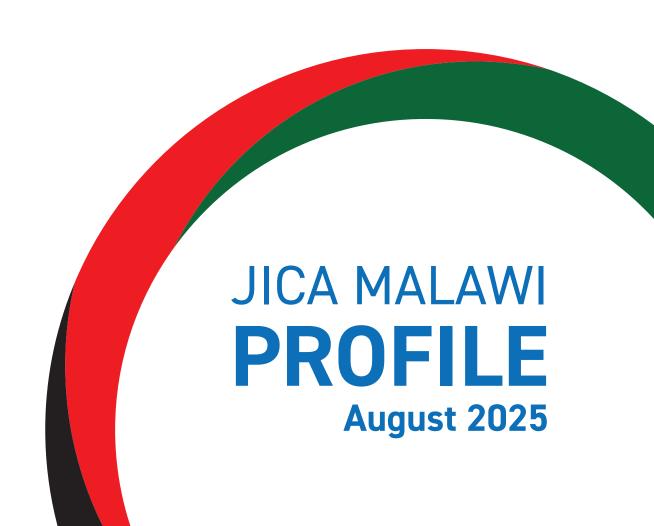


**Japan International Cooperation Agency** 





## "Leading the World with Trust"

JICA is an implementing agency of the Japanese Government's Official Development Assistance (ODA) which assists and supports developing countries. It oversees execution 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 launced. In 1974, JICA, the world's biggest bilateral agency was found. It currently works in over 150 countries and regions and has 100 overseas offices including Malawi.



The Power of JICA Volunteers Change the World, Change Japan

The JOCV program celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2025.



The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) has been hosted by the Japanese government since 1993. The 9th TICAD will be held in Yokohama, Japan from August 20 to 22, 2025.

## Vision of JICA Malawi

**Basic Policy** 

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

#### **FOCUS AREA**

#### **COOPERATION PROGRAMS**

#### **PILLAR 1**

**Industrial Development and Economic Infrastructure Development** 



Priority 1 Agriculture and **Industrial Development** 



Priority 2 **Economic Infrastructure Development** 

#### **PILLAR 2**

Improvement of Basic **Social Services** 



Priority 3 **Health and Sanitation** 



Priority 4 Improving the Quality of Learning

## 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 counties. The support includes 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 their national problems.

#### **Grant Aid**

Japan provides financial assistance 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, electricity, and roads, as well as procurement of equipment and other supplies.



## **JICA MALAWI**

## **COMPLETED PROJECTS**



1990 - 2018 | Nationwide

1990 – 2010, Groundwater Development 2004 – 2012, The Project for Construction and Rehabilitation of Boreholes

**2009 - 2018,** Enhancement of operation and maintenance of rural water supply



**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



**2007 - 2018** | Balaka, Neno, Mwanza and Blantyre

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



**2009 - 2018** | Nationwide The Project of Capacity

Enhancement in Public Sector Investment Programming



2011-2015 | Rumphi, Mzimba & Nkhata-Bay Sustainable Land Management Promotion Project



2001 - 2006 | Nationwide

**2001** Equipment for Immunization Project

**2003** Rural Health Care Facilities Projects

**2003-2006** Maternal and Child Health Equipment to Reproductive Health Unit Project



2007 - 2015 | Blantyre

Improvement of Blantyre City Roads (Chipembere Highway)



