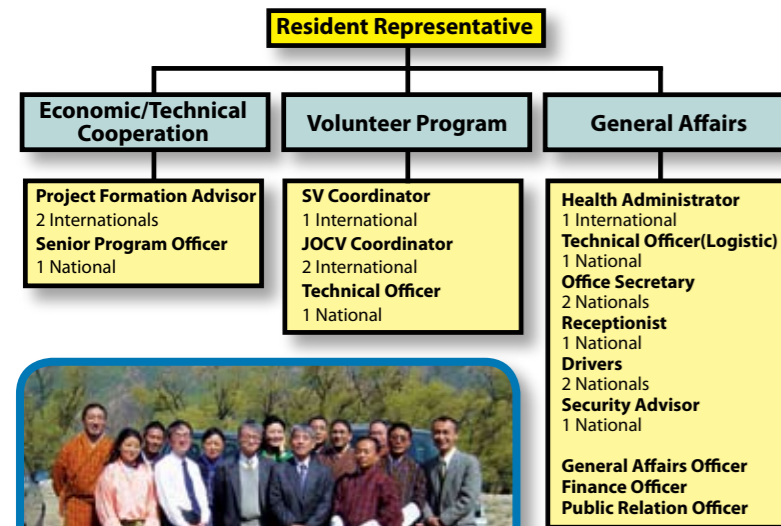


Seven internationals and nine nationals are currently working for the JICA Bhutan Office.

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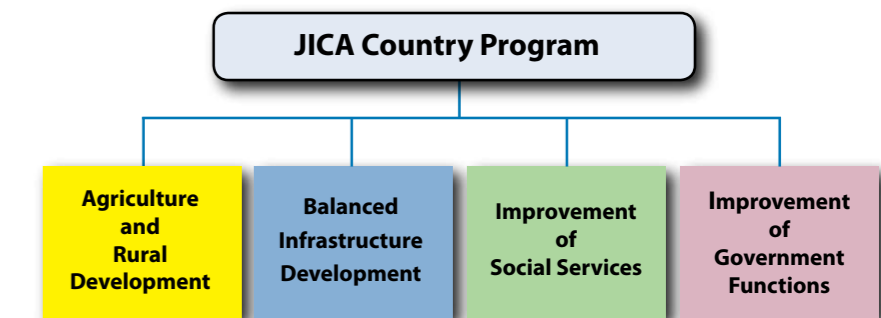


JICA activities in Bhutan

JICA activities are reorganized around the three principles of

- 1) field-oriented approach,
- 2) human security, and
- 3) effectiveness, efficiency, and speed.

To achieve a field-oriented approach, JICA began the country program approach. JICA is also working to achieve the MDGs adopted by the UN in 2000 as well as the recipient country's strategies. Taking into consideration Bhutan's fundamental principle of development and current conditions, JICA selected the following priority aid sectors.



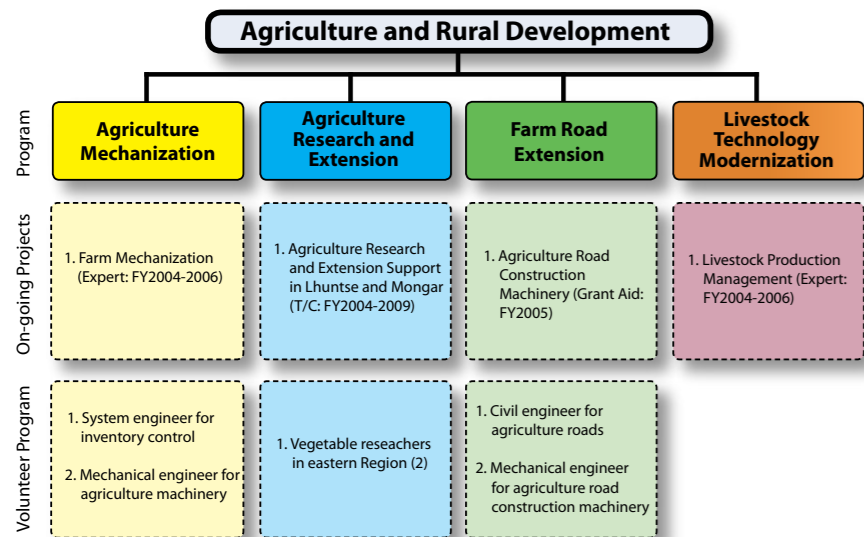
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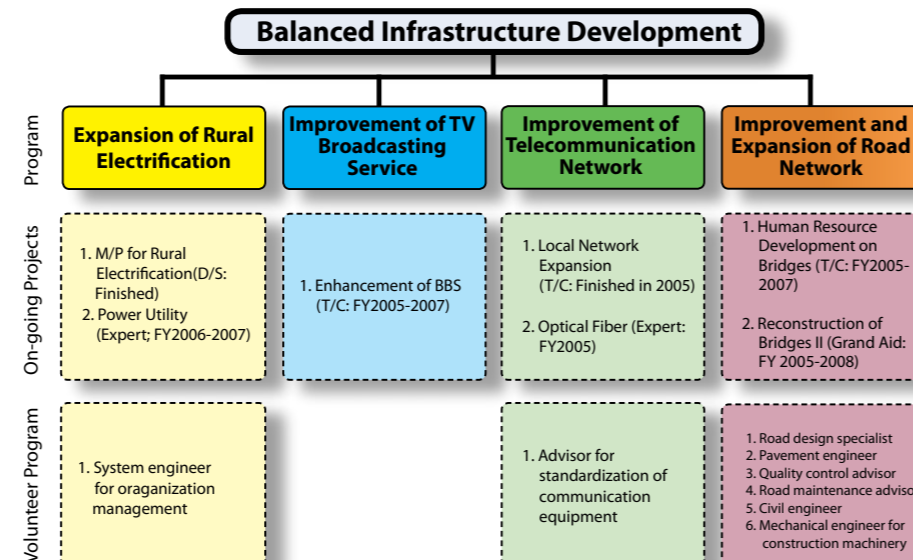
Agriculture and Rural Development

