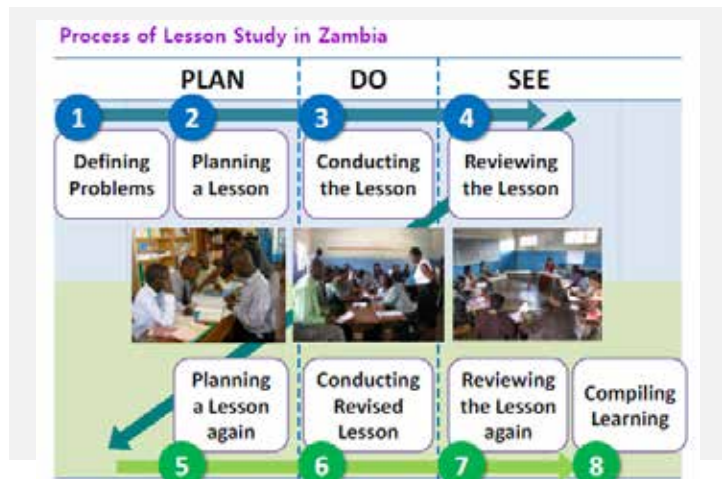
Education

Overview

JICA has been providing technical and financial support to the education sector in Zambia, since 1976, with the dispatch of the first Volunteer teachers of mathematics and science. Up to 2012, JICA had been providing mostly project support. Among the key projects supported by JICA was the “Project for the Construction of Basic Schools in Lusaka District”. Under the project, between 1998 and 2007 18 basic schools were constructed in Lusaka, and handed over to the Ministry of Education. The total cost of the schools was US\$32 million. Each of the schools had 23 classrooms, a home economics room, a library, offices for the staff and the school management – all of which had the required furniture and equipment, a borehole and water tank. Altogether the 18 schools had 414 classrooms, which could accommodate approximately 30,000 learners.

The above project was Japan’s contribution to increased access to quality education for Zambian children. After the above project, from 2005 to the 2019, JICA supported projects, focused on improving the quality of education, with emphasis on strengthening mathematics and science education, through the Lesson Study approach. This approach, originally invented and utilized in Japan, is a participatory methodology in which teachers support each other about subject units with which they are having difficulties. By 2015, 1.64 million learners, 46,058 teachers and 3,121 schools were benefitting from Lesson Study interventions.

In addition, to the above projects, JICA also started contributing to the Education Sector Pool Fund, through a JICA scheme titled the “Grant Aid for Poverty Reduction Strategy” through which a total of 900 million Japanese Yen was committed in three phases in order to strengthen science and mathematics education.



Technical Cooperation

“Project Study: Analysis for Challenges of Mathematics in Primary Education in Zambia” (2018.3-2021.11)

Hiroshima University in collaboration with the University of Zambia (UNZA), Ministry of General Education (MOGE) has been conducting a Project Study: Challenges of Mathematics in Primary Education in Zambia.

The objective is to develop an assessment instrument to identify Zambian Students’ numeracy competence. The target group is Grades 1 to 4.

The participating Schools: Chipata Primary School, New Kabanana School, Muchinga Primary School, George Central Primary School, Chamba Valley Primary School, Kaunda Square Primary School, Twashuka Primary School, John Laing Primary School, New Kamulanga Primary School, Chimwemwe Primary School .

The outcome of this study could provide both valuable information on the causes of the observed low level of numeracy competence and suggest a more effective teaching strategy

Target areas: Lusaka



Technical Cooperation (Third Country Training Programme)

"Improvement of Pedagogical Content Knowledge of Mathematics and Science Educators in SMASE Africa" (2021.7 -2024.3)

Through several technical cooperation projects, the 'Zambian model' of Lesson Study was developed, which also drew attention internationally. As a result, Zambia began to receive study visits from other parts of the world, to learn about Lesson Study. In order to systematically share Zambia's mutual experience and knowledge with other African countries, it was mutually agreed between JICA and the Ministry of General Education to offer a Third Country Training Programme under the Knowledge Co-Creation Programme (KCCP), with technical support from JICA. The target participants are mathematics and science educators.

