

Improvement of Social Services

Programs	Human Resource Development and Employment Generation	School Education Improvement	Improvement of Health Care System
On-going Projects	- Strengthening the Quality of Vocational Education and Training Delivery (T/C2009-2013)	- Construction Educational Facilities (Community Grant Aid; 2005-2011)	- Expanded Program for Immunization (T/C; 2009-2012)
Volunteers	- Vocational Trainers (Electronic, Welder, Plumbing, Food Processing, Automobile Maintenance, Language) - Architects	- Physical Education Teachers - IT Instructors - Architects - Science and Mathematics Teachers - Art Instructors	- Nurses and Midwives - X-ray and Lab Technicians - Nutritionists - Architects

Social development, especially youth development, is highly prioritized in the Tenth Five Year Plan of the Government. JICA believes that assistance in the above three areas will create the foundation for poverty alleviation and the basic infrastructure for future economic growth.

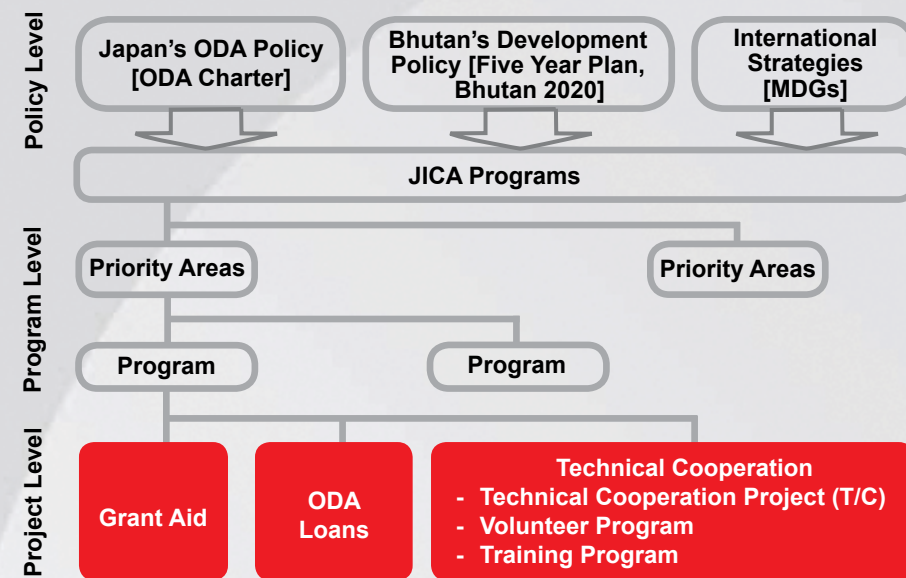
JICA will provide assistance through the dispatch of Experts and Volunteers in coordination with hardware components such as construction of facilities.

Balanced Infrastructure Development

Programs	Expansion of Rural Electrification	Transportation	Urban Development
On-going Projects	- Rural Electrification (Loan: 2007-2012) - Improvement of Efficiency for the Rural Power Supply (T/C; 2008-2011)	- Reconstruction Bridge Phase III (Grant Aid; 2008-2013)	
Volunteers		- Road Management Engineers - Geologists - Bridge designers - Auto Mechanical Engineers	- Urban Designers - Environmental Engineers - Waste Management Advisors

