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JICA is an implementation agency of the Japanese Government's Official Development Assistance (ODA) which assists and supports developing countries. It is in charge of all ODA such as Technical Cooperation, Loans and Grant Aid except contributions to international organisations. JICA aims to contribute to the promotion of international cooperation as well as the sound development of Japanese and global economy by supporting the socioeconomic development, recovery or economic stability of developing regions.

Since 1954, Japan has been providing financial and technical assistance to developing countries through ODA, aiming to contribute to peace and development of the international community and thereby help ensure Japan's own security and prosperity. In 1965, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program was launched and later on, in 1974, JICA, the world's largest bilateral agency was founded which currently works in over 150 countries and regions and has 100 overseas offices including Malawi.



Japan and Malawi will celebrate the 60th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

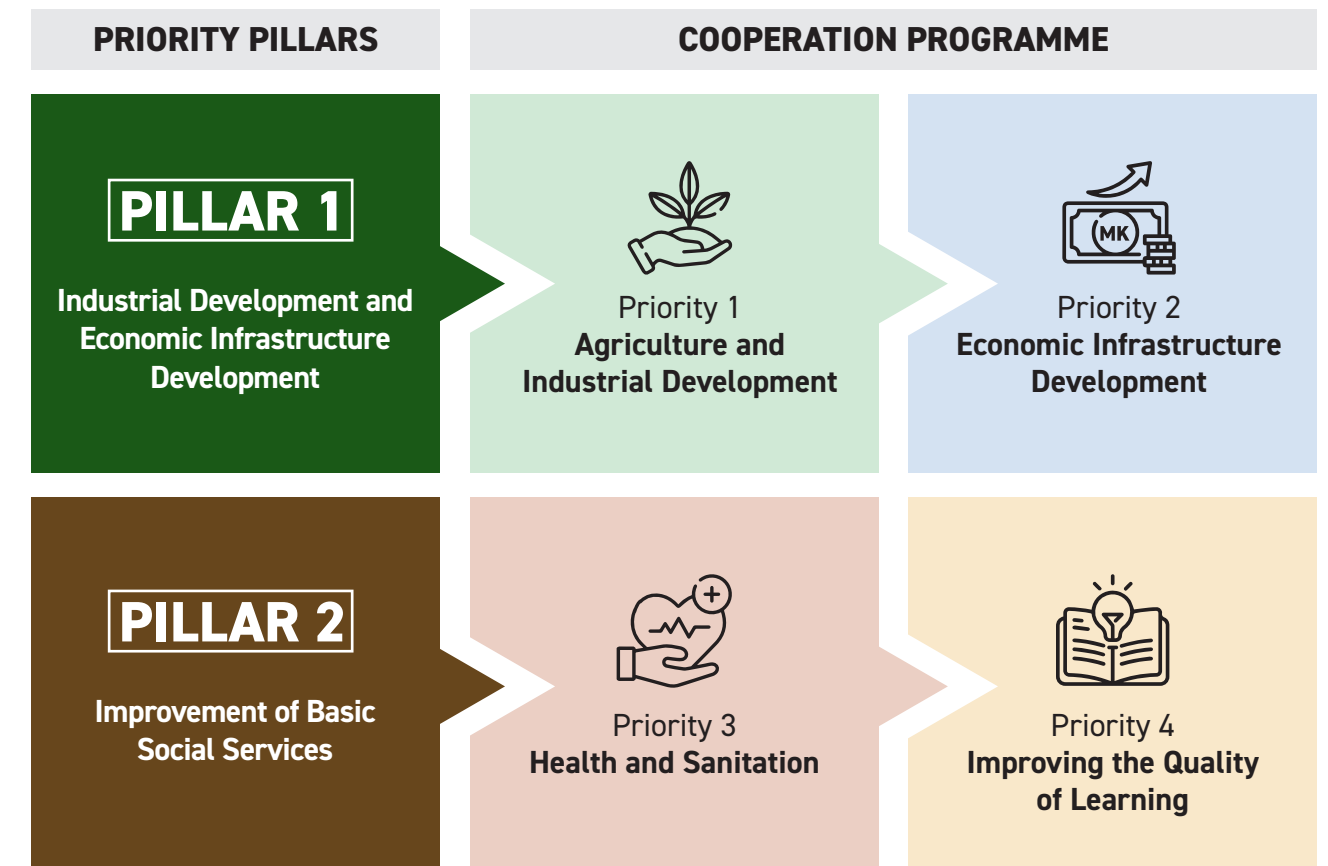


Japan's ODA celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

Vision of JICA Malawi

Basic Policy

Building a foundation to encourage economic independence to lift people out of poverty



JICA's Cooperation Delivery Channels in Malawi



Technical Cooperation

Technical Cooperation supports the development of human resources that will promote socio-economic development in developing countries, the improvement of technical standards, and the establishment of administrative systems by utilizing the knowledge, experience, and technologies of Japan. By accepting training participants in Japan and dispatching Japanese experts, JICA assists developing countries' capacity development in solving problems.