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



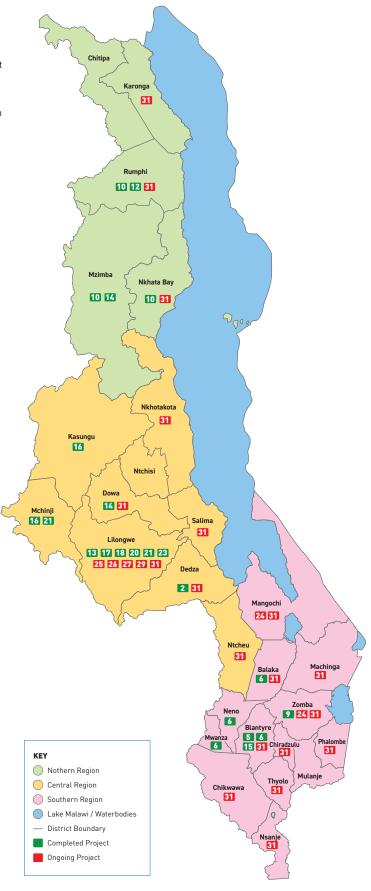
2010 - 12 & 2019 - 23

Expansion and Upgrading of Domasi College of Education



2011 - 2017 | Nationwide

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



# COOPERATION MAP (AS OF AUGUST 2025)



**2012** | Rumphi Reconstruction of South Rukuru Bridge



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



Mzimba **Enhancing Capacity for** Medium Scale Irrigation Scheme Development, Operation and Maintenance



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



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



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



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



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



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



2020 - 2022 | Lilongwe & Mchinji Private Sector Development Policy Advisor



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



Improvement of Substations in Lilongwe City

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**



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



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



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



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



2024 - 2026 | Lilongwe Promotion of Dissemination of quality improvement of health services through 5S - KAIZEN -TQM in African Region



2024 - 2029 | Nationwide Promotion of Rice Production and Marketing



2025 - 2028 | 19 Districts The Project for formulation of resilient water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Implementation Plan against WASH related diseases and floods

## PILLAR 1

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

## PRIORITY 1 | Agriculture & Industrial Development

## Promoting Diversified and Market-oriented Agriculture, SHEP Approach (Technical Cooperation)

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 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 Market Oriented Smallholder 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 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.



A house built from the proceeds of SHEP approach.



## **Project for Promotion of Rice Production and Marketing** (RPM) (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage Nationwide

Period 2017-2023

#### **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.

RPM\_Project staffs and farmers are surveying rice yeilds in the field

#### **Other Activities**

## Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA)

Period Since 2016

#### **Background**

At the 6th Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 6) in 2016, 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 the nutrition policy of each target country.

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.

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

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 areas which require interventions for this initiative.

## PRIORITY 2 | Economic Infrastructure Development

## The Project for Improvement of Main Roads in the City of Lilongwe (Grant Aid)

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 initial expansion of 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 rehabilitated.
- Traffic Signal Installation.
- Crosswalk Installation.
- Installation of Pedestrian Fencing.

#### **Main Activity**

There is substantial progress made on the bridge with progress over 90 percent of completion. The Bridge has been expanded to 5 lanes, and it has increased in height. The work on the 4 ways intersections with signals which has replaced the roundabout is underway and will be completed by December 2025. The whole project will be completed by March 2026 as scheduled.



In the process of building roads



New Lilonawe River bridge under construction in 2025



# The Project for Capacity Development in Airport Maintenance Services (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage Kamuzu International Airport, Chileka International Airport, Mzuzu & Karonga Airport Period August 2023 - 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 Activities**

- 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).



Airfield Ground Lighting (AGL) practical training session underway at Chileka International Airport, June 2025.



Project Expert emphasizing a point during one of the theoretical sessions.

## PILLAR 2

## **IMPROVEMENT** OF BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

PRIORITY 3 | Health and Sanitation

## The Project for Formulation of Resilient Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Implementation Plan against WASH Related Diseases and Floods (Resilient WASH Project) (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage 19 Districts

Period April 2025 - February 2028

#### **Background**

The rates of access to safe water and safely managed sanitation in Malawi are approximately 70% and 50%, respectively (WHO/UNICEF 2022), while only 10% of households have handwashing facilities with soap. Hygiene behaviors are still not common in schools and other public facilities. Insufficient water supply and poor hygiene behavior can cause infectious disease outbreaks which also account for 52% of the total disease burden in Malawi (Malawi Demographic Health Survey, 2017). In 2022, more than 1,700 deaths were recorded out of the 56,000 cholera cases (Ministry of Health, 2023). Additionally, in 2023, the devastating Cyclone Freddy hit the southern region of Malawi triggering floods which also made the area more vulnerable to infectious diseases.

However, persons/organizations responsible for Operation & Management of water and sanitation facilities are not clearly defined. As such, those facilities are not properly maintained. Additionally, lack of a response plan for WASH facilities against floods can cause delay in restoration and create confusion among people.