A pilot training course was offered in 2016 at NSC; full-fledged courses were offered in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Currently, the themes of the courses are "Enhancing Teacher Professional Growth through the Practice of Lesson Study" and "Improving Understanding of the Concept and Importance of Pedagogical Content Knowledge (PCK)". It is expected that the courses will be offered annually up to 2020.

Target areas: Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Namibia, Uganda, Eswatini, Tanzania, Botswana, Cameroon, Kenya; Lesotho, Malawi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mozambique, South Africa, South Sudan and Zimbabwe



KCCP training session



KCCP school experience session



New facilities of National Science centre constructed with support from JICA. The centre has 16 labs. National Science Centre is a hub of national activities for science, mathematics and technology

Overview

Over the past decades, Zambia Ministry of Health has produced substantial results in conjunction with cooperating partners including JICA, as seen in the lower mortality rates, lower maternal mortality ration, reduced rate of HIV incidence and longer average life span in Zambia.

Although major improvements were reported in the prevention and control of infectious diseases, Zambia remains having a high burden of disease, characterized by high prevalence and impact of communicable diseases, particularly, malaria, HIV and AIDs, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STIs) and Tuberculosis (TB).

Emerging and reemerging epidemics such as Ebola virus disease (EVD), HIV/AIDs and TB that spread widely beyond the national boundary have been common concerns in the international society.

The country is also faced with a rapidly rising burden of non-communicable disease, including diabetes, cardio-vesicular diseases and mental health.

Other notable challenges include inadequate medical staff, weak logistics management in the supply of drugs and medical supplies, inadequate and inequitable distribution of health infrastructure, equipment and transport, and challenges related to health information systems, weak governance of health systems.

Under the circumstances, JICA has recognized health sector as a priority sector to promote sustainable economic growth, and implemented various health and medical projects to overcome the above challenges.

JICA Zambia office will continue to provide supports to the implementation of the respective activities for the health sector in an effective, affordable and sustainable manner to significantly improve the quality of health service delivery in close collaboration with Zambia Ministry of Health and other relevant organizations.

Technical Cooperation Project (SATREPS)
“The Project for the Epidemiological Research on Zoonotic Virus Infections in Africa”
(2019.6-2023.6)

This Project aims to reinforce the functions of epidemiological studies on zoonotic virus infections in Zambia and DR Congo. The Project has commenced its planned activities in June 2019 for the duration of 5 years with implementing agencies of Ministry of Higher Education, University of Zambia School of Veterinary Medicine (UNZA-SVM) and University Teaching Hospital (UTH).

The Project is implemented under the Japanese cooperation scheme of ‘Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS), which is a JICA and Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) Programme for research project targeting global issues and involving partnership between researchers in Japan and developing countries.

JICA wishes to make further contributions to strengthen the early detection and response system and its capacity enhancement against zoonotic virus infections in Africa region.



Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) which is commonly used for handling infectious materials



Entering the cave where many species of bats live

Grant Aid Project

"Project for Upgrading of Copperbelt Health Centres to District Hospitals" (2020.7-2023.5)

This Project mainly involves the upgrading of Mushili and Chamboli Health Centres in Ndola and Kitwe respectively to District Hospitals. The project includes constructing the service building including; outpatient department, medical wards, Laboratory and radiology department and others.

In addition, this was followed by procurement of necessary medical equipment such as X-ray equipment, Ultrasound diagnostic device, Anesthetic machine, vital sign monitor, Dental treatment unit and Autoclaving machines.

The Construction of these District hospitals help to strengthen the referral system in Ndola and Kitwe districts, thereby contributing to reduce the congestion at Ndola and Kitwe University Teaching Hospitals.

Target areas: Copperbelt



Façade of Chamboli District Hospital



Mushili District Hospital (Bird's eye view)



Chamboli District Hospital (Bird's eye view)

Individual Expert

"Advisor of Infectious Disease Control" (2020.1-2022.1)

Recently, emerging and reemerging infectious diseases are appearing worldwide, and becoming of major concern to public health. Changes in the global environment and human behavior are likely to contribute to the emergence of new infectious diseases.

