

JICA at a Glance

All data as of the end of March 2015

JICA's Contributions in Figures

50 Years on: The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers Program

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) program is the oldest among JICA's volunteer programs. The JOCV program started off with the dispatch of five volunteers to Laos in fiscal 1965. It achieved its 50th anniversary in 2015.

The JOCV program has three goals: (1) to contribute to the socioeconomic development and/or reconstruction of developing countries; (2) to strengthen friendship and mutual understanding between developing countries and Japan; and (3) to foster global perspectives in JOCVs and put their experiences to good use for the benefit of society after they return to Japan. In fact, former JOCVs are taking advantage of their experiences in developing countries to help address a number of challenges facing Japanese society, including multicultural coexistence and regional revitalization.

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Europe

606 JOCVs
1.5%

Middle East

2,701 JOCVs
6.7%

Asia

11,740 JOCVs
29.2%

Africa

13,112 JOCVs
32.6%

The Pacific

3,431 JOCVs
8.5%

For Future Generations

34 boards of education

A total of 34 boards of education across Japan has a screening system in place as part of their employment examination process that takes former JOCVs' experiences and communications competence into special account.

936 teachers

The cumulative total of teachers who have participated in the JOCV program by taking advantage of the special program for teachers. It is a system established in 2001, whereby teachers can participate while maintaining their positions.

203,154 students

The total number of students in Japan who, during fiscal 2014, learned about developing countries through lectures given primarily by former JOCVs.

Expectations for Globally-Competitive Human Resources

801 companies (1,952 jobs)

The number of companies that sought to hire former JOCVs and the number of vacancies they sought to fill with them during fiscal 2014. Many private companies want to hire former JOCVs for their capacity to revitalize their organizations and contribute to their global business.

Cooperation in Human Resources Development by Personnel Other Than JICA Volunteers

Number of
Experts Dispatched

146,387

The cumulative total of experts dispatched for technical cooperation in developing countries.

Number of
Training Participants Accepted

562,208

The cumulative total of trainees who participated in JICA's training courses; among them, 325,102 attended courses in Japan. Many of the trainees were from administrative organizations in developing countries, including over 300 trainees who experienced serving as ministers and deputy ministers.

40,247 JOCVs to
88 countries

The cumulative total of
JOCVs dispatched by region

Currently, a total of 1,985 JOCVs, 859 men and 1,126 women, are in active service in 71 countries.

Latin America and
the Caribbean

8,657 JOCVs
21.5%

Sport for Tomorrow

71 athletes and
some **60,000** participants

The cumulative total of Olympic and Paralympic athletes who received training by JOCVs, and the total number of people who received training from them or participated in sport events they have held from January 2014 to March 2015. JICA will continue to support Sport for Tomorrow, a program the Japanese government endorses with an eye on the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Helping to Reconstruct Communities Hit by the Great East Japan Earthquake

111 JOCVs

The number of JOCVs who have been dispatched to disaster-hit local governments as staff members of the Reconstruction Agency. They are in active service to help these governments with their knowledge, experience, and expertise, which have great potential to accelerate community development based on the reconstruction plans of these governments.