



TIMOR-LESTE AND JAPAN



# 20 YEARS'

EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION



# PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Japan International Cooperation Agency



# OUR MISSION

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

# OUR VISION

## **Leading the world with trust**

JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.







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# OUR FRIENDSHIP



THE YEAR 2022 MARKS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RESTORATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF TIMOR-LESTE AND THE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND TIMOR-LESTE.





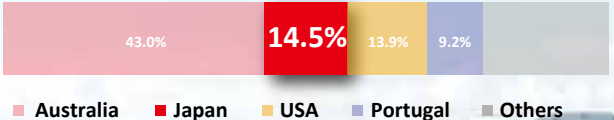
Japan has a 20-years history of cooperating with Timor-Leste through ODA. Japan's development cooperation in Timor-Leste began in 1999 before the country restored independence in May 2002, and the JICA Timor-Leste Office was established in March 2000. The cooperation covered various fields, contributing to improvements in the lives of the Timorese people at the beginning of the new nation.

In 2016, the Japanese Government issued “Advanced Partnership towards Growth and Prosperity.” This statement emphasized the importance of developing the bilateral relationship from “cooperation for post-conflict reconstruction” to a new phase of “cooperation for growth and prosperity.”

Japan continues to cooperate with Timor-Leste to contribute to its "nation-building" and "human capital development."

### Bilateral Cooperation Aid Amount

2011-2020



Laclo River / Manatuto National Road No.1 Upgrading Project





# 20 YEARS

2000  
**OPENING OF  
JICA OFFICE  
IN DILI**



2007-2009  
**IMPROVEMENT  
OF MALIANA  
IRRIGATION**



2010-2013  
**IMPROVEMENT OF  
OECUSSE PORT**



2002  
**RESTORATION OF  
INDEPENDENCE  
OF TIMOR-LESTE**



2002  
**OPENING OF  
THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN  
IN DILI**



2006  
**NATIONAL  
CRISIS**

2008-2011  
**CONSTRUCTION  
OF MOLA BRIDGE**



1999

2000

2002

2004

2006

2007

2008

2010

THE FIRST DONORS' MEETING  
FOR TIMOR-LESTE IN JAPAN

2002  
**COOPERATION  
IN THE FIRST  
NATIONAL  
SPORTS EVENT**



TECHNICAL COOPERATION STARTED

2006-2023  
**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF  
THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING,  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
IN UNTL**