Responding to the situation on the ground and contributing to SDG 6 of ensuring availability and sustainable management of safe water and sanitation to all by 2030, The Ministry of Water and Sanitation with JICA is implementing the Resilient WASH Project.

#### **Project Outcome:**

Guidelines for the development of WASH facilities and WASH services resilient to WASH related diseases and floods are put into practice in Malawi.

#### **Project Impact:**

Increased rate of Malawians who have access to safe WASH facilities, and improved resilience of WASH services to WASH related diseases and floods.

#### Coverage:

Karonga, Rumphi, Salima, Nkhata Bay, Nkhotakota, Dowa, Lilongwe, Dedza, Ntcheu, Balaka, Thyolo, Machinga, Mangochi, Zomba, Chiradzulu, Phalombe, Chikwawa, Blantyre, and Nsanje

#### **Project outputs:**

- Survey of the current situation of WASH facilities, WASH related diseases and floods is conducted, and data is analyzed.
- Pilot activities on design, construction and O&M manuals of the pilot facilities are identified and implemented.
- Guidelines for resilient WASH facilities and services against WASH related diseases and flood disasters are developed and put in practice in Malawi.



Resilient WASH Project Team Conducting Rapid Water Quality test at Mpata Health Centre in Karonga.

## Promotion of dissemination of quality improvement of health services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM in African Region (Technical Cooperation)

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 seven countries in Africa, which include Benin, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania and Senegal. Project for promotion of dissemination of quality improvement of health services through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM in African Region was introduced to enable these seven countries to share and exchange know-how on the practice of 5S-KAIZEN-TQM activities to enhance efficient and effective collaborations and foster mutual learning.

#### **Project Goal**

To raise level of health status of all Malawians by reducing the incidence of illness and occurrence of premature deaths in population. The ultimate goal as the delivery of quality healthcare services is enhanced through 5S-KAIZEN-TQM in healthcare facilities.

#### Main Activities:

- Capacity building for healthcare workers in 5S-KAIZEN practices.
- Strengthening internal supervision and monitoring of 5S-KAIZEN program implementation.
- Develop a platform for sharing quality improvement and 5S-KAIZEN activities.



Participants from Malawi for dissemination workshop in Benin pose with the Project Expert.



## Model project for sustainable health group nutrition activities by local communities (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage: Katete, Chikangawa and Endindeni Health Centre in Mzimba South Period: April 2025 to April 2028

#### **Background**

In Malawi nutritional balance is poor, and it causes many children to be stunted. Stunting in childhood cannot be regained after growth and has lifelong effects. 2 years old. JICA under partnership programme with Our Lady of the Snow St Mary's Hospital and its Non-government Organization International Support and Partnership for Health (ISAPH) are implementing this project. The project aims to create a social infrastructure that enables residents to have opportunities for improved nutrition through practical training and learning together, without increasing the burden on health frontline workers, by encouraging independent development of care groups organization.

#### **Project Goal**

To establish models of frontline workers belonging to Village Nutrition Coordination Committee, Health Surveillance Assistants (HAS) in particular and resident-led participatory nutrition improvement activities targeting pregnant women, mothers and their children in the area.

#### Main Activities:

- Capacity building for healthcare workers in 5S-KAIZEN practices.
- Strengthening internal supervision and monitoring of 5S-KAIZEN program implementation.
- Develop a platform for sharing quality improvement and 5S-KAIZEN activities.





## PRIORITY 4 | Improving the Quality of Learning

## School for All Project (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage 200 initial schools and expand to other schools in subsequent years.

Period 2023 - 2028

In support of the decentralization policy and strengthening of school level governance management structures, the Ministry of Education together with JICA are implementing a "School for All project" to empower the communities to develop their school using their own initiatives and resources.

#### **Project Goal**

Improved learning outcomes through collaboration between communities and schools.

#### Main activities

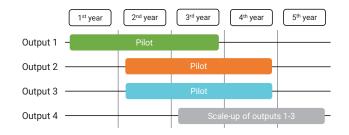
- Improvement of participatory school management
- Establishment of a monitoring and information sharing system at district and school levels in target
- Development of a model that is scalable in subsequent education divisions.

#### Target/Coverage

It is a national program. 200 initial schools were in a pilot phase in Kasungu and the number of schools would be increasing year after year until the project reaches all schools of the 34 educational districts by 2028.