Grant Aid

Japan provides funds to low-income developing countries without the obligation of repayment to support the construction of facilities necessary for social and economic development. The grant is used for construction of facilities such as schools, hospitals, boreholes, and roads, as well as procurement of equipment and other supplies.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



1978 - 1982 | Lilongwe
Construction of Kamuzu
International Airport



2009 - 2018 | Nationwide
The Project of Capacity
Enhancement in Public Sector
Investment Programming



2010 - 2016 | Nationwide
Reconstruction and Expansion of
Community Day Secondary
Schools (23 sites)



2011 - 2017 | Nationwide
Strengthening the Capacity of
OVOP Programme for Delivering
Services to OVOP Group in
Malawi



2012 | Rumphu
Reconstruction of South Rukuru
Bridge



2013 | Lilongwe
Introduction of clean energy by
solar electricity generation
system [830 KW] at Kamuzu
International Airport [KIA]



1999 - 2003 | Dedza
Construction of Bwanje Valley
Irrigation Scheme.
1999 - New Development
2003 - Rehabilitation



2004 - 2017 | Nationwide
Strengthening of Mathematics
and Sciences in Secondary
Education



2013 - 2016 | Lilongwe
Construction of Nalikule College
of Education for Secondary
School Teachers



2015 - 2022 | Dowa and Mzimba
Enhancing Capacity for Medium
Scale Irrigation Scheme
Development, Operation and
Maintenance



2016 - 2022 | Lilongwe
Project for Conservation and
Sustainable Management of
Dzalanyama Forest Reserve



2016 - 2022 | Blantyre
Construction of Tedzani IV Hydro
Power Station in middle Shire



2004 | Mangochi
Construction of Bakili Muluzi
Bridge



2007 - 2022 | Nationwide
5s Kaizen Total Quality
Management for Hospital
Management



2017 - 2022 | Lilongwe
Expansion of Terminal Buildings
at Kamuzu International Airport
[KIA]



2021 - 2023 | Nationwide
Programme of COVID-19 crisis
response emergency support 28
trucks, 5 Cold-rooms with 3
generators and 1 Next
Generation Sequencer



2017 - 2023 | Nationwide
Market-Oriented Smallholder
Horticulture Empowerment and
Promotion



2001 - 2016 | Nationwide
2003 Rural Health Care Facilities
Projects
2003-2006 Maternal and Child
Health Equipment to
Reproductive Health Unit Project
2001 Equipment for Immunization
Project



2007 - 2018 | Middle Shire
The Project for Promoting
Catchment Management
Activities in the Middle Shire
COVAMS. 2007 to 2012 (Phase I)
& 2013 to 2018 (Phase II)



2016 - 2017 | Nationwide
The Project for Water Supply
Systems in Market Centers



2007 - 2015 | Blantyre
Improvement of Blantyre City
Roads (Chipembere Highway)



2010 - 12 & 2019 - 23 | Zomba
Expansion and Upgrading of
Domasi College of Education



1990 - 2018 | Nationwide
2004 - 2012, The Project for
Construction and Rehabilitation of
Boreholes
1990 - 2010, Groundwater Development
2009 - 2018, Enhancement of operation
and maintenance of rural water supply

ONGOING PROJECTS



2022 - 2026 | Lilongwe
Improvement of Substations in
Lilongwe City



2023 - 2026 | Lilongwe
Project for Capacity
Development in Airport
Maintenance Services



2023 - 2028 | Nationwide
School for All project for
improvement of learning outcomes
through Community-Wide
Collaboration



2019 - 2024 | Lilongwe
Project for Strengthening the
capacity of Non-Revenue Water
Reduction for Lilongwe Water
Board



2022 - 2025 | Lilongwe
JICA Advisor for Capacity
Enhancement of Public Sector
Investment Programming



