

JICA is responsible for implementing the bilateral aid of Japan's ODA (Official Development Assistance) through Technical Cooperation, ODA Loans and Grant Aid.

Since JICA is a governmental agency focused on international cooperation, it does not favour any particular ethnic groups or specific countries in this region.

With this neutrality of its character, JICA focuses on the following three areas of common concern in the Western Balkan region: **Consolidation of Peace**, **Private Sector Development** and **Tackling Environmental Problems**.



Donated musical instruments to Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra (Serbia, GA)



Counterparts for digital mapping project (Montenegro, TA)



The central control room in Bajina Basta hydroelectric power plant (Serbia, GA)

### Consolidation of Peace

The Dayton Peace Accord was signed in November 1995. In 1996, JICA started to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina by dispatching Project Formulation Advisors and Study Teams to identify development needs. Thus far, JICA has mainly provided assistance for capacity and infrastructure development in such sectors as education, agriculture and medical care, while paying careful attention to keeping the balance of shared benefits among the various ethnic groups and promoting reconciliation among the people. To this day, these initial concepts are still being expanded to new projects in this region, aiming at social-economic development and renewed urgings towards a consolidation of peace, each of which is to be principally approached from the perspectives of human security.

#### Modernization of informatics curricula (Bosnia and Herzegovina, TA)



Mostar High School



Bijeljina High School



Sarajevo Second High School



## Private Sector Development

Even if the respective nations continue to work together to undertake a successful transition to a global market, there is a broad spectrum of factors to consider among the countries in the region. When it comes to the consolidation of peace and economic development, nothing is more essential than private sector development, which is a vital contributor to the region's successful transition to a global market. As a result, the development of small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs), which includes entrepreneurship and the promotion of trade and investment, are of principal importance. From these perspectives, JICA supports human resources development for promoting SMEs and provides policy support to enhance trade and investment. The countries in the Western Balkan region have a net advantage when it comes to standards related to human resources, including the quality of facilities and more reliable support institutions. Thus, in carrying out the spirit of co-operation along with private sector development in this region, JICA is prepared to offer multi-faceted assistance appropriate to each country's particular needs.



Constructing dam site in Zletovica  
(Macedonia, ODA Loans)



Japanese production  
management seminar (Serbia, TA)

Japanese language class supported by a Japanese volunteer  
in Belgrade Philological High School (Serbia, TA)



The project for confidence-building on agricultural  
development in Srebrenica (Bosnia and Herzegovina, TA)



Sharing nurseries of raspberries

## Tackling Environmental Problems

Along with the assistance required for economic development, JICA is also working on tackling the ongoing environmental issue. However, such essential and wide-ranging issues cannot be solved by one country alone. Environmental policies must be considered when providing assistance, and regionally comprehensive measures must be taken in accordance with the situations of each country.



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GA: Grant Aid  
TA: Technical  
Assistance