Resurgence of Cholera outbreaks has also been an issue in Zambia. A comprehensive approach to mitigate the risk of future Cholera outbreaks has been explored by the Zambia Ministry of Health and partner agencies. These infectious diseases can be controlled by routine disease surveillance and early detection to predict and prevent their outbreaks.

Under these circumstances, the Government of Japan through JICA has dispatched an advisor of Infectious Disease Control for a period of 2 years to the Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI), where conduct timely, comprehensive and coordinated response activities to public health threats in Zambia and Southern African region.

JICA wishes to strengthen health-related surveillance systems for improved public health decision making and actions by the ZNPHI through the individual expert dispatch program.

Target areas:

Grant Aid Project

“Project for Upgrading of Lusaka Health Centres to District Hospitals II” (2020.7-2022.5)

The main objective of the Phase 2 project is to upgrade the three Level 1 hospitals to strengthen the referral system in Lusaka district, thereby contributing to reduce the congestion at UTH and revive its function as the top referral and educational hospital.

Target three hospitals (Chipata, Kanyama and Chawama) were supported by JICA to build the new facilities of the outpatient department, treatment room, operation theatre, sterilization room, delivery room, pediatrics ward, maternity ward, dental room, doctor’s room and other related facilities.

In addition, this is followed by procurement of necessary medical equipment were procured, such as X-ray equipment, Ultrasound diagnostic device, Anesthetic machine, Vital sign monitor, Dental treatment unit and Autoclave.

The total beneficially population of the Project is estimated approximately half of the total population in Lusaka district.

Target areas: Lusaka



The three completed Hospitals in Lusaka (Kanyama, Chawama and Chipata 1st Level Hospitals)

Environment

Overview

Maintaining a sustainable environment is not only necessary for the long-term conservation of useful natural resources for development but also for prevention of detrimental pollution to the eco-system. Several examples may be presented to highlight some adverse effects that can arise from failure to adequately care for the environment. For example, when the environment is affected by toxic substance from the mines or dumping site, it can present a threat to human life, biodiversity and disruptions in the ecological system for a long period. Once the land or water in the river is contaminated by chemical substance generated by human activity, it will take decades to wipe them out completely.

In view of the foregoing, JICA has been collaborating with the Zambian government in efforts towards maintaining a sustainable environment in the country.

Technical Cooperation Project

“The Project for Visualization of impact of chronic/latent chemical hazard and Geo-Ecological Remediation (KAMPAL Project)” (2016.4-2022.6)

Areas with long history of mining have been associated with elevated concentrations of toxic metals including lead (Pb), Cadmium (Cd), Mercury (Hg) and Arsenic (As). When no measures are taken to control these concentrations, the metals can pose a risk to life for both humans and other forms of life (animal and plant).

The KAMPAL project is to assist understand and mitigate the hazards of the chemical concentration, particularly lead, through the various interventions in collaboration with UNZA as well as Hokkaido University in Japan.

Target Area: Kabwe



Zambian and Japanese researchers are analyzing the concentration of lead in blood samples

Technical Cooperation Project

“The Lusaka Clean City Project” (2021.9-2025.7)

Lusaka city generates about 375,000 tons of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) against the collection coverage of 35 %. The MSW generation rate is expected to reach about 600,000 tons per year by 2025. Community based enterprises provide waste collection services in unplanned settlements. They collect wastes from household to transfer stations, and private operators carry those wastes to the final disposal landfill with no standardized charge for garbage generators. In addition, at the final disposal site hundreds of waste pickers are working in an inferior environment which has deteriorated by increase of waste since COVID-19 outbreak.

To tackle these issues, JICA has organized several trainings, workshops, and follow-up project for Lusaka City Council since 2017. And a new project called “Lusaka Clean City Project” will commence at the middle of 2021. JICA will assist a newly established company called “Lusaka Integrated Solid Waste Management Company” to achieve the objective that “Capacity of solid waste management in Lusaka City is strengthened” until middle of 2025.