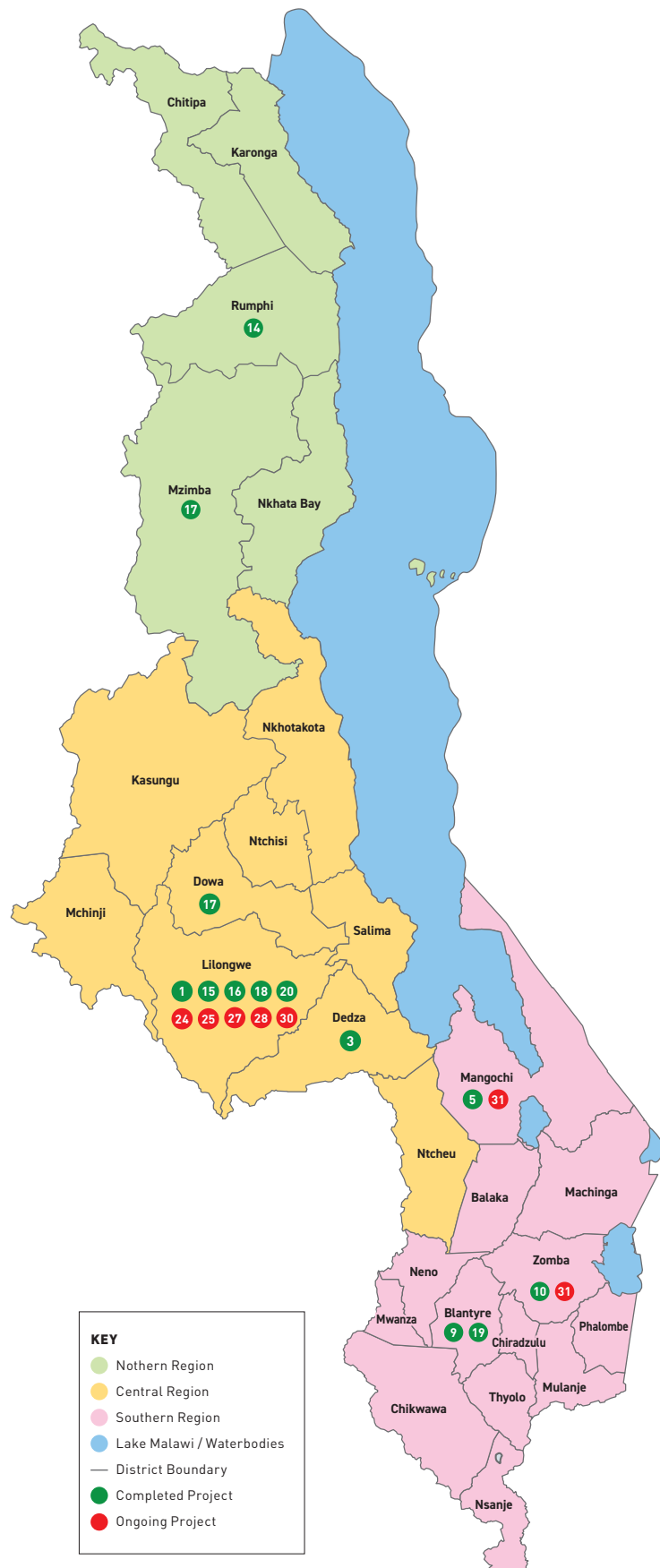
2024 - 2029 | Nationwide
Promotion of Rice Production
and Marketing



2022 - 2026 | Lilongwe
Upgrading of Lilongwe Bridge on
M1 Road



2021 - 2026 | Mangochi and Zomba
Establishment of a Sustainable
Community Development Model
Based on Integrated Natural
Resources Management Systems
in Lake Malawi National Park





PRIORITY 1 Agriculture & Industrial Development

Promoting Diversified and Market-oriented Agriculture MA-SHEP

TARGET/COVERAGE
Nationwide
PERIOD
2017-2023

Background

Horticulture is one of the important agriculture sub-sectors with its contribution to income and food security. However, the sub-sector is faced with several challenges such as marketing at local, national, and international level. Most farmers do not benefit from horticulture farming due to unavailability of markets which is worsened by perishability of their harvest. Smallholder horticulture farmers produce in abundance with no knowledge of where to sell their produce. Resultantly, they end up making huge losses because of the short life span of their produce. They are forced to sell their produce at the lowest market price just to realize a little something.

Realizing this challenge JICA implemented the Project for Market Oriented Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (MA-SHEP) from 2017 to 2023 in all 28 districts. This was a mindset change project aiming at transforming the minds of the farmers from "Grow and sell" to "Grow to sell". The project encouraged farmers to search for the markets before they venture into production.

Project Goal

The overall goal of the project was to improve livelihood of members of farmer groups by increasing their income.

Achievements

- The Ministry of Agriculture has mainstreamed MA-SHEP activities into their programs. To this end MA-SHEP activities, now referred to as SHEP approach based on originality, are now considered as an extension approach. The approach has been adopted in other crops and not only horticulture. At the moment, the ministry continues to implement SHEP activities in other donor funded programs. MA-SHEP implementation guideline was developed towards the end of the project. This is being used as a reference material by extension officers who would like to implement SHEP activities in their respective workstations.
- The livelihoods of the targeted farmers have significantly improved. The most notable indicator has been changes in their life such as, the construction of decent houses roofed with iron sheets and connected to solar electricity.