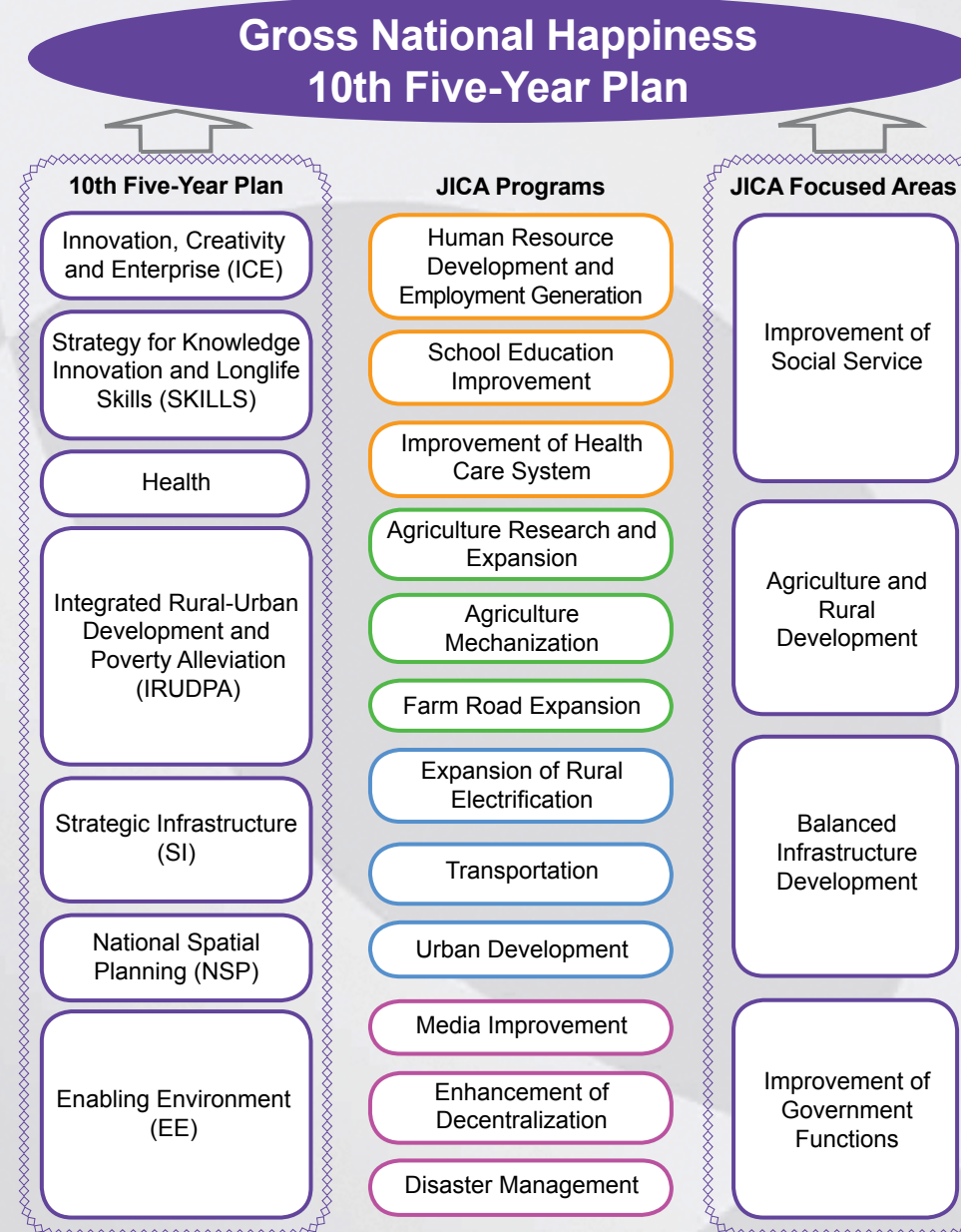
Underdevelopment of basic economic infrastructure is the largest obstacle to Bhutan's development. Basic infrastructure is a prerequisite for development policy implementation, as it not only leads directly to the improvement of living conditions, but also brings benefits in economy, medical care, education, and public administration.

The Government of Bhutan recognizes the development of economic infrastructure as the highest priority issue and the key to poverty reduction. JICA assists via the above three programs while also strengthening capacity development through the dispatch of Experts and Volunteers. JICA will focus on urban environmental issues as well as the development of infrastructure development.



JICA activities are being reorganized around the three principles of (1) a field-oriented approach, (2) human security, and (3) effectiveness, efficiency, and speed. To achieve a field-oriented approach, JICA Bhutan Office emphasizes specific programs in line with the current Five Year Plan of the Royal Government of Bhutan (FYP). JICA also works to achieve the Millennium Development Goals(MDG) through various projects as well.

The following figure indicates the concept of the JICA program approach with the



Agriculture and Rural Development

Programs	Agriculture Research and Expansion	Agriculture Mechanization	Farm Road Expansion
On-going Projects	- Agriculture Research and Extension Support (T/C2; 2004-2009) - Horticulture Research and Development Project (T/C; 2009-2014)	- Grant Aid for Underprivileged Farmers, KR-II (Grant Aid; 2006, 2007, 2008) - Strengthening of Farm Mechanization (T/C; 2008-2011)	- Farm Road Construction by the KR-II Counterpart Fund
Volunteers	- Vegetable and Field Crops Researchers - Agricultural/ Forestry Statisticians - Botanic Researchers - Veterinarians	- Agriculture Machinery Engineers	- Mechanical Engineers

Agriculture is key to improving industry and a priority development sector in Bhutan. Its development will lead not only to food self-sufficiency, but also to improvement of incomes and livelihood of households in rural areas.

JICA considers agriculture and rural development as one of the crucial areas in its assistance, along with basic infrastructure development to alleviate poverty. JICA continuously provides multi-dimensional support through the above three programs.