2002  
**DISPATCH OF  
JAPAN SELF-DEFENSE FORCE  
(PKO)**



2004-2007  
**IMPROVEMENT  
OF WATER SUPPLY**

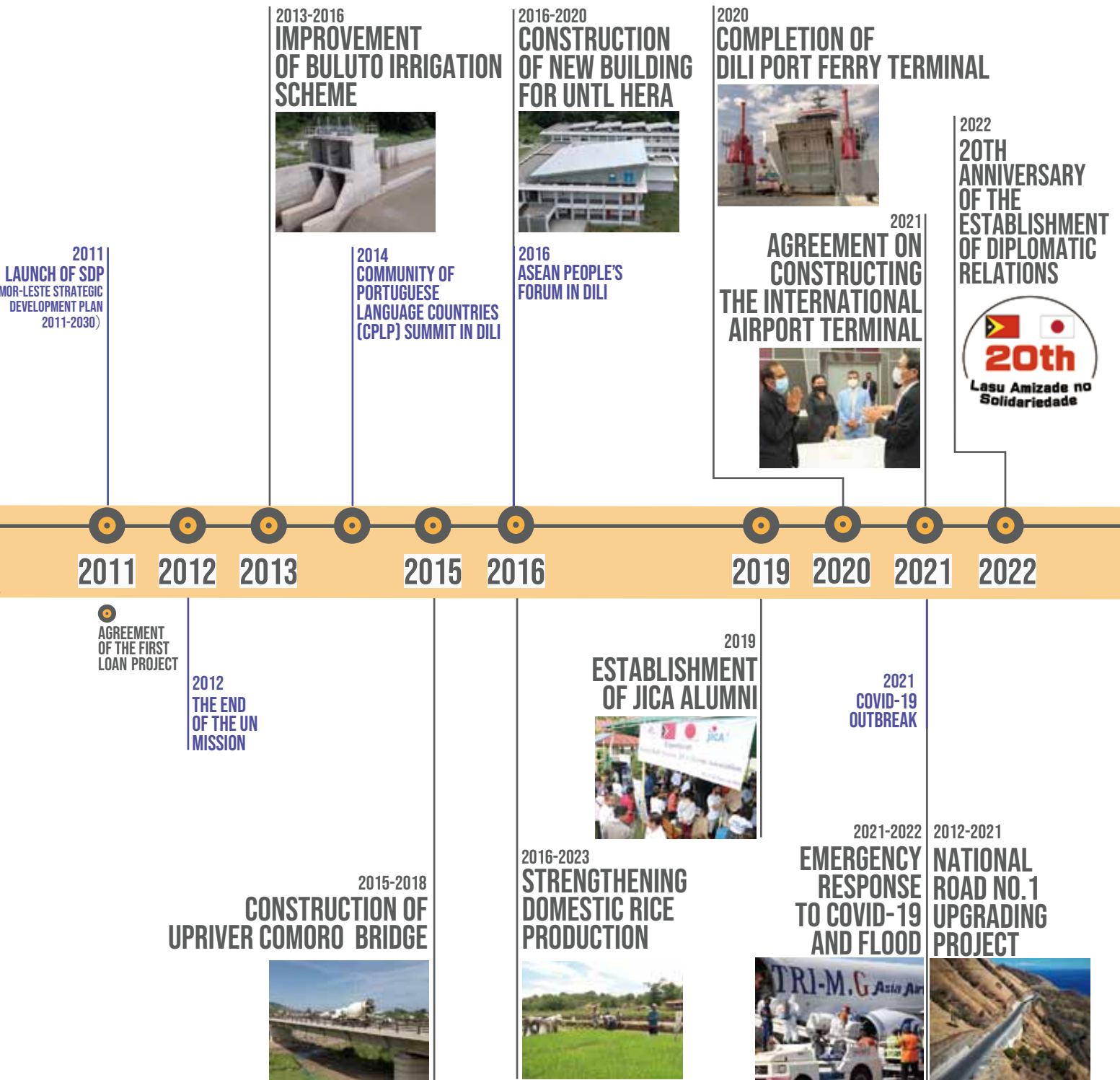


2010  
**THE FIRST  
DISPATCH OF JOCV**





# OF COOPERATION



TOTAL AMOUNT OF JAPAN'S ASSISTANCE APPROXIMATELY  
**464 MILLION USD** (2000-2020)



# EDUCATION

The development of a country requires human resources to carry it forward, and the development of such human resources requires the continuation of long-term practices based on appropriate educational plans. Japan has provided the necessary support according to each stage of the process, including the restoration of educational facilities and the continuous cooperation with the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology in the National University of Timor-Lorosae (UNTL).



## CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF SCHOOLS AND OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE FACILITIES

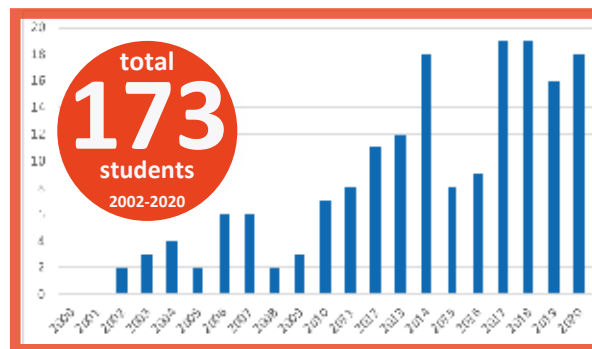


The restoration of destroyed school buildings was an urgent issue during the period of independence and recovery. Japan contributed to the restoration of educational facilities at the primary schools, secondary schools, and UNTL Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology through grant aid.

## ACCEPTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS FROM TIMOR LESTE TO JAPAN

The number of international students from Timor-Leste to Japan, including the participants of JICA long-term training, has been increasing. Most college students received their master's or doctoral degree and acquired knowledge and skills.

Number of college students from Timor-Leste to Japan



### Remarkable contribution

- Some of the UNTL instructors who were trained in technical cooperation projects participated in JICA Short / Long Term Training.
- They are now playing active roles in national development after obtaining master's and doctoral degrees in Japan.