Project for Promotion of Rice Production and Marketing

TARGET/COVERAGE
Nationwide
PERIOD
2024-2029

Background

In line with the goal of the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD), which is to double rice production from the current 28M tonnes to 56M tonnes by 2030, JICA Malawi will implement the Project for promotion of rice production and marketing from 2024 to 2029. The project will be one way of operationalizing the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS 2) which the Ministry of Agriculture has revised and will soon be launched.

Project Goal

To maintain Rice self-sufficiency whilst ensuring that exportation to neighboring countries have started to pick up.

Main Outputs

- Appropriate rice production and harvest / post-harvest technologies are adopted by target farmers and other value chain actors.
- Certified rice seeds are used by target farmers.
- Sustainable rice trade channels (from production to sales) are established and / or strengthened between target farmers and buyers.
- Target Water User Associations are furnished with adequate human capacities to conduct proper operation and maintenance of irrigation infrastructure and water management.



Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA)

PERIOD
Since 2016

Background

At the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD6), delegates launched the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA). IFNA focuses on integrating agriculture into nutrition interventions which are in line with nutrition policy of each target country.

Project Goal

IFNA aims at establishing a framework for collaboration with African governments in order to accelerate the implementation of their food and nutrition security policies on the ground.

Main Activities

IFNA generates multi-sectoral synergy of well-coordinated interventions to enhance the impacts of nutritional improvements on the ground.

Target/Coverage

The IFNA secretariat, which is based in South Africa, shall continue engaging the government of Malawi through the Department of Nutrition, HIV & AIDS (DNHA) under Ministry of Health on which areas require interventions for this initiative.



PRIORITY 2 Economic Infrastructure Development

The Project for the Improvement of Main Roads in the City of Lilongwe

TARGET/COVERAGE
Lilongwe River Bridge
PERIOD
2020-2026

Background

There has been a rapid increase in the number of motor vehicles within Lilongwe city and its surrounding areas over the past few years, and the increase in traffic jams has been a big challenge. Since 2020, JICA has been working with the Ministry of Transport and the Roads Authority to rehabilitate major roads within Lilongwe with an emphasis on the Lilongwe River Bridge.

Main Outputs

The project has Seven components:

- The widening of the Existing Road between the Town Hall Roundabout and the Old Town Market junction(0.73km).
- Reconstruction of the Lilongwe River Bridge (including demolition of the existing bridge).
- The Townhall Roundabout will also be replaced by a four-way intersection with traffic lights.
- Street Light Installation along the area rehabilitated.
- Traffic Signal Installation.
- Crosswalk Installation.
- Installation of Pedestrian Fencing on the Median Strip.

Main Activity in 2024

The Ground-breaking ceremony was conducted on 31st January and was attended by the State President of Malawi H.E Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera. This happened after the demolition of the old bridge on 16th November 2023 and the launch of two temporary bridges, one for pedestrians and one for small vehicles. The Third Construction Quality Control Meeting was Held on 22nd February 2024 to report on the previous six months activities and to put into place the measures to ensure quality works for the current activities involving earth works at the bridge site.



Architectural view of the new M1 Lilongwe River Bridge

The Project for the Improvement of Substations in the City of Lilongwe

TARGET/COVERAGE
Kanengo and Old Town Substations
PERIOD
2021-2024

Background

There has been an increase in the demand for electricity both commercially and domestically within Lilongwe city and its surrounding areas over the past few years. Since 2021, JICA has been working with ESCOM to rehabilitate Kanengo and Old Town substations in Lilongwe.

Main Outputs

The project has Seven components:

- The Expansion and Rehabilitation of Kanengo Substation.
- Renewal of Old Town Substation.
- Maintenance Tool for the Equipment of the Project.
- Spare Parts and Consumables for the Equipment of the Project.
- Foundation for the Equipment of the Project (Transformers, Gantry Towers).
- Control Building for Kanengo Substation.
- Control Building for Old Town Substation.

Main Activity in 2024

The Main activity in 2024 has been the full hand over of the project from the Government of Japan to the Government of Malawi. The handover ceremony was conducted on 7th May 2024 and was presided over by the Minister of Energy, Hon. Ibrahim Matola and the Japanese Ambassador to Malawi H.E Yoichi Oya. The project has been completed on schedule but now has entered the defect's liability period of 1 year in which any problems will be addressed by both the contractor and ESCOM.



Project staffs from Japan and Malawi celebrates passing the transformer examinations.

