

JICAVolunteers

JICA's volunteer program is one of Japan's technical cooperation schemes operated as part of its Official Development Assistance (ODA). The program dispatches eager Japanese citizens who wish to participate in assisting developing countries and also have the adequate skills, knowledge and experience to answer the calls for assistance from their governments.



During the initial stages of the JOCV program in Bhutan, agriculture and infrastructure mainly in civil engineering were the main fields of assignments. From 1992 onwards, request expanded in other several technical fields like telecommunication, system engineering, commerce and finance. Even the places of assignments began to spread to all over the country. The trend suddenly moved on towards the Health and Education where JOCV's were requested as Laboratory Technologists, Health & Physical Education Instructor, Art teachers.

At present, there are 35 JOCVs (total 432) and 7 Senior Volunteers (total 142) as Agriculture Machinery Advisor, Vegetable Seed Production, Food Product Development, Architects Civil Engineers, Handicrafts & Souvenir designers, Remote Sensing and GIS Engineers, Waste Management Advisor, Bridge Design & Implementation Advisors, Disaster Management, Midwife, Dialysis, NICU & ICU Nurse, Medical Equipment Engineer, Judo, Physical Education Instructor, Primary School Education (Art's Teacher) etc. Today 29 years later, since its first dispatch to Bhutan in July 1988, a total of 574 volunteers (Senior Volunteers and JOCVs) have been dispatched to contribute to the development of the kingdom and exchange of friendship working together with the local community across Bhutan.

JICA Partnership Program(JPP)

JICA Partnership Program aims to bring direct benefits to the lives of the people in collaboration with Japanese development partners, mainly NGOs/CSOs, local governments and universities, by harnessing their accumulated experience and technologies for development at the grassroots level.

On-going Projects (as of April 2017)

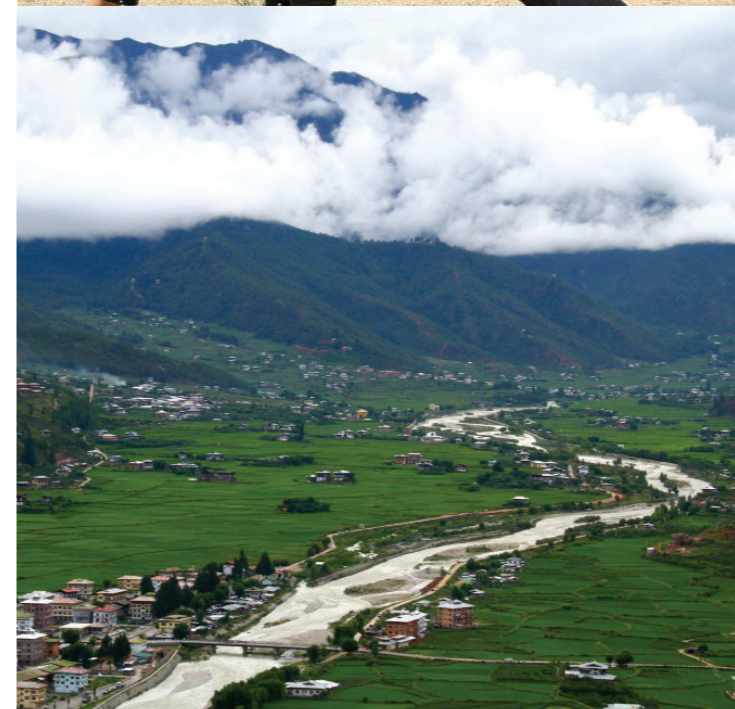
- Community-Based Sustainable Tourism Development Project in Haa
- Capacity Building and Introduction of Innovative Technologies to Improve Apple Production, Productivity and Processing
- Project on Creation of Active Local Communities through the Introduction of Organic Agriculture with the System of Circulating Natural Materials in Bhutan
- Project on Improvement in Conditions of Mushroom Cultivation Farmers in the Western Region of Bhutan
- Poultry Production/Productivity Improvement by Use of Effective Microorganisms
- Income improvement and Community Mutual Assistance in Shingkar Village, Ura, Bumthang
- Transfer of Appropriate Technology for Solid Waste Management in Thimphu City



