

About the List of Japan's International Education Cooperation Projects, 1950-2015

In preparing “Japan’s International Cooperation in Education,” a study group organized by the JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development (JICA Ogata RI) compiled a list of Japan's international education cooperation projects from 1950 to 2015, capturing the history of Japan's education cooperation over 60 years. Projects including Technical Cooperation Projects, Grant Aid Projects, and ODA Loan Projects were carefully selected from official reports of the Japanese government and JICA based on the three education sub-sectors of Basic Education, TVET, and Higher Education.

In the text of the book, the list is referred to as "the project list provided by the Review Committee on Japan's International Cooperation in Education." The list is also published in Japanese, accessible in the “Downloads” section of the publication summary page below.

https://www.jica.go.jp/jica-ri/ja/publication/booksandreports/20191008_01.html

The following outlines the definition and selection criteria for the projects listed:

1. Basic Education

Basic education projects are defined here as the projects aiming to expand or improve pre-school, primary, secondary (including upper secondary), and non-formal education. However, among upper secondary education projects, those in technical and vocational education are categorized as TVET projects and not as basic education projects.

2. TVET

Though the concept of TVET covers a broad range, the study group adopted a practical definition to show the overall picture of Japan's TVET cooperation and to make the project selection process feasible. TVET projects are defined here as follows: (a) projects aiming to strengthen technical education institutions and vocational training institutions, (b) those aiming to provide vocational and daily life skill training for socially vulnerable groups such as the poor, women, persons with disabilities, and discharged soldiers, and (c) those aiming to improve TVET administration. The list excludes projects in which education and training activities were implemented outside of education and training institutions (for example, skill training in the arenas of production activities). Further, the list excludes human resource development projects in the public sector such as the development of government employees, health human resources, teachers, and agricultural promoters, even if the projects were related to the strengthening of education and training institutions.

When identifying TVET projects among many ODA projects, first-stage screening excluded projects whose names indicated that they did not fall under the above-mentioned definition. The possibility of improper omissions cannot be ruled out.

3. Higher Education

Higher education projects are defined here as the projects aiming to establish and strengthen higher education institutions (UNESCO ISCED levels 5-8) and study

abroad projects. This includes projects strengthening the social contribution activities of higher education institutions with the aim of promoting the growth of various sectors of developing countries.

Project List Data Sources

1. Technical Cooperation Projects

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (1985—1997). *Wagakunino Seifu Kaihatsu Enjo: Kunibetsu jisseki* [Japan's ODA: Data by country]. MOFA.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (1998—2000). *Wagakunino Seihukaihatsu Enjo ODA hakusho gekan* [Japan's ODA White paper Volume 2]. MOFA.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (2001—2015). *Seifu Kaihatsu Enjo Kunibetu Data book* [ODA databook by country]. MOFA.

2. Grant Aid Projects¹

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (1985—1997). *Wagakunino Seifu Kaihatsu Enjo: Kunibetsu jisseki* [Japan's ODA: Data by country]. MOFA.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (1998—2000). *Wagakunino Seihukaihatsu Enjo ODA hakusho gekan* [Japan's ODA White paper Volume 2]. MOFA.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). (2001—2015). *Seifu Kaihatsu Enjo Kunibetu Data book* [ODA databook by country]. MOFA.

3. ODA Loans Projects

JICA. (n.d.). *Yen Shakkan Anken Kensaku* [ODA Loan Project DATA]. Retrieved July 5, 2021, from https://www2.jica.go.jp/ja/yen_loan/index.php

4. Regional Classification and Country Names

JICA. (2019). *JICA Annual Report 2019 Data Book*. Retrieved July 5, 2021, from <https://www.jica.go.jp/english/publications/reports/annual/2019/index.html>

Note: for projects with no official English name, unofficial translations were made by staff at the JICA Ogata RI.

¹ Projects in the list were identified from grant aid projects of over 100 million yen.