The Project for Capacity Development in Airport Maintenance Services

TARGET/COVERAGE
Kamuzu International Airport, Chileka International Airport, Mzuzu & Karonga Airport
PERIOD
August 2023 to March 2026

Background

In a landlocked country like Malawi, the role of airports cannot be over-emphasized. Apart from the two international airports of Kamuzu and Chileka, the country has other airports and aerodromes which, if well utilized, can significantly contribute to economic and social development. To make this contribution, the airports and aerodromes need to be in good shape and well maintained.

Over the years, the country has been facing challenges in the maintenance of its airports and aerodromes mainly due to lack of expertise among engineers and technicians in these facilities. The project aims at equipping engineers and technicians in Malawi's airports and aerodromes with maintenance skills.

Main Outputs

The project has four outputs namely:

- Capacity for maintenance of airfield pavement is improved.
- Capacity for maintenance of Aeronautical Ground Lighting System is improved.
- Capacity for maintenance of Electrical Power Supply System (including High-Voltage Power Distribution System) has been improved.
- Capacity for maintenance of Air Navigation System has been improved.

Main Activity in 2024

Training on Maintenance Procedures of Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) both theory and practical, Inspection of CNS at Kamuzu and Chileka International Airports, Plan and Implement pilot maintenance works of CNS (direct management), Examination and implementation of pilot works of CNS (outsourcing).





PRIORITY 3

Health and Sanitation

The Project for Strengthening the Capacity of Non-Revenue Water Reduction for Lilongwe Water Board

TARGET/COVERAGE

Lilongwe Water Board

PERIOD

2019-2024

Background

Considering the rapid urbanization and population growth within Lilongwe city and its surrounding areas, water demands have grown tremendously over the past few years, but high non-revenue water (NRW) rate, 36% in 2015, has been a big challenge to meet the increasing demand. Since 2019, JICA has been co-working with Lilongwe Water Board (LWB), to enhance the capacity of reducing non-revenue water ratio.

Main Outputs

- LWB's planning capacity for NRW reduction is enhanced.
- LWB's implementing capacity for NRW reduction in DMAs is enhanced.
- LWB's capacity for disseminating the knowledge on NRW Reduction to both inside and outside of LWB is enhanced.

Main Activities in 2023

- Implemented commercial and physical loss reduction activities in pilot area.
- Conducted knowledge sharing and customer awareness programs.
- Submitted research papers to Japan Water Works Association.
- Supported in construction of E-Madzi Kiosks.



LISCAP Project Expert conducting leak detection activity with Lilongwe Water Board staff

Project for the programme for COVID-19 crisis response

Emergency support

TARGET/COVERAGE

Nationwide





PERIOD

2021-2023

Background

The project is a grant Aid project part of the Japanese government support towards Covid-19 pandemic to African and Asian countries that helped the government of Malawi to strengthen its COVID-19 response systems especially for the cold chain capacity.

Main Outputs

-  28 Transport Trucks
-  5 Units of Cold Rooms
-  3 Heavy duty Generators
-  1 Unit of Next Generation Sequencer



Handover ceremony to 28 Trucks to the Ministry of Health

Promotion of dissemination of quality improvement of health services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM in African Region

TARGET/COVERAGE

Kamuzu Central Hospital and St. Luke Deayang Mission Hospital in Lilongwe

PERIOD

2024 - 2026

Background

JICA has been supporting improvement of quality management in health services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM for over 15 years to six countries in Africa, which include Benin, Djibouti, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania and Senegal. This program will enable these six countries to share and exchange know-how to practice 5S-KAIZEN-TQM activities in sustainable manner that will enrich the quality management of healthcare services.

Project Goal

To enhance delivery of quality services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM in healthcare facilities.





PRIORITY 4 Improving the Quality of Learning

Project for Expansion and Upgrading of Domasi College of Education

On June 28, 2017, JICA signed a grant agreement with the Government of the Republic of Malawi of up to 1.947 billion yen for the Project for 'Expanding and Upgrading of the Domasi College of Education.

Goal

The project was designed to provide facilities and equipment required for a four-year degree offering institution to train high-quality qualified secondary education teachers and contribute to sustainable improvement in the quality of secondary education.

Main activities

The project has constructed a lecture rooms building, a laboratory building, a library, dormitories, administration block and provided relevant equipment.

Period

The project was planned for 2019- 2021. It was extended to 2022 after suspension in 2020 due to COVID-19.

TARGET/COVERAGE
Domasi College of Education,
Zomba
PERIOD
2019- 2021, 2022-2023



Project for 'School for All'

In support of the decentralization policy and strengthening of school level management structure, JICA started a Technical Cooperation, "School for all Project", partnering with the Ministry of Education.