Target Area: Lusaka



Chunga dumpsite

Water

Overview

Japan's support in water and sanitation sector in Zambia has been realized through JICA's tireless assistance in this area. Japan has been supporting a number of water-related projects both in urban and rural areas since 1985. Moreover, since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Zambia from March 2020, JICA has been implementing various projects with organizations from grass root to central governmental level. In the field of water and sanitation, JICA has conducted a community-based project since October 2020 to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Community Empowerment Program

“Infectious Disease Prevention Activity for Children in Vulnerable Areas in Lusaka through Hands Washing Dance Song” (2020.10-2021.3)

The project was being implemented in Chawama and Chazanga compounds of Lusaka district from 15th October 2020 to 31st March 2021. A Local Non-Governmental Organization called Bwafwano Integrated Service Organization (BISO) was tasked to handle the project in collaboration with JICA, with technical support from Zambia National Public Health Institute (ZNPHI) and Ministry of Health (MOH).

The Objectives of the Community Empowerment Program focused on; educating and sensitizing children from five (5) to fifteen (15) years on how to wash hands correctly using PPAP 2020 dance song which was released in April 2020 by PIKOTARO, who is a well-known Japanese comedian. The dance song has been performed by Zambian comedians, involving children in two compounds. For participants, face masks with JICA and Zambian flag logo, granular chlorine for water disinfection, water tank kit and liquid handwashing soaps were provided. In addition, the poster of PPAP2020 and JICA handwashing were distributed so that children have been able to wash hands at their home as they had learned at the activity.

This was achieved through engagements with the local comedians namely; Mwanachingwala and Ken Dumbo where children in both Chazanga and Chawama compounds were reached out to with lifesaving health messages on handwashing and general hygiene in order to prevent infectious diseases in the two communities. This has resulted in behavioral change among children both in and out of school with regards to handwashing and knowledge transfer among children and families which ultimately contributed to the prevention of COVID-19 and cholera among other infectious diseases.

Furthermore, 15minutes documentary program of the activity was produced and broadcasted through ZNBC TV 1 for six times at the prime time of Friday evening in February and March 2021.

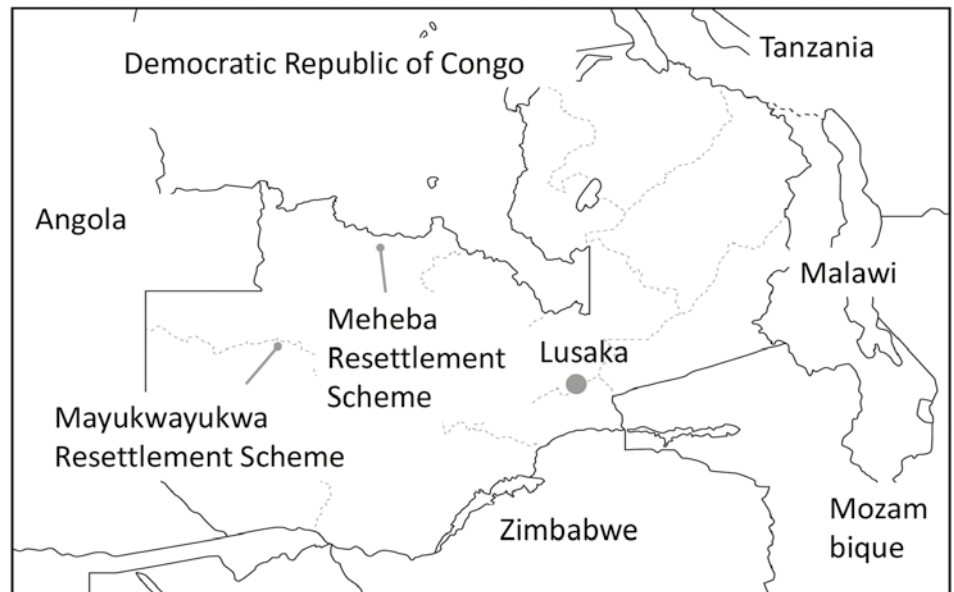
Target Area: Lusaka



Former Refugee Resettlement

Overview

Zambia has been hosting refugees from neighboring countries since 1960s and throughout the liberation wars to independence. With a high number of refugees living within its border, many interventions aimed at looking at the plight of Refugees have been implemented, including the facilitation of Resettlement in Third countries and the Voluntary Repatriation of those who are able to return to their countries of origin. However, not all refugees benefit from these solutions.