# SUPPORT FOR THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, UNTL



New Building of FESTA in Hera Grant

**PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS**

-  1. Restoration of school buildings
-  2. Improvement of facilities and equipment
-  3. Training of instructors
-  4. Improvement of curricula program

Years: 3-4  
Departments: 3-5

-  5. Practical research guidance

Starting with the project to establish the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology in UNTL in 2001, Japan has continued its support through grant aid and technical cooperation for more than 20 years. The long-standing cooperation has improved the capacity of lectures and UNTL produces outstanding graduates who contribute to the national development.



**Student**

The Department  
Civil Engineering, UNTL

“*Thank you very much Japan and JICA for supporting us, students, in preparing to perform the work anywhere we go. We can familiarize ourselves with the laboratory equipment, which helps in performing well on the site.*”



**Prof. Shimakawa**

Dr Ruben’s supervisor

“*UNTL is aiming to create a high-quality laboratory-based master’s program to be competitive in the Asia-Pacific region. We are expecting continuous cooperation with Japan in this regard.*”

“*We would like to continue mentoring other faculty members and let them take the doctoral degrees not for individuals, but for influencing the people around them and sowing a seed that will lead to a good direction as a whole.*”



**Dr. Ruben Jerónimo Freitas**

-Director of the National Electricity Authority  
-Senior Lecturer of the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, FESTA, UNTL

- Received Ph.D. from the Faculty of Engineering Gifu University, Japan (2017)
- The 5th Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Science and Technology (2017-2021)



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The quality infrastructure is the foundation for industrial development and people's livelihoods in Timor-Leste today. Japan has continuously provided cooperation in the transportation infrastructure sector, particularly in the areas of roads, bridges, and seaports. Japan will also support the construction of the Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport to contribute to the future growth of Timor-Leste's economy and society.



## PRESIDENTE NICOLAU LOBATO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT Grant



The international airport located in the capital city of Dili is the gateway to Timor-Leste with approximately 230,000 passengers annually.

Through JICA's Grant Aid, a new passenger terminal building will be constructed with functions that conform to international standards.

## DILI PORT FERRY TERMINAL Grant



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24 hours operation  
with high quality  
and safety awareness

Passenger safety and contributed to the efficient transportation of passengers and cargo.

Dili Port was the only international port in Timor-Leste. In addition to many international cargo lines, the port was the most important port for ferries carrying residents of Oecusse and Atauro islands, and daily necessities. Through the construction of the ferry terminal, the lines for passengers and cargo were separated. This has contributed to the realization of safe and efficient port operations.





## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT



### 2002-2010

Japan focused on reconstruction and development, mainly repairing and maintaining destroyed infrastructure.

### After 2010

Japan has made noteworthy infrastructure improvements.

# REHABILITATION OF NATIONAL ROAD



ODA Loan

## NATIONAL ROAD NO.1 UPGRADING PROJECT

Under the projects,  
more than

**13%**

of the National Road was rehabilitated repaired

The construction of roads and bridges has contributed to reducing the travel time, improving people's access to markets and public services, and increasing safety. Transfer of technology and know-how has provided to the development of human resources in Timor-Leste through continuous technical cooperation and dispatch of experts since 2004.



# UPRIVER COMORO BRIDGE (HINODE)

Grant

"Sunrise Bridge" in Japanese

The population distribution in Dili extends westward across Comoro River, which runs north-south on the west side of the city center. Since there was only one bridge crossing the Comoro River, a new bridge was constructed to accommodate the rapid increase in traffic between the east and west sides of the city. The project has helped to break away from the situation of relying on only one bridge, and has also contributed to disaster risk countermeasures against flooding and earthquakes.

### Remarkable contribution

- Alleviated traffic congestion in Dili.
- Contributed to coping with the increase in traffic and logistics volume.

## MOLA BRIDGE

Grant



**3.5 km**  
access road

**250 m**  
bridge



# AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture and Natural Resources are directly related to food and habitat for most people in rural area. Japan started its cooperation even before Timor-Leste's restoration of independence with an emphasis on circulation and sustainability, and it continues to date.



## RICE PRODUCTION



Japan is the leading development partner in irrigation facilities and rice production, which aim to contribute to the SDP and food security of the country.