Goal

Improved learning outcomes through collaboration between communities and schools.

Main activities

- Improvement of participatory school management system
- Establishment of a monitoring and information sharing system at district and school levels in target divisions.
- Development of a model that is scalable in subsequent education divisions.

TARGET/COVERAGE
200 initial schools and expand to
other schools in subsequent years.
PERIOD
2023–2028

Improving access and Quality of Pre-primary Education in Rural Malawi Project

TARGET/COVERAGE
Nkhata Bay
PERIOD
2023 – 2026

JICA is implementing the technical cooperation project under the JICA Partnership Program in collaboration with Hiroshima University.

Goal

To improve access to and quality of preprimary education in the target areas.

Main Activities

Development of a practical book for caregivers. Providing practical skills to caregivers and teachers through training and hands-on experience. Enhancement of a monitoring system in the district office. Raising awareness of preprimary education among local people.



Lesson Study Initiative Project

Teachers are a fundamental resource that bring desirable effects on improved learning outcomes. JICA continuously closes gaps in teachers' performance by supporting initiatives aimed at building their capacity. The Lesson study initiative is one of them.

Goal

To build a system of learning among teachers and support for each other.

Main Activities

Identifying gaps in delivery of lessons and find common solutions for better lessons.

Target / Coverage

Currently, Nalikule College of Education in collaboration with Fukui University from Japan are working with pilot schools in Lilongwe Rural to build a system of lesson study.

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP) / (Training)

Short Term Trainings

Goal

JICA offers short term trainings to provide technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in developing countries by exposing participants to Japan's development experience and know-how.

Main activities

The training is offered at JICA Domestic Centers in three modes: Group and Region focused, Country focused, and Young Leaders. Malawians from both public and private sectors participate to deepen their understanding of Japanese technologies, development experience and principles through engagement in lectures, practical trainings, field visits and discussions in Japan. JICA hosts about 10,000 trainees every year.

Long Term Trainings

Africa Business Education (ABE) Initiative for Youth and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) Leadership Program

Background

Through the Tokyo International Conference for African Development (TICAD), Japan has consistently renewed its commitment to provide opportunities to African youths to study at Japanese Universities as well as experience internships at Japanese enterprises through an African Business Education (ABE) for Youth Initiative and SDG Leadership Program.

Goal

The ABE Program exposes youth to modern technologies and enterprises of Japan, and at the same time establish relationships with the people and institutions of Japan. The SDG Program aims to build capacity in young leaders who would lead in policy and development initiatives to achieve the SDG targets.

Master's & PhD in Mining (KIZUNA Program)

JICA is offering a program to study in Mining at Japanese University.

Goal

Reinforcing policy and management skills (mining policy interest negotiations, mine operations, etc.).

Master's in Water Engineering and Utility Management Future Leaders Program

Background

This training program at Japanese university aims at capacity development of leaders for the next generation in waterworks, through acquiring theoretical knowledge by course work, acquiring program solving capacity through field survey and research on practical topics.

Goal

For the future leaders to gain core competence.

Agriculture studies networks for Food Security Program

Background

This training program at Japanese university is aimed at contributing to the second goal of the SDGs: "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture".

Goal

Human resource development for agriculture related strategic areas by taking advantage of wide knowledge/technologies accumulated in Japan's universities.

PhD program on Integrated Natural Resource Management Systems (IntNRMS) in Lake Malawi National Park

Background

The IntNRMS project is implemented under the scheme of Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS). One of the components of the IntNRMS is capacity building of the counterpart organizations.

Goal

To boost self-reliant research and development capacity in Malawi through international joint research, constructing sustainable research systems that contribute to resolving issues, and training future human resources in Malawi and Japan.

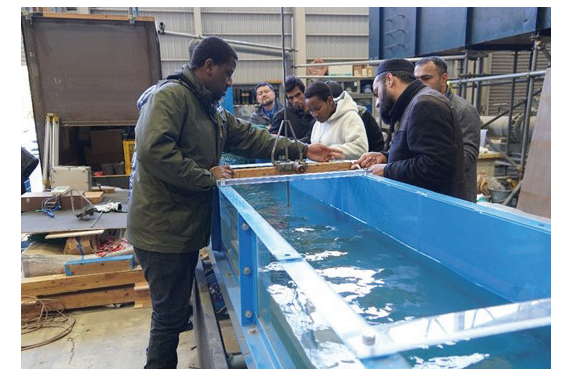
Master's in Disaster Risk Reduction

Background

JICA is cooperating with Department of Disaster Management Affairs (DODMA) of Malawi in building capacity of technical officials, engineers, and researchers.

Goal

to develop the participant's capacity to practically manage and mitigate damages of flood disasters and to contribute for socio- economic and environmental improvements at national and regional levels.