Improvement of Government Functions

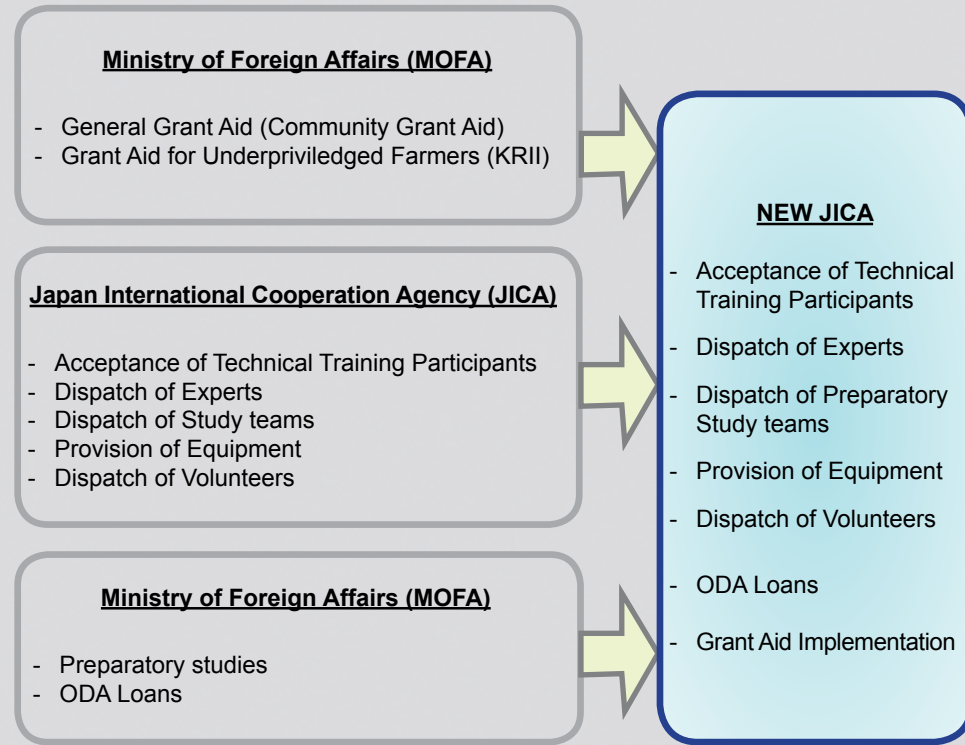
Programs	Media Improvement	Enhancement of Decentralization	Disaster Management
On-going Projects	- Capacity Development of Bhutan Broadcasting Service (T/C; 2007-2010) - Improvement of Equipment for Bhutan Broadcasting Service (Grant Aid; 2008-2009)	- Local Governance and Decentralization Phase II (2007-2010)	- Study on GLOF in Bhutan Himalayas (T/C; 2009-2011)
Volunteers		- IT Engineers - Civil Engineers - Community Development Advisors	- Evacuation Drill Instructors

The Government of Bhutan is promoting democratization along with a decentralization policy. In accordance with this policy, JICA supports democratization efforts through media improvement as well as decentralization by facilitating relevant administrative organizations, human resource development, and strengthening of coordination between the central and local governments (including disaster management).

JICA also supports other areas which are not under the Country Program through the dispatch of Volunteers, especially in the area of historical preservation with curators and architects in Bhutanese traditional designs.

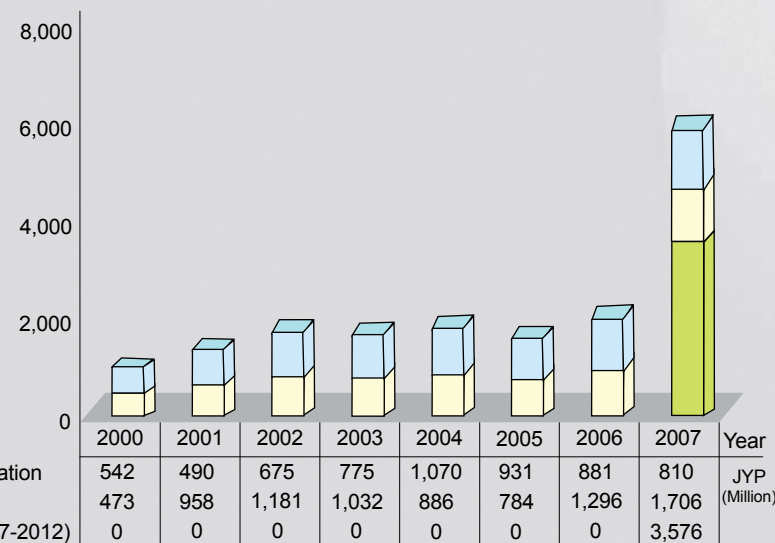
NEW Roles for the JICA Bhutan Office

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) was reborn on October 1, 2008, as an aid donor agency providing technical cooperation, concessionary loans (ODA loans), and grant aid in a more integrated fashion. The Government of Japan implemented the organization reforms to improve the quality of ODA operations, enabling it to conduct ODA policy in a more strategic manner and strengthen its implementation regime. As part of this realignment, the Japan Bank International Cooperation (JBIC) and parts of the Grant Aid by Ministry of Foreign Affairs were integrated with the technical cooperation offered by JICA.



The JICA Bhutan Office is a liaison office that addresses diverse development issues in close collaboration with the Royal Government of Bhutan. JICA Bhutan staffs work with Bhutanese people in a variety of fields: Agriculture and Rural Development, Balanced Infrastructure Development, Improvement of Government Functions and Improvement of Social Services. Our main roles are to:

1. Design development assistance in coordination with the RGOB;
2. Implement Technical Cooperation Projects;
3. Liaise and coordinate Volunteer Programs;
4. Liaise and coordinate Preparatory Studies;
5. Liaise and coordinate ODA Loan Projects;
6. Implement Grant Aid Projects;
7. Strengthen the relationship between the Governments of Bhutan and Japan.



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