The Third Solution to the plight of refugees was that of Local

Integration. In Zambia, Local Integration stood to benefit Former Angolan Refugees who chose not to return to their country of origin. Eligible for this program are about 14,000 former Angolan refugees are those who have been living in Zambia for over four decades, among them second and third generation refugees born in the country. In the same vein, Zambia also committed to integrate over 3,000 former Rwandese refugees who are unwilling to return to their countries of origin, with support from UNHCR.

The Government of Zambia and UNHCR-launched Strategic Framework for the Local Integration of Former Refugees was intended to run from 2014 to 2015, with the objective of outlining priority requirements and actions, as well as resources required to implement the government's pledge to locally integrate. Unfortunately not much was achieved during the stated period.

In 2017, the socio-economic component of the Local Integration Programme was taken over by the Department of Resettlement, office of the Vice President with support from UNDP under the Sustainable Resettlement Programme. In light of the above the Government of Japan has been supporting Zambia's efforts to respond to the plight of refugees and Local Integration Programme through the provision of funds to UN agencies since 2013.

Currently, JICA's support is towards enhancing capacity of the Department of Resettlement on planning and implementation of the Sustainable Resettlement Programme. This was after conducting data collection survey to examine the progress and challenges of the Programme between July and November 2017. The study included a household survey on the resettlement status and infrastructure mapping.

JICA, in collaboration with the Association of Aid Relief Japan (AAR Japan), is also involved with supporting self-help groups by increasing their building capacity in maintaining boreholes and awareness raising of sanitation in Meheba Resettlement Scheme from March 2017 to April 2018. In this vein, in May 2018, JICA handed over corrosion-resistant water pipes for 64 boreholes to communities which had suffered from low water quality. Currently the support towards the Local Integration of the Former refugees includes the Project for Promoting Local Integration of Former Refugees in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba (2020.2 – 2024.2) and Advisor on Local Integration of Former Refugees.

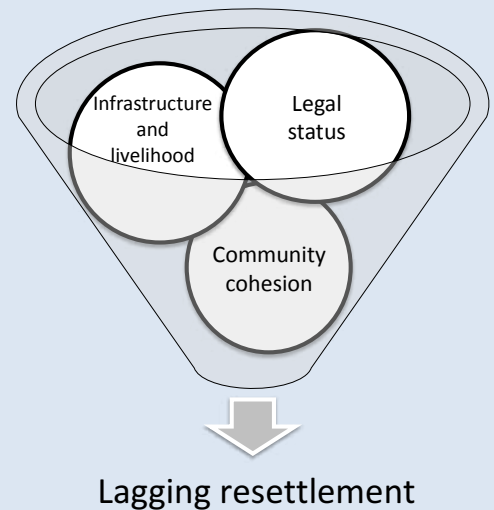
Technical Cooperation Project

"Advisor on Local Integration of Former Refugees" (2020.6-2022.6)

This is the Dispatch of a Local Integration Advisor to the Department of Resettlement, aimed at capacity building on planning and implementation of the resettlement Programme. The Advisor conducted a thorough household survey for resettlement status which became the basis of official statistics of the Department. The survey revealed double or triple allocation of land in Mayukwayukwa, which drew attention to the importance of organized resettlement management. The advisor also established infrastructure map of Meheba and Mayukwayukwa resettlement schemes, with knowledge transfer on GPS/QGPS equipment.

JICA is hopeful that it will continue to dispatch suitable and qualified individuals in the Capacity of Project Adviser.