JEPAM is a grouping of Malawians who attended JICA's trainings. Its main objectives are;

- To bring together and to promote friendship between all JICA Ex-Participants, their families and friends and Japanese citizens in Malawi through social functions.
- To promote cultural exchanges between the people of Japan and people of Malawi through (Ex-Participants') various activities.
- To promote, guide, assist and encourage JICA follow-up missions.
- To develop a deeper understanding of Japanese culture and customs and give guidance to JICA pre-participants.
- The Association will be non-political in all its activities and no person or persons will be allowed to use it to promote his/their political motives within or outside Malawi.

Natural Resources Management

The Advisor for Conservation and Sustainable Management of Dzalanyama Forest Reserve

Background

In Malawi, on average, 250,000 hectares of forest is lost annually due to deforestation caused by high demand for firewood due to power shortages, urbanization, expansion of farmland, forest fires, etc. Dzalanyama Forest Reserve which is the source of Lilongwe River that supplies water to the Capital City is no exception. From 2016 to 2022, JICA supported the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change through the Department of Forestry with Technical Assistance through the Project for Conservation and Sustainable Management of Dzalanyama Forest Reserve. The main outcome of the project was the establishment of the Dzalanyama Catchment Conservation Trust (DCCT). Currently, JICA will be co-working with the Department of Forestry, in strengthening its capacity of implementing strategic plan for conservation and sustainable management of Dzalanyama Forest Reserve, in partner with the Dzalanyama Trust.

Project Goal

In line with the Malawi 2063 on achieving sustainable use of forests, JICA in collaboration with the Department of Forestry, Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change, aims at strengthening the capacity of the DoF and DCCT in promoting the sustainable conservation of the reserve.

TARGET/COVERAGE
Dzalanyama Forest Reserve, Lilongwe and other watershed forests

PERIOD
2024-2026

Project for Establishment of a Sustainable Community Development Model based on Integrated Natural Resource Management Systems in Lake Malawi National Park (IntNRMS)

Background

The project's target area is Chembe village and surrounding areas in Lake Malawi National Park, which is World Natural Heritage which is one among the many areas in Malawi where harmonization of environmental conservation and human well-being are an imminent issue. Most Malawians depend on natural resources for income generation which results into degradation of the natural resources. There is, therefore, the need to develop models, combining the local innovations and science/technology for improvement of resources and well-being of people through comprehensive research to develop integrated resource management systems of diverse natural resources.

The integrated resource management systems cover areas of fisheries, agriculture, forestry and tourism, in relation to the environment. Since 2019, JICA has been co-working with the University of Malawi-Chancellor College, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR), Department of Fisheries and Department of National Parks and Wildlife in developing community development models which will promote environmental conservation and improve Quality of Life (QOL) and well-being of people.

Project Goal

Resource management and conservation practices are implemented by spreading of sustainable community development model based on integrated sustainable resource management systems.



Project Expert briefing fishermen before creating an artificial chilundu (fish breeding spot) at the bottom of the lake on Lake Malawi

TARGET/COVERAGE
Chembe village and surrounding areas in Lake Malawi National Park

PERIOD
June 2024- June 2026

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

Since
1971
Countrywide

Background

With an aim of sharing expertise from Japan to developing countries and developing the human capital at a grassroots level in these countries, in 1965, the Japanese Government inaugurated the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV). In Malawi, the JOCV Program was introduced in 1971 hence it has been operating in the country for more than 53 years. In this program, qualified Japanese nationals who are aged between 20 to 69 are deployed to Malawi for a period of two years. These volunteers are in diverse fields and are deployed to Malawi Government institutions that include hospitals, schools, city and district council offices and state-owned companies, just to mention a few. Non-governmental organizations are also eligible to host these volunteers except profit making organizations.

Program Goal

The JOCV Program has three major goals that are listed below:

- To cooperate in the economic and social development and reconstruction of developing countries.
- To promote international goodwill and deepen mutual understanding between the Japanese and people of other nations.
- To develop international perspective among the Japanese people and give back their experience after serving abroad to Japanese communities.

Main Outputs

Over the 53 years that the JOCV Program has been operating in Malawi, Malawians who worked with the Japanese Volunteers have acquired knowledge, skills and expertise which have been implemented and practiced for the development of the country. Some of the expertise include modern ways of teaching students to quickly grasp lessons e.g., introduction of multiplication table songs. Another good innovation from the health field that was introduced by the Japanese Volunteers in Public Health Field was the improvement of the under-five children's health book that was redesigned for easy usage of the health practitioners in the hospitals.

