

# How to request JICA Volunteers?

## 1. Request Form submission

Hardcopy version of the Request Form is obtainable at JICA PNG office, or contact Volunteer Program Coordinators by email for softcopy version.



## 2. Consultation / Assessment

JICA team will conduct minute site assessment according to prior consultation with the applicant organization. Actual volunteer's activities will be determined by the discussion between JICA and the applicant organization.

## 3. Recruitment / Pre-departure Training in Japan

Volunteer recruitment periods are open twice a year (May / November) in Japan. The successful applicants (Japanese Volunteers) will take subsequent Pre-departure Training Program which includes: lectures on Volunteerism, Cross-cultural understanding, Cooperation methods, Health and Safety Management, as well as Intensive Language (English) Training.



## 4. Departure / In-Country Training

Volunteers' travel cost will be borne by JICA. 2-4 weeks of In-Country Training for local language (Tok Pisin) and cultural learning will also be held upon their arrival in PNG.

## 5. Dispatch

Volunteer commences activities at the recipient organization. Assignment periods are 2 years for long-term, and 1-12 month(s) for short-term volunteers. It remains a prerequisite of the recipient organization to appoint a local counter-part to work alongside the volunteer for knowledge exchange and sustainability of work projects.



# JICA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

## in PNG



Contact volunteer program coordinator for inquiries / application form  
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## HISTORY OF JICA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN PNG

JICA volunteers live and work at the grassroots level, speaking the same language as the local communities and conducting activities with an emphasis on fostering self-reliance for sustainable change.

In 1980, this program started in Papua New Guinea and became part of the overall Technical Assistance Cooperation of JICA. Since the program commencement, JICA volunteers have contributed enormously in enhancing technical cooperation in a wide range of fields.

In 2020, JICA volunteer program in Papua New Guinea hit a great milestone of 40th Anniversary with an overall record of 797 volunteers dispatched.



## VOLUNTEERS' ACTIVITY FIELDS

### Education

The activities of volunteers in the Education space may expand from assisting learners to improve their scholarstic proficiency in various subjects or working with Provincial Educational Departments to organize teacher training programs to introduce alternative or new teaching methods.



#### ACTIVITY CATEGORIES

*Mathematics, Science Education, Primary School Education, PC instructor, Physical Education, Environmental Education and others.*

### Medical Care / Health Care / Social Welfare

Volunteers work to contribute to better health care and increased access to information through assisting in skills development of local health care professionals as well as promoting awareness of various health related issues.



#### ACTIVITY CATEGORIES

*Nursing, Midwifery, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Public Health, Infetion and HIV and AIDS control, Medical Equipment and others.*

### Community Development

Volunteers help facilitate community development using various approaches such as establishing small income-generation projects with local groups to create additional income. Volunteers also contribute to improve productivity, food security, and increase profitability by introducing best practices, management systems and new techniques in each field.



#### ACTIVITY CATEGORIES

*Community Development, Marketing, Tourism, Vegetable Growing, Food Crops and Rice Culture, Animal Husbandary and others.*

### Manufacturing / Vocational Training

Volunteers with upgraded technical skills provide direct supervision and advice to their local counter-parts / students in provincial governments of vocational training facilities to help train technicians in each field.



#### ACTIVITY CATEGORIES

*Automobile Maintenance, Machine Tools, Electric and Electronic Apparatus, Information Communication Technology and others.*

### Other Fields

Other than the aforementioned activity fields, volunteers also engage in various sectors, such as: **Sports** (Judo, Gymnastics, Basketball and others), **Public Works** (Public Administration, Disaster Prevention, Statistics, Civil Engineering), **Japanese Language Education** and many more fields with a wide range of over 120 activity categories.

## Recipient Organization's Responsibilities

An Exchange of Notes between the Govt. of Japan and PNG, dated 24 August, 1979, spells out the responsibilities of each side in ensuring the successful outcome of the Volunteer Program in PNG. JICA side: international travel costs and living allowances. PNG side: exemption from certain taxes, medical treatment and rent-free accommodation or provide assistance to JICA is sourcing out secured and a satisfactory condition of a rental property.