A session for showcasing some of the school developments by the project through use of financial support from community members without relying on government grants



#### Output 2 and 3. Extended model

**Output 2: Learning** Improvement Model **Output 3: Dropout Prevention Model** 

#### **Output 1. School Management Improvement Model** (Foundational model)

**Democratic** election

**School Action Plan** 

**SMC** network (Federation)

**Information-sharing** among all stakeholders fosters Institutional trust to SMC

**Local Initiative** 

to solve educational problems



School maize garden by community members under School





## **Project for Improving Access and Quality of Pre-primary** Education in Rural Malawi (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage Nkhata Bay

Period 2023-2026

The project for Improving Access and Quality of Pre-primary Education in Rural Malawi is focusing on improving the delivery of early childhood education under the JICA Partnership Program in collaboration with Hiroshima University in Japan. Many children who enrol in primary school fail to proceed to the next level of education because of lack of foundational skills. The project was conceived to create a system of education which would prepare children with basic skills before they enter the primary schools.

#### 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 target district office; And, raising awareness of preprimary education among local people.



Community Leaders and Caregivers meeting in an ECD classroom.

## Activity Formation Project to Secure Children's Education, Health, and Safety Based on Life Skills Education in Republic of Malawi (Technical Cooperation)

Target/coverage Phalombe

Period 2023-2026

Japanese NGO, Community Action for Development (CanDo) is implementing the technical cooperation project under the JICA Partnership Program. The project was designed to give parents and teachers the necessary life skills for encouraging children to enroll in school and continue with education. Most children fail to proceed with their education because they face several challenges such as early marriages, pregnancy, child labour, among others which make them drop out of school. The project is promoting life skills education to empower the children and parents to address these challenges.

#### Goal:

Community adults become capable of autonomously working together to secure the education, health, and safety of children.

#### **Target Group:**

- Parent Leaders, teachers, and chiefs who are trained through centre-based training, learning workshops, and school activities
- General parents and villagers who learn information relating children's education, health and safety from Parent Leaders
- Learners who attend the target school and are taken cared by Parent Leaders, teachers, chiefs, and general parents

#### Activity:

- Training of parent leaders in key areas that affect the education of children.
- Supporting parent leaders in facilitating capacity development of parents in promoting the education, health and safety of children and entire community.
- Supporting the communities with designing and implementation of small-scale development initiatives



A facilitator demonstrating condom use to parent leaders to promote good practices in reproductive health.



# 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 since 1976.

#### Main activities

The training is offered at JICA Domestic Centers or a third country in three modes: Group and Region focused, Country focused, and Young Leaders. Malawians from both public and private sectors participate in these trainings to deepen their understanding of Japanese technologies, development experience and principles through engagement in discussion with Japanese high officials and concerned agencies. JICA hosts about 10,000 trainees every year.



KCCP participant from Malawi who attended a short training course in maternal and newborn nutrition making a presentation during the training.

#### **Long Term Trainings**

## Master's degree and Internship Program of Africa Business Education (ABE) Initiative for Youth

#### **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 universities in Japan as well as experience internships at Japanese enterprises through an African Business Education (ABE) for Youth Initiative.

#### **Program**

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.

# Master's and Doctorate Degree in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) Leadership Program

#### Program:

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 program in Mining (KIZUNA Program)

#### Program:

JICA offers a program to study policy and management skills in Mining Sector at universities in Japan. Eligible candidates pursue either a master's or doctorate degree at designated universities in Japan.



**Long Term Trainings** 

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

#### Program:

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

## Master's & PhD program in Agriculture Studies Networks for Food Security Program

#### Background:

The training program at universities in Japan 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 in Lake Malawi National Park (IntNRMS)

#### **Background:**

JICA implements the IntNRMS project 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.

#### Program:

the capacity development has a component of master's and doctorate studies to train future human resources for Malawi.

### Master's program in Disaster Risk Reduction

#### Program:

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



## 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 is 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.

# PROJECT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL BASED ON INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN LAKE MALAWI NATIONAL PARK (INTNRMS)

#### **Background**

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To preserve the forest, 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 is co-working with the Department of Forestry, in strengthening the capacity of the Dzalanyama Trust.