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Bhutan's first interaction with Japan started in 1962 when the Bhutanese government requested for an agricultural expert to help plan agricultural development in Bhutan. The Government of Japan dispatched Keiji Nishioka as an agricultural expert in May 1964, and since then started sending farm machineries, building farm roads, rehabilitating irrigation channels, dispatching JOCVs, accepting trainees and various other technical knowledge transfer methods. Agriculture and rural development is still key priority area for JICA's support to Bhutan.

Agriculture & Rural Development

■Agriculture Mechanization

JICA has been providing various agriculture machines, most notably power tillers, and technical assistance to improve usage and development of agriculture machinery to end drudgery, save costs, and enhance productivity of farmers' work in the field.

- Strengthening of Farm Mechanization Phase II
- Project for Improvement of Farm Machinery for Hiring Services of Tillage



■Commercial Agriculture Promotion

JICA has been promoting new/improved vegetables and fruits to help farmers increase incomes. JICA is currently rolling out the success in the eastern region to the western central region.

- Integrated Horticulture Promotion Project in the Western Central Region



■Rural Business Development

In order to achieve equitable development in the country, JICA has been introducing an approach for systematic value addition to equip small rural entrepreneurs and supporting agencies with practical skills of business development and marketing.

- Community Entrepreneurial Capacity and Rural Enterprise Development (Phase 2)



National / Infrastructure Development

■Road Connectivity

In order to ensure efficient and safe road transport, JICA has been committed to replacing old bridges, providing construction machines, and providing new technologies for managing bridges and slopes.

- Reconstruction of Bridges on Primary National Highway 4
- Improvement of Machinery and Equipment for Construction of Rural Agricultural Road (Phase 3)
- Reconstruction of Bridges on Primary National Highway 1
- Capacity Development in Construction and Maintenance of Bridges



■Rural Electrification

JICA has been making substantial contribution to achieving access to electricity for 99% of the rural households.

- Rural Electrification Phase 2



■Geo-spatial Data Infrastructure

JICA is developing 1/25,000 digital topographic maps covering the southern region of Bhutan as the foundation of various agricultural and infrastructure development programs.

- Project on Development of National Geo-Spatial Data in Bhutan



■Comprehensive Development Plan

JICA intends to achieve inclusive and well-balanced development and maximize happiness across the entire country, both in the rural area as well as the urban area.

- Project for Formulation of Comprehensive Development Plan for Bhutan 2030

Public Services Improvement

■Local Government and Decentralization

JICA's three-phased projects for capacity development of the local governments have been instrumental in capacitating local governments to involve communities in local governance, to promote community ownership of development programs, particularly infrastructure, and to identify and design various training curriculums through "Integrated Capacity Building Plan" initiative.

- Project on Support for Community Engagement in Local Governance

■Inclusive Services and Development

JICA has been introducing "community policing" and gender-focused perspectives to facilitate more community-friendly public administrations and women empowerment for equitable development.

- Country Focused Training for Strengthening the Capacity of Royal Bhutan Police
- Country Focused Training for Capacity Building of Government Officials and Rural Women on Gender Mainstreaming and Empowerment of Women