Target Area: Kaoma and Solwezi



Technical Cooperation Project

"Project for Promoting Local Integration of Former Refugees in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba" (2020.2 – 2024.2)

This project aims at contributing to the promotion of the Local Integration of former refugees in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba resettlement schemes. The approach has two components. One is related to planning for the resettlement of residents. The other one is for improving livelihoods, and it includes market-oriented agriculture with better household management. Additionally, the project will enhance information sharing and coordination among the Government and donor agencies for resource mobilization.

In the past year, project implementation has not been without challenge in view on the Covid-19 pandemic. In response to the spread of COVID-19, previously planned activities are now being carried out mainly through remote communication. The project is also providing additional support, such as cash for work, to generate cash income, and conducting surveys on the impact of the infection.

Target Area: Kaoma and Solwezi

Knowledge Co-Creation Program

Overview

JICA through the Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) continues to provide official development assistance in various fields including Education, Health, Agriculture, Water & Sanitation, Infrastructure & Energy and the Private Sector among others.

The trainings are one of the activities provided as part of the bilateral agreement for official development assistance between the Government of Japan and the Zambian Government. Over the years, JICA has managed to successfully train over 4,000 candidates in both short term and long-term training programs in Japan and third countries, and continues to build and maintain relationships with former candidates.

The Zambia JICA Fellowship Association (ZAJIFA) is an alumni association developed as a way to maintain relationships with ex-participants and ensure knowledge sharing among various key organizations within the Private and Public sectors. An executive board manages the association with its board members selected through elections.

The outbreak of the Corona Virus in 2020 in Zambia, saw many disruptions in the way business and life is conducted the world over. These disruptions included suspension of travel to Japan where JICA training programs are conducted. However, the travel suspension necessitated the need to think outside the box and as a result; Knowledge Co-Creation Programs are now being conducted online instead. Zambia is benefiting immensely from the Online KCCP under the various sectors. Participants have been able to share their training contents with colleagues, thereby increasing the spread of knowledge as the program intends.



online training

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic which has ravaged the entire world, ZAJIFA members were unable to conduct their annual activities. This however, did not stop members from coming together and thinking of ways to help stop the spread of the deadly virus. In partnership with Ministry of Higher Education and Japan International Cooperation Agency, ZAJIFA members identified the need to empower the average Zambian with skills in tailoring, fashion design and textile technology. 20 sewing machines, an overlocking machine, various consumables and fabric were purchased by ZAJIFA and donated to Lusaka Vocational Training Center. It is envisaged that the students will produce 10,000 reusable facemasks which will be distributed to various learning institutions as a way to fight the spread of the deadly COVID-19.



Sewing Machines donated to Lusaka Vocational Training Centre

Volunteer Programme

50 years of JOCV's in Zambia

Zambia was amongst the first countries in Africa to receive Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, in the year 1970, barely four years after the JOCV program was inaugurated in Africa. The maiden group of volunteers to arrive in Zambia were 6 Judo instructors who were slated to assist Police training schools in Lusaka and on the copperbelt, in the field of martial arts. Since the introduction of the program, the volunteers have been dispatched in a versatile manner to suit the developmental trends that the Country is going through and more specifically in the in the host line Ministries and the Governments

Nowadays, JICA's goal is "Promoting Sustainable growth of a Diversified Economy Freed from Development on Mining". Indeed, an economy that is over-dependent on the extraction industry will be highly volatile in the context of fluctuating mineral prices. Therefore, JICA's overall outlined cooperation directive is of vital importance for Zambia's development and economic stability.

Within this generally established goal, volunteers have been in the past years dispatched in the Chamber of Commerce to improve Business Management and in many other different areas across the country. For instance, to offer assistance in the development of the Tourism Industry and also supporting local people in Agriculture Industry based on the SHEP approach (Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion). A special focus was set on the Educational Sector by dispatching volunteers to prepare future workers (in the colleges of Education) for the different branches of domestic industry, as well as teachers who could take over and continue the educational process in the future.