#### **Project Goal**

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

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.



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

# Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

Since 1971 Countrywide

#### **Background**

With an aim of sharing expertise from Japan and developing the human capital at a grassroot level in developing countries, the Japanese Government inaugurated the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) in 1965. In Malawi, the JOCV Program was introduced in 1971. Hence, it has been operating in the country for close to 60 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 operate in diverse fields a different Malawi Government institution such as hospitals, schools, city and district council offices and state-owned companies, just to mention a few. Non-governmental organizations, except non profit ones, are also eligible to host these volunteers.

As of August 2025, there are 39 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.

#### **Program Goal**

The JOCV Program has the following three major goals:

- To cooperate in 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 50 years that the JOCV Program has been operating in Malawi, several Malawians who worked with the Japanese Volunteers have acquired knowledge, skills and expertise for the development of the country. Some of the expertise include modern ways of teaching students to quickly grasp learning objectives e.g., introduction of a multiplication table song. 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 by health practitioners in health facilities



A JOCV (nurse) teaching 5S skills to colleague.



A JOCV teaching mathematics in a Primary School



JOCV who is serving as an Information Communication Technology (ICT) teacher, organised the "Japan Day" event which shows Japanese culture and tradition.



A JOCV coaching a women's football club.



## Selected Notable Past Projects In Malawi

# The Project for Replacement of South Rukuru Bridge on the Main Road M1

The South Rukuru Bridge consisted of a 74-meter-long structure on the South Rukuru River along the M1 road in Rumphi. JICA awarded the construction contract to Dai Nippon Construction under supervision by Central Consultant Inc. The project started from 2010 and was officially handed over to the Government of Malawi on August 23, 2012.

The bridge has had a positive effect on traffic. So far, according to traffic statistics, the bridge has significantly reduced road accidents and there are no records of accidents at the bridge since 2012 when the bridge became fully operational.

Mr. Noel Kamchenga Sub Inspector Rumphi Police Station P.R.O



# JICA Volunteers were dispatched as a team to improve the health sector in Mzimba



Mr. Andrew Kurtz Somaliland Environmental Health Officer, Mzimba South District Health Office

JICA has been dispatching Japan International Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) to Malawi from 1970 to date. Mzimba North and Mzimba South District Health Offices have been hosting these volunteers, some of whom were in the field of Public Health.

The volunteers revised the under-five child health profile book to make it user friendly. They noted that the child health profile book was designed in a way that was misinterpreted by its users, such as health workers, parents, and guardians, particularly in a way the growth monitoring charts were shown and plotted. Additionally, other features of the book needed to be revised, to bring in more and clear details regarding the health of the child who is the owner of the book to assist in effective monitoring of the child's growth. This health profile book was adopted at Ministry of Health Headquarters and was rolled out to other health facilities throughout Malawi.

### The Project for Construction of **Tedzani IV Hydro Power Station in** Middle Shire



Mr. Bennie Chisuse Power Station Manager (Tedzani)

The Tedzani IV Hydropower Project, added 19 megawatts of clean energy to Malawi's national power grid. The station boosted the overall capacity of the Tedzani hydropower station to about 121 MW. The project was under EGENCO and was implemented by Mitsubishi Corporation. It was was officially inaugurated in June 2021. The Tedzani IV station plays a key role in reducing power shortages, stabilizing electricity supply to major cities, and supporting Malawi's long-term development goals. With a total investment of around US\$56 million, the project reflects the strong partnership between Malawi and Japan in promoting access to sustainable and reliable energy.

As you are aware, Tedzani IV Power Station with a capacity of 19.1MW started generating electricity on 20 April 2021 and it was commissioned on 8 June 2021.

On 24 January 2022, we had Cyclone Ana flood which damaged Kapichira Power Station Dam infrastructure resulting in a loss of 129.6MW. The Kapichira Power Station took about more than a year to be paired. It was re-commissioned on 04 April 2023.

During all this period Tedzani IV Power Station, with a capacity of 19.1MW assisted very much in reducing load shedding hours. Had it been that we did not have Tedzani IV, the impact of the cyclone would have been devastating. Therefore, Tedzani IV came at the right time. We thank JICA for this development assistance.



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