

Grant Aid, Technical Cooperation Project and Development Study

With full respect for the Government's ownership, JICA implements the following types of programs:

Grant Aid

Grant Aid is a form of ODA involving the provision of funds to developing countries without the obligation of repayment. The aim is to cooperate in economic and social development by helping the Government to introduce and upgrade its facilities and equipment. JICA is responsible for the preliminary surveys as well as supports for project implementation and post implementation follow up.

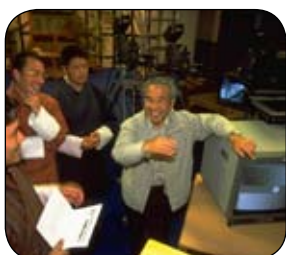
Grant Aid is available mainly for the social development sector including education, health and medical care, agricultural development as well as upgrading of public infrastructure such as roads and bridges.

Technical Cooperation project

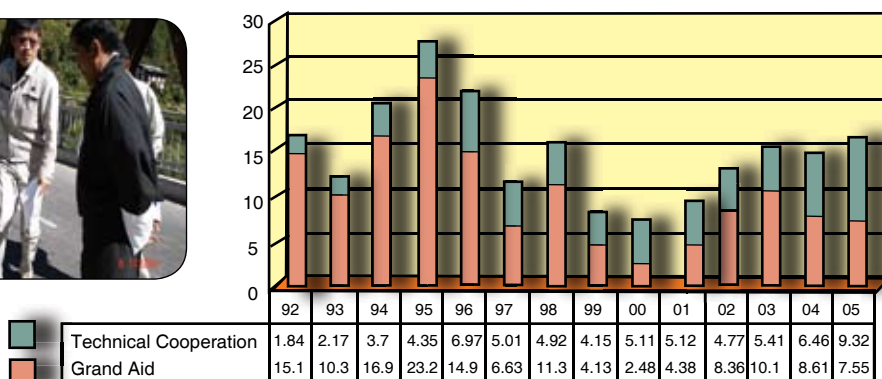
Technical Cooperation Projects are implemented for a fixed period to achieve specific objectives for addressing issues of the Government in combination with cooperation approaches such as the dispatching of experts to provide technical support, invitation of personnel from Bhutan for training, and the provision of necessary equipment. Cooperation planning can be designed and implemented in collaboration with resources of the Government offices.

Dispatch of Expert

The purpose of dispatching experts is to carry out technology transfer from Japanese experts to their counterparts in developing countries. This is one of the most fundamental forms of technical cooperation aimed towards upgrading human resource capacity in the fields such as agriculture, civil engineering and communications. The experts can be categorized as Individual Experts or Experts for Technical Cooperation Project. Bhutan received the first JICA Expert in 1964 and since then a total of fifty six have been assigned to Bhutan (as of March 2006).



Million US\$



Development Study (D/S)

Development studies are part of JICA's technical cooperation which support the formulation of plans for public projects at national or regional levels. In the process, specialized study teams transfer planning methods and survey and analytical skills to counterparts in the Royal Government of Bhutan. The D/S reports, prepared on the basis of study results, provide recipient governments with data for assessing their social and economic development policies. They may also offer international organizations and donor countries for studying the need for financial aid and technical cooperation. In many cases, plans proposed in these reports have been realized with financial assistance such as loan and grant aid.

Other programs (Follow-up Cooperation)

Over the years, Japan has implemented various projects to promote socio-economic and technical progress in corporation with the Royal Government of Bhutan. JICA has also carried out a variety of follow-up cooperation programs in order to provide supplementary support for post projects. The application procedure is slightly different from other programs, and has an April deadline.

The applications for most of the assistant programs above are normally closed by the end of August. The JICA Bhutan Office has two Project Formulation Advisors: one for infrastructure sector, and another for other sectors. Please contact the advisors directly for further information.