In carry out several interventions to support the Visions of the line Ministries in which the Volunteers operate, the JOCV program itself has undergone some changes and achieved several Milestones , a few of which are worthy to note:

- ◆ JICA introduced gender diversification in its volunteer distribution scheme to Zambia by dispatching the first female volunteer 1978. Since then, the ratio of male to female volunteers reached a balanced 50 percent until 2020.
- ◆ In October 2018, Zambia had the largest number of dispatched volunteers in the world, reaching an all-time high of almost 100 JOCVs. This increased number of volunteers in Zambia translated into improved coverage of Volunteer dispatch in different sectors to all provinces
- ◆ On 5th April 2019, all volunteers resident in Zambia at the time were invited to pay a courtesy call on the President of Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu at State House. During this event, the President appreciated noble work that Volunteers render to the people of Zambia. The volunteers were able to share about their work and freely mingle with the President.

In the past year however, the program had been adversely impacted by the worldwide spread of COVID-19. All volunteers were evacuated from Zambia to Japan on the 20th March, 2020. Prior to evacuation, there were 55 volunteers, out of which 50 junior volunteers and 5 senior volunteers working in various sectors. Some Volunteers through their dedication still tried their best to perform some activities from Japan after evacuation.

In April 2021, 4 volunteers came back to Zambia and restarted their volunteer work within Lusaka. They are trying to carry out their duties in the context of the new normal, in these times of the corona virus pandemic. Amidst all the difficulty, we would like to salute all volunteers past and present for the hard work and dedication that they have shown during their assignments in Zambia in the past 50 years! We are very proud!

AGRICULTURE



JOCV in Kasama visits farmers and their field regularly, to see how rice and vegetable grows. JOCVs in Zambia are introducing rice cultivation and small irrigation to grow vegetables. These activities are aiming at contributing to crop diversification and income generation.

Senior Volunteer (SV) in Kitwe teaches the basic knowledge and skill of ICT using the Word-processing software “Word”, Spreadsheet software “Excel”, Presentation software “PowerPoint”, and Database software “Access”. The students enjoy making their own curriculum vitae on this day.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY



JICA Volunteers



JICA Volunteers who came back to Zambia during the Covid Pandemic pose for a photo shoot.

50 Years of JICA

Private SECTOR

JICA Senior Volunteer, Ms. Fumiko Yamane was based at Zambia Development Agency in the field of Marketing Design.



STATE HOUSE VISIT



JICA Volunteers pose for a group photo with the Republican President of Zambia H.E Edgar Chagwa Lungu.

The Republican President of Zambia, H.E Edgar Chagwa Lungu mingling with JICA Volunteers during their visit at State House.

STATE HOUSE VISIT



OCV in Zambia

JICA Volunteer Ms. Sanako Kobayashi was based at Ministry of Agriculture in Mbala.

Agriculture



Japanese Language Lecturer



Ms. Misa Kawata, Japanese Volunteer Lecturer who was based at the University of Zambia under the department of Literature and Languages. In this picture, she was teaching her students the Japanese Dance.

JICA COVID - 19



COVID-19 RESPONSE



COVID – 19 MESSAGE FROM JICA ZAMBIA



Mundi S. Mupeta – Senior Human Resource and Administration Officer, General Affairs & Accounting Team

The COVID-19 pandemic has engulfed the world and no country seems to have been spared. It is therefore important that we talk about it and plan to live with it going forward.

In preparation to living with COVID-19, it is important to look at what one is working on or what they want to do, (either personal aspirations or office work).

COVID-19 has turned the world upside down including Zambia - a Country in Southern Africa. Zambia's cases have been increasing. The pandemic has affected organizations including JICA; a multicultural office with an open plan office workspace.

COVID-19 brought about many changes and challenges to JICA Zambia Office environment, especially that most Japanese staff temporarily returned to Japan. There was a lot of anxiety and uncertainties about job security and health of employees. There was also need to clarify Immigration related procedures and Government guidelines.