Main Activities in 2024

As of June 2024, in Malawi there are 32 JOCVs who are serving in diverse fields of expertise namely primary and secondary school education (science, mathematics, expressive arts, Information Communication Technology and special needs), environmental education, youth activities, community development, football coaching, pharmacy, physiotherapy, nursing, public health, nutrition and dietetics, water quality analysis and statistics.



A JICA Volunteer working as a Pharmacist at a District Hospital, interacting with one of his colleagues



A JICA Volunteer working at a Teacher Development Center (TDC), teaching Expressive Arts



A JICA Volunteer working at a District Hospital as a Nurse in Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs), working with her colleague in the NCD Clinic



A JICA Volunteer working at a Primary School, teaching Mathematics

Selected Notable Past Projects In Malawi

Enhancing Capacity for Medium Scale Irrigation Scheme Development, Operation and Maintenance (MIDP)

I appreciate to JICA for the support rendered through the project for Enhancing Capacity for Medium Scale Irrigation Scheme Development, Operation and Maintenance (MIDP) which has seen the registration of graduate engineers as professional engineers, also for bringing in new ways of doing things which has basically empowered the irrigation officers at district level to oversee development of small-scale irrigation schemes.

Through MIDP project, irrigation officers across the country familiarized themselves with the drawings and designs of the scheme. This followed a series of MIDP trainings that were conducted for the officers across the country. Officers at district level are now responsible for the drawings and designs of small-scale irrigation schemes without necessarily engaging private contractors.

MIDP project also contributed to the registration of graduate engineers as profession engineers with Malawi Institute of Engineers. At the time of project closure 9 officers from the Department of Irrigation were registered engineers. Currently, there are officers within the department who are at various stages of the registration process with the board.

At field level, MIDP project imparted the farmers with knowledge and skills in lining of the canal. This was a participatory project and farmers were involved in the actual lining of the canal. The farmers were left with the knowledge and skill, and they use the same in conducting maintenance works of the canals thereby ensuring sustainable usage of the schemes.



Ms. Chinsinsi Chikabvumbwa
Principal Irrigation Officer
Department of Irrigation,
Ministry of Agriculture



TARGET/COVERAGE
Dowa & Mzimba

PERIOD
2015-2020

Enhancement of Operations and Maintenance for Rural Water Supply

The rural water supply, Operation and Maintenance ((O&M) Framework was developed using the concept of Community Based Management (CBM), which was adopted by the Malawi Government. The project aimed at increasing the functionality of water supply facilities in rural areas. The strengthening of existing O&M Framework based on the field test implemented in Mchinji District, the results of the field test prompted government to adopt the framework and applied nationwide.



Strengthening the Capacity of OVOP Programme for Delivering Services to OVOP Group in Malawi

OVOP project led to the formulation of cooperatives for different value chains. It also led to the formulation of secondary cooperatives such as Maluso Cooperative Union. This union is in charge of marketing the produce from the different OVOP cooperatives. It acts as a readily available market for the primary cooperatives who sell their products to the union.

OVOP project also imparted the cooperatives with knowledge and skills in various areas such as accounting and marketing. The cooperative members went through several training courses thereby improving their capacity on how to run a business.

Another notable impact of the project was the certification of the cooperatives' products by the Malawi Bureau of Standards (MBS). Through OVOP project, several cooperatives were certified by MBS as such their products were accepted in the formal markets such as supermarkets.



Mr. Tom Nedie,
Business Manager
Maluso Cooperative Union



OVOP SHOP

Location:
Opposite the Lilongwe DC's Office, Area 3

Business Hours:
8:00-17:00 (Monday to Friday)
8:00-14:00 (Saturday)

Construction of Nalikule College of Education

Dr. Elizabeth Meke
Principal
Nalikule College of Education

Nalikule College of Education is a degree offering institution of higher learning in Malawi established by the government of Malawi under the Ministry of Education in 2016 with its first intake in 2017. It was constructed with funding from the Government of the People of Japan as one way of increasing the number of qualified secondary school teachers for sciences and mathematics. Nalikule College of education has a mandate to operationalize the Malawi 2063 agenda through enabler 5 of human capital development. Since its establishment, the college has contributed to increased access to higher education to many students currently standing at over 1200 students. The college is contributing to filling the gap of Maths and Science teachers in Malawian secondary schools.

Each and every year, the College is increasing its intake by almost 30%. However, the current infrastructure and teaching and learning facilities do not support effective teaching and learning. There is need for a teaching complex that can host large lecture theatres and laboratories to accommodate the increasing numbers of students accessing education at the College. There is need to expand the hostels so that many students, especially girls and vulnerable students are accommodated on campus for their safety and comfort while studying at the college. We therefore appeal to Development Partners to assist Nalikule College of Education to expand its infrastructure.

