

JICA Globally

97

Overseas Offices

145

Countries &
Regions

1,979

Staff
Members

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Development Cooperation Schemes

Technical Cooperation

This is commonly known as “capacity building”, “skills transfer” or “people and institutional development”, the so-called “soft component”. It includes the dispatch of JICA experts and advisors hosted by national government departments, JICA volunteers living and working within communities, projects, training, and small-scale equipment supply.

Grant Aid

This is in-kind support and includes the construction of public facilities such as hospitals and schools, and some equipment supply. It is often complemented by Technical Cooperation. Payback is not necessary.

Loans

Also referred to as “ODA Loans” or “Yen Loans”, these are loans with long repayment periods and low interest rates, intended for construction of major infrastructure such as roads or ports to access public facilities.

Building people-to-people relationships are the foundation of trust.

JICA dispatches experts and volunteers to developing countries, and in return welcomes government officials and specialists as training participants and students. People-to-people connections established through human resource development, are the foundations of trust between developing countries and Japan.

JICA in South Africa

Priority Areas:

01

Human