Agriculture is a key to improve industry and a priority development sector in Bhutan. Its development will lead to not only food self-sufficiency, but also improvement of incomes and livelihood of households in rural areas. JICA considers agriculture and rural development as one of the most important issues in its assistance, along with basic infrastructure development to alleviate poverty. JICA continuously provides multi-dimensional support through four programs; Agriculture Mechanization, Agriculture Research and Extension, Farm Road Extension and Livestock Technology Modernization.



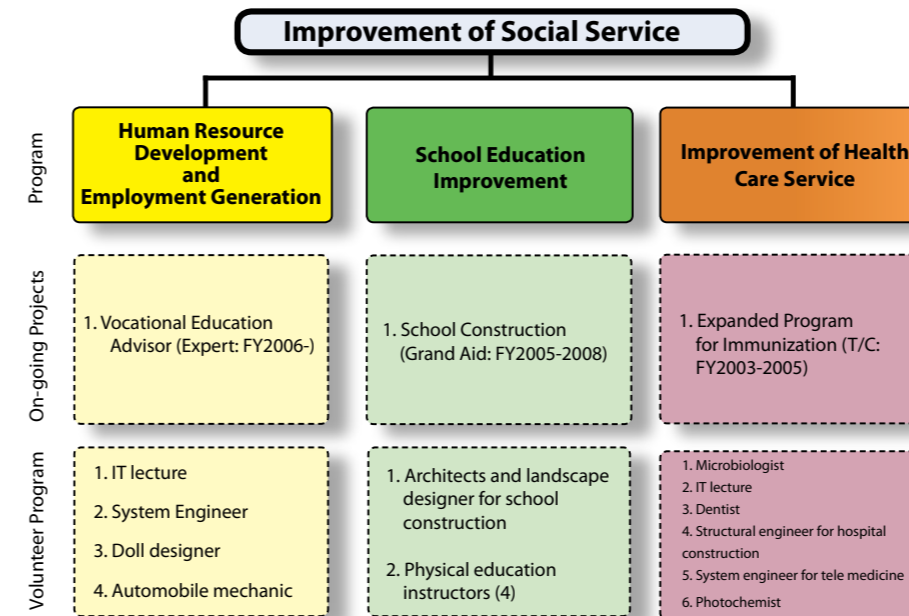
Balanced Infrastructure Development

Underdevelopment of the 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 four programs - Expansion of Rural Electrification, Improvement of TV Broadcasting Service, Improvement of Telecommunication Network, and Improvement and Expansion of Road Network - while also strengthening capacity development through the dispatch of experts and volunteers.



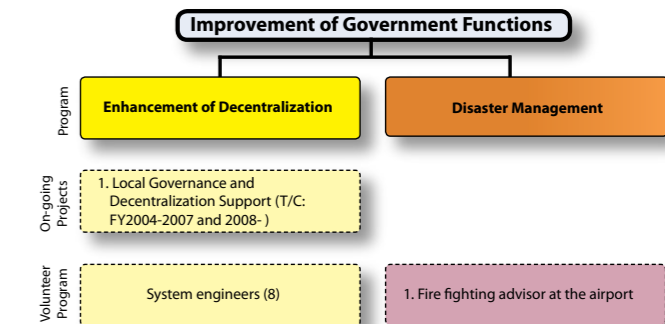
Improvement of Social Services

Social development, especially youth development, is highly prioritized in the Tenth Five Year Plan of the Government. JICA believes that assistances in three areas - Human Resource Development and Employment Generation, School Education and Health Care Service - will create the foundation for poverty alleviation and basic infrastructure for economic growth. JICA will provide assistance through the dispatch of experts and volunteers in coordination with the hardware components such as construction of facilities in this sector.



Improvement of Government Functions

The Government of Bhutan is promoting a decentralization policy. In accordance with the policy, JICA will continuously support decentralization by strengthening relevant administrative organizations, human resource development, and strengthening of coordination between the central and local governments (including disaster management which is initiated by the Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs). JICA will also provide IT assistances mainly through the dispatch of volunteers.



Other fields for Volunteer programme.

The Government of Bhutan requires technical assistances in other sectors. JICA opens volunteer programs widely for other sectors which are considered as a high priority.