In view of this and considering the Covid -19 risk factors, preventive measures are key at a work place to protect staff and other stakeholders. Preventive measures are necessary and important for a number of reasons. The following are examples of what could be done

- Protect staff and other stakeholder's well-being
- Ensure there is no staff anxiety
- Ensure continued staff productivity
- Ensure continued provision of service and support to stakeholders by JICA through the government of Zambia

General Affairs & Accounting Team lead by Mikami san and our Health Advisor –Sakamoto san have managed to have coordinated online discussions through TEAMS with National Staff on preventive measures to take for the Office.

Control measures at JICA Zambia office include the following:

- Remote working for staff – this reduces staff movements and minimizes exposure
- Rotational working of staff – reduces number of staff in the office
- Online meetings to minimize face-to-face meetings - in order to implement webinar, the office has also provided NS with the mobile connectivity support. I was able to successfully attend

an online COVID-19 Training by Quantum Facilities Management Consultancy -Kenya

- Physical partitioning of work stations – to ensure safe distance are maintained at all times

Additional measures include the following:

- COVID-19 guidelines for JICA Zambia staff
- Hand washing basins at office entrance
- Thermal screening at office entrance
- Frequent sanitizing of work areas using soap and alcohol based reagents.
- Face masks for all staff and stakeholders. Branded facemasks are being used as a Public Relations (PR) tool.
- Other personal protective equipment's include gloves for cleaners and face shields for front office employees.
- JICA Zambia Office has planned to install touchless automated hand sanitizer dispensers



I would like to acknowledge the contributions made by our Chief Representative and Senior Representatives during this difficult time. Their guidance in making sure that JICA Zambia Office remains operational during the Covid -19 has been immense.



List of Projects

Subject	Scheme	Title of Project	Cooperation period
Education	TC	Project Study: Analysis for Challenges of Mathematics in Primary Education in Zambia	2018.3-2021.11
Education	TC	Improvement of Pedagogical Content Knowledge of Mathematics and science Education in SMASE Africa	2021.7-2025.3
Education	TC	Mathematics Experts Comprehensive Approach for Improving the Quality of Learning in Numeracy from Early Childhood Education level to Grade 4	2021.4-2022.3
Health	TC	Project for the Epidemiological Research on Zoonotic Virus Infections in Africa(SATREPS)	2019.6-2023.12
Health	GA	Project for Upgrading of Lusaka Health Centres to District Hospitals 2	2018.3-2021.5
Health	GA	Project for Upgrading of Copperbelt Health Centres to District Hospitals	2020.7-2023.5
Health	TC	Advisor of Infections Disease Control /Public Health Research	2020.1-2022.1
Environment	TC	The Project for Visualization of Impact of Chronic/ Latent Chemical Hazard and Geo-Ecological Remediation in Zambia (KAMPAI Project) (SATREPS)	2016.4-2021.5
Environment	TC	Project for Lusaka Integrated Solid Waste Management	2021.7-2025.3
Environment	TC	The Lusaka Clean City Project	2021.9-2025.7
Private Sector Development	TC	National Kaizen Project Phase 2	2017.7-2022.1
Agriculture	TC	Market –Oriented Rice Development Project (MDReDeP)	2019.10-2025.9
Agriculture	TC	Expansion of Community-Based Small holder Irrigation Development Project (ECOBSI)	2018.1-2024.1
Agriculture	TC	Advisor to the Department of Agriculture	2020.5-2021.5
Agriculture	TC	Clinical Studies Enhancement Project for School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Zambia	2021.1-2024.12
Agriculture	TC	Zambia Marumori Rural Community Development Project through Market Oriented Farming	2021.2-2024.10
Infrastructure	TC	Project for Improvement of Bridge Maintenance Capacity Building in Zambia Phase 2	2019.3-2024.1
Infrastructure	Loan	Kazungula Bridge Construction Project	2013.12-2022.1
Infrastructure	TC	Project for Capacity Development on Smooth Operation of OSBPs on the North South Transport Corridor	2020.2-2024.2
Former Refugees	TC	Project for Promoting Local Integration of Former Refugees in Mayukwayukwa and Meheba	2020.2-2024.2
Former Refugees	TC	Advisor on Local Integration of Former Refugees	2020.6-2022.6

Note: TC = Technical Cooperation, GA =Grant Aid,

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