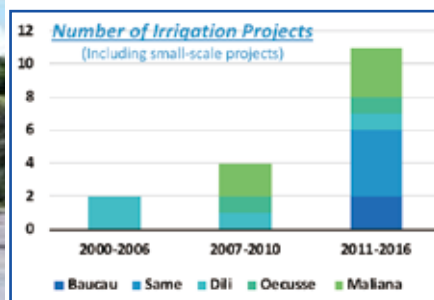
## REHABILITATION AND MODERNIZATION OF THE IRRIGATION INFRASTRUCTURE



Total of  
**17**  
projects

Grant

*Buluto irrigation scheme*



Japan's cooperation covered 17 irrigation projects spread across 5 municipalities. For example, the Buluto scheme (grant aid) includes branch line canals to reach the smallest village unit level. Irrigation has supported not only rice production but also sanitation and productivity in the villages.



## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

# The average rice productivity doubled

Japan's continuous cooperation has doubled the income of some targeted farmers with improved productivity, post-harvest process, and marketing.

Japan had conducted a development study to formulate a master plan in agriculture and irrigation development during 2013-2015.

The proposals of the study were integrated into technical cooperation on domestic rice promotion to train extensionists. Trained extensionists confidently guide the farmers now, contributing to an increase in their rice income.



"Paddy purchasing system" with the Ministry funded farmers market in Dili. Its sale is growing.

With project inputs in 2016

**3.28**  
t/ha

## NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Instead of firewood collection and shifting cultivation that were reducing natural resources, the project introduced tree planting and sustainable slope farming and supported the formulation of village regulations to ban the reckless cutting of trees. These activities define as "Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM)."

The rate of dense forest reduction declined and maize production increased under the CBNRM project.



JICA provides support to develop the CBNRM which describe above with Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF). MAF officially approved it as the CBNRM roadmap to expand these activities to other areas utilizing the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

## COFFEE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



Total of  
**11**  
projects

Exported to Japan since  
**2002**

- Supported the facilities and coffee farmers' cooperative establishment for through the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects and JICA Partnership Program.
- Activities go beyond coffee production to branding and marketing of local food products by women's groups, and have developed into the overall development of the villages, including establishment of water infrastructure.

# GOVERNANCE

Governance is the foundation for promoting a peaceful, just, and inclusive society; and cooperation in the area has various socioeconomic impacts. Japan has supported the implementation of free and fair elections and promotion of national reconciliation as well as institution building and development of human resources in a wide range of fields related to national governance even before Timor-Leste restored its independence.



## COMMUNITY POLICING

Community Policing was gradually introduced during the peacebuilding period in Timor-Leste through UN, Japan, and other donors' cooperations. As one of the successful countries in community policing with its community-based security system called KOBAN, Japan has continued its support in this area for more than 20 years and the trained Timorese police officers are now contributing to ensuring public safety.

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About  
**83**  
Participants  
Training in  
Japan

About  
**181**  
Participants  
Training in  
Indonesia

## ELECTION



Starting with the constitutional assembly elections in 2001, Japan has provided seamless support for ALL national elections in Timor-Leste. The cooperation includes dispatch of short-term experts, grant assistance, and dispatch of an election observation team—tailored to the needs of each election. Recently, through grant assistance to the UNDP, Japan has been cooperating in the COVID-Resilient Elections in Timor-Leste project.

### Remarkable contribution

Contributed to the realization of free and fair elections, social stability, and the consolidation of democracy.



# LAW AND JUSTICE



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The Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste and the Ministry of Justice of Japan have been cooperating for more than 10 years in strengthening the capacity to draft legislation and have established a remarkable relationship.

The cooperation supports the drafting of specific bills requested by Timor-Leste, through training in Japan, field studies and on-site seminars, joint legal research, and dispatch of short-term experts—either independently by the Ministry of Justice or under the JICA scheme.

With those activities, both parties repeat the discussion on the bills, article by article, thereby improving the drafting ability of the bill drafters. The Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste has highly evaluated this support, and the targeted bills have been steadily enacted or are in the process of being enacted into law.