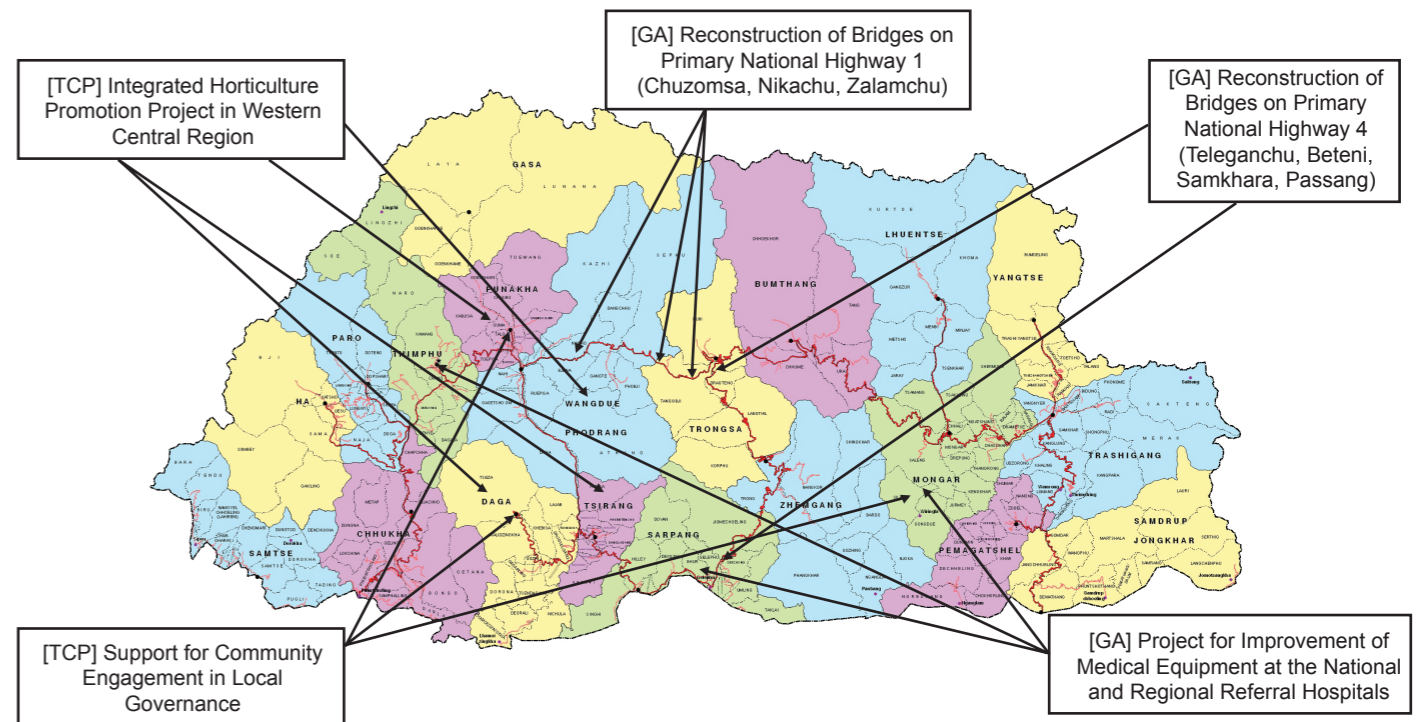
■Medical Services

Through the provision and installation of precision high grade medical equipment like CT scanners, it is expected to enhance the diagnostic services of JDWN Referral Hospital in Thimphu and two Regional Referral Hospitals in Mongar and Gelephu.

- Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment at the National and Regional Referral Hospitals



On-Going Projects' Sites (As of April 2017)



【Whole Country】

- [Loan] Rural Electrification Phase 2
- [GA] Improvement of Machinery and Equipment for Construction of Rural Agricultural Road
- [TCP] Strengthening Farm Mechanization Project Phase II
- [TC (Country-specific Training)] Community Entrepreneurial Capacity and Rural Enterprise Development
- [TCP] Capacity Development in Construction and Maintenance of Bridges
- [TCP] Project on Development of National Geo-Spatial Data in Bhutan
- [TCP] Project on Mineral Resources development Plan in Bhutan
- [TC (Country-specific Training)] Strengthening the Capacity of Royal Bhutan Police
- [TC (Country-specific Training)] Capacity Building of Government Officials and Rural Women on Gender Mainstreaming and Empowerment of Women
- [TCP(SATREPS)] Evaluation and Mitigation of Seismic Risk for Composite Masonry Buildings in Bhutan