## Current situation of supported bills

Name of Law	As of July 2022
Extradition Law	Established (2011)
Law on Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking	Established (2017)
Civil Registration Code	Awaiting the discussion and approval in the Parliament
Mediation Law	At the final stage of drafting the bill
Decrees related to land and property	
(1) Property Registry Code	(1) Established (2022)
(2) Draft of General Regime of Execution, Exploitation and Access to Cadastral Information	(2) Awaiting the discussion and approval in the Council of Ministers



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## Nelinho Vital

Director for National Directorate of Legal Advisory and Legislation, Ministry of Justice



“The Japanese respect our decision, and it is entirely up to Timor-Leste to decide whether or not to reflect the Japanese comments on the bill. By having the opportunity to make our decision, the staff, including the younger generation, consider it hard to make the judgments. Even if we do not incorporate the Japanese comments, they return to us with further comments based on our decision. Through such repeated exchanges, we have gained a deep understanding of the bill and become able to explain it to the public with confidence.”

# HEALTH

After emergency assistance dispatching medical personnel in 1999, there has been an increasing need for primary health care service provision and national health system building. To meet the needs, Japan has provided a wide range of projects focusing on the following five areas through grant assistance for international organizations and NGOs and the JICA partnership Program.

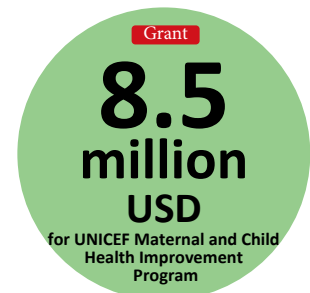


## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT



Japan has contributed to building / rehabilitating health infrastructure such as health posts and medical facilities through grant assistance to local NGO projects.

## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



Starting with 8.5 million USD of grant assistance for the UNICEF Maternal and Child Health Improvement Program in 2002, Japan has continued its cooperation to improve maternal and child health service mainly through Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects.

**Remarkable contribution**  
Launched the first ultrasound training program in Timor-Leste through the Grant assistance for Japanese NGO projects.



# NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT

Through the grant assistance to WFP's projects, in addition to the food provision during the restoration of independence, Japan supported a nutrition program under which corns and beans are bought in Timor-Leste and processed into nutrient-rich food, which is distributed to pregnant women and children under 5. In 2022, Japan has started to support the "Project for Child Nutrition Improvement in Timor-Leste" in cooperation with UNICEF to strengthen its efforts to improve nutrition.



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# SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

Japan has contributed to building and improving the national school health program at both community and national levels mainly through the JICA Partnership Program and Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects.

## Remarkable contribution

- Formed the District Trainers Team and deployed trainers
- Supported the preparation of school health manuals and teaching materials
- Contributed to the review and improvement of school health policies
- Supported the development of school health projects at the national level

# HEALTH VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

Japan has continuously supported the nationwide spread of the Timorese government programs, including the Family Health Promoter Program (FHPP), through the JICA Partnership Program and Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects since 2003.

## Remarkable contribution

Trained numerous health volunteers in the targeted villages and contributed to improving residents' health in remote areas.



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*Since long time ago, I have kept emphasizing the importance of preventive health care in the community. I accidentally started working in an NGO from Japan called Frontline in April of 2009, and we have trained numerous community health volunteers. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I heard from the communities that health volunteers kept working for the residents, such as supporting pregnant women who hesitated to visit clinics.*

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**Aida Goncalves**  
Doctor

# WATER SERVICE

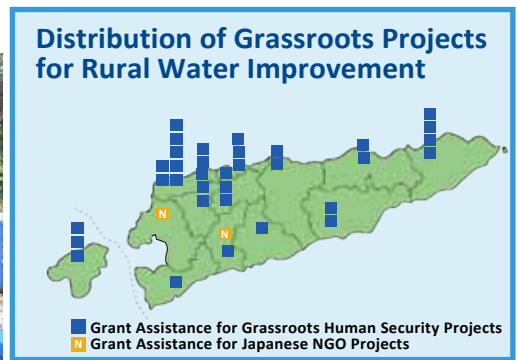
Japan's cooperation in the water sector began with the rehabilitation of water supply systems in urban areas before the independence of Timor-Leste, followed by the improvement of water and sanitation in village areas. Subsequently, in response to the changing needs, the cooperation has shifted to technical assistance and human resource development related to water supply, especially in urban areas.



## IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO SAFE WATER IN RURAL AREAS AND VILLAGES

Projects to secure domestic water for village areas in All 13 municipalities were implemented, which improved access to safe water.

Total of  
**37**  
projects



## BOBONARO WASH IMPROVEMENT

Through Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects, the residents' participation in constructing water supply facilities in the target villages in Bobonaro district was encouraged.

### COLUMN

Children's awareness of the hygienic environment was increased by conducting enlightenment activities about the importance of using hand-washing areas and toilets. Interestingly, adults affected by their children reportedly began to install toilet facilities at homes on their own.

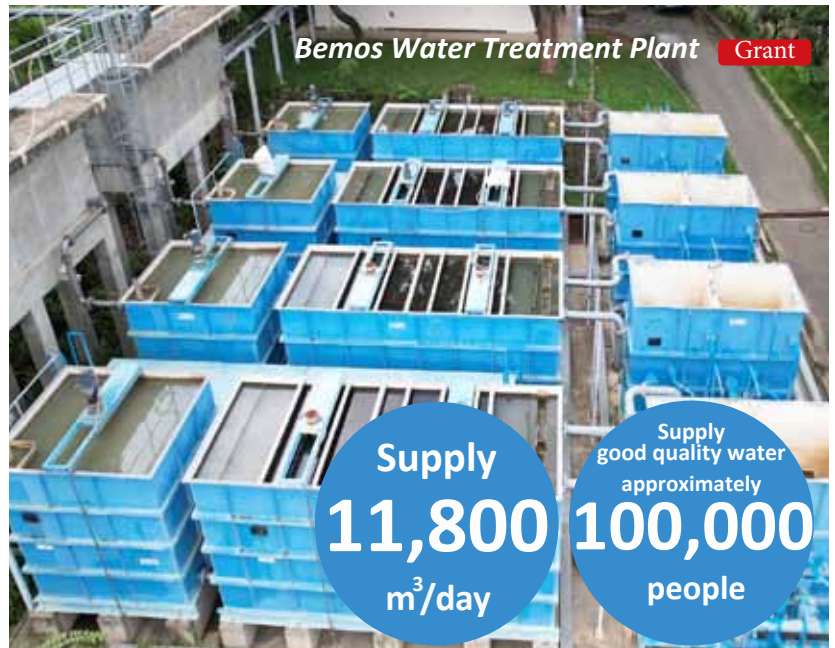




# WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT IN DILI

All four water treatment plants in Dili have been rebuilt with Japanese support through multiple grant aid projects. These plants provide clean water across the city. It has become possible to supply good quality water, contributing to improving health and hygiene.

After the river flooding from heavy rains in 2004 and 2005, the Project for Urgent Improvement of Water Supply System in Bemos-Dili was launched in 2009. Together with the phase 2 project completed in 2012, Japan contributed to an increase in the overall supply of drinking water and an improvement of water quality and of the water supply system in the city of Dili.



## WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT ADVISORS

JICA has dispatched water supply engineers from Chiba Prefecture to the National Directorate of Water Service (DNSA: Former BTL) to improve their operation and maintenance capacity. The engineers from Chiba Prefecture provided technical support for the stable supply of high-quality water through training and conducting pilot projects. In the pilot area, the project could effectively identify the water leakage location and illegal connection points in a relatively short time and at a lower cost, and achieve 24 hours water supply in the target area.



**Gustavo Da Cruz**  
2021- Vice President of Bee Timor-Leste  
2004- The Water and Sanitation Department

“*JICA is the best partner that transfers technology related to the operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment. The technology transfer of JICA is 30% theoretical and 70% practical; resultantly, our staff is acquiring practical skills. To sustainably provide good quality services, we have high expectations regarding JICA's technical cooperation, more than ever.*”



# INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

Japan has supported the protection and fostering of traditional industries and promoted livelihood improvement. After the Strategic Development Plan was published in 2011, JICA experts were dispatched to engage in trade and commerce to strengthen the capabilities of the government. In recent years, Japanese Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have begun to consider the business development potential of Timor-Leste.



## THE PROJECT FOR VOCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

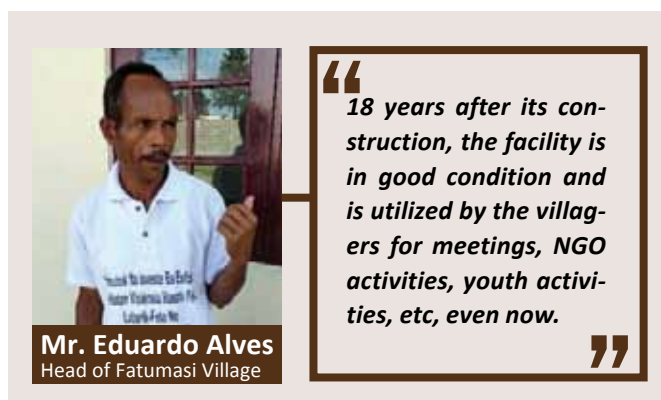
Grant

Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects 2004-2005

Bazartete Vocational and Development Center was constructed in the village where a community center facility was destroyed in a pre-independence uprising.



Exterior



## ASSISTANCE UTILIZING JAPANESE PRIVATE-SECTOR TECHNOLOGIES



Test Construction of Used Tire Slope Countermeasure

JICA has been supporting Japanese SMEs in their overseas business expansion as part of its ODA project since 2012. This support aims at utilizing the advanced technologies and products of SMEs to contribute to the solution of socio-economic issues in developing countries.

Two feasibility studies in this regard were conducted in 2018 in Timor-Leste.

### Road Slope Disaster Prevention and Control

The unique technology of a Japanese company was applied to test-construct rockfall prevention measures meeting the slope characteristics of the national highway sections near Manatuto and Karimbala.

### A Global Food Value Chain by Using Fishery Resources

The study expected to verify the possibility of creating a mechanism to promote domestic fishery distribution and improve fishermen's income by introducing aquaculture technology, post-harvest processing technology, and storage technologies to Timor-Leste.



Fish Transport Scene in Betano, Manufahi



# DISPATCH OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE ADVISORS

## Advisor on Industrial Development

In response to the request from the Government of Timor-Leste aiming for industrial diversification, JICA has dispatched an industrial development advisor to the Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry since 2016. The expert provided guidance and advice from various angles to cope with the issues such as product added value, export product development (other than coffee), tourism industry development, and domestic and foreign investment promotion and provided support in implementing pilot projects.

### Remarkable contribution

- Implemented 18 pilot projects including tourism industry promotion in collaboration with the tourism sector in Bali and industrial park development to attract foreign direct investment.
- Promoted measures to protect the domestic industries such as exercise of tax revision against imported high-alcohol beer and export promotion utilizing preferential tariff system (GSP).



## Advisor on Trade and Commerce 2010-2011

To support the Timorese national effort to become a member of the ASEAN economic community, the Advisor on Trade and Commerce was dispatched to analyze and comprehend the current situation and challenges in this field, identify the functions necessary for strengthening the ASEAN domestic secretariat, and provide a roadmap toward membership accession. Furthermore, essential technical guidance and advice were provided to formulate action plans.



## LONG-STANDING COOPERATION IS ABOUT TO LEAD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE INDUSTRIAL HUMAN RESOURCES



A Japanese NGO is providing training in operating heavy mechanics and equipment through the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects. The NGO has been focusing on human resource development in mechanics / operators. Now, the training is planned and implemented with the cooperation of UNTL faculty in addition to Japanese professionals. The training has been adapted to the needs of the Timorese side well and the number of participants has been expanded.



# JOCV JAPAN OVERSEAS COOPERATION VOLUNTEER

JOCV is an volunteer program for young Japanese people who wish to play a part on the development process of developing countries. The JOCVs have been living and working together with communities in Timor-Leste with mutual understanding.



**116**  
volunteers  
-2022.7



In May 2019, JOCV hosted the event called "MATSURI-JICA Volunteer 10th Anniversary" to celebrate its 10th year of dispatch and, cumulatively, the 100th dispatch. It started with a modernized traditional Japanese dance "Yosakoi Soran" performed together by the JOCVs and Timorese students.



A total of over 300 people visited the event and familiarized themselves with JICA and JOCV by having fun.



# WHAT WE LEARNED FROM JOCV



## Teacher

School of Hospitality and Tourism

“ The volunteer taught us that in order to sell products, it is essential to understand the needs of the customers and how to create products that are attractive to them. With the volunteer’s guidance, I was able to teach students to make clothes with new designs. ”



## Director

National Rehabilitation Center

“ Since the patients treated by the volunteers were getting better, the volunteers’ technical knowledge was also transferred to the staff. Its impact was positive for both patients and staff. The volunteers introduced new ideas such as more mattresses for patients, and tools for organizing and sorting. They showed excellent teamwork in the center, too. ”



## JOCV introduced “5S/KAIZEN” to SAMES



5S/KAIZEN is a philosophy in manufacturing in the world. All in Africa, Europe, and Asia, they use.



The areas of JOCV activities

HEALTH  
EDUCATION  
AGRICULTURE  
TOURISM

AND OTHERS...

# RESPONSE TO THE

In total, about **5 million USD**

Japan provided 4,800 blankets as the first relief supplies that arrived from abroad.



The project for “Serving the community together” (ADB/UNDP)



From the People of Japan

Supported community recovery efforts by providing food and cash for laborers such as removing debris in more than 50 flood affected villages. Helped 706 residents of the 10 villages in their recovery.

## Emergency relief through Japanese NGOs

By providing support through 2 Japanese NGOs, Japan assisted physical infrastructure development in Ainaro, Manatuto, and Dili municipalities. Material and technical assistance for the reconstruction of roads affected by the flood and items to meet the basic needs of the local community were provided.



► Expected to benefit more than 1,250 households with urgent needs



## Towards “Build Back Better”

JICA has been conducting the Survey for flood countermeasures in Dili to know the mechanism of disaster since August 2021. The team conducts flood and inundation analysis with the Timor-Leste Government to reduce future disaster risks.





# FLOOD DISASTER

In Timor-Leste, the flood caused by cyclone Seroja in April 2021 has affected a large number of people, resulting in loss of lives and much physical damage (30,367 affected households and 48 facilities). Japan has provided assistance through various schemes to meet the urgent needs and support recovery.



In 2011, Japan experienced the disaster of an unprecedented scale—the Great East Japan Earthquake. At that time, Timor-Leste provided a generous donation of one million USD to Japan. We, the Japanese people, never forget our solidarity and friendship.

# COVID-19 RESPONSE



**In total, about 20 million USD**

To fight against the COVID-19 and restore safety and security in people's lives, Japan has supported Timor-Leste in

- 1) Provision of AstraZeneca vaccines manufactured domestically in Japan
- 2) Strengthening the cold chain to establish a vaccination system through the "Last One Mile Support"
- 3) Improvement of the medical care delivery system by providing medical supplies and equipment
- 4) Grant Assistance through International Organizations



**Mr. Santana Martins**  
Executive Director  
SAMES

“ Equipment provided by the Government of Japan contributes to not only COVID-19 response but also improving medical care delivery in Timor-Leste. ”





# “LAST ONE MILE SUPPORT” FOR VACCINATION



- To supply the COVID-19 vaccine, Japan contributed funds to the COVAX facility and delivered 170,000 doses of Japanese-made vaccines. Japan not only provided the COVID-19 vaccines, but also assisted in the development of the cold chain to deliver temperature-controlled vaccines to the rural areas of Timor-Leste utilizing cold rooms, cold box trucks, and vaccine transport boxes.
- Technical cooperation project on capacity development.

Handing over about  
**170,000**  
doses of Vaccines  
AstraZeneca vaccine produced in Japan

Donating nearly  
**10 billion**  
USD  
to COVAX



More than  
**38**  
ambulances

# MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT



Handover of masks to essential health workers

# COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Japan cooperates with international organizations to implement quick support to the people of Timor-Leste.

UNICEF	Early response for preventing the COVID-19 spread
ADB & UNDP	Food Basket to stimulate local economic activity and ensure food security of vulnerable people
WFP	Emergency food assistance in response to food insecurity in vulnerable households
WORLD BANK	Project to improve rural residents' primary health care, nutrition, and sanitation
RED CROSS	Support for preventing the COVID-19 spread
UNDP	Support for the COVID-Resilient Elections



Food basket distribution in cooperating with the ADB, UNDP, and Government of Timor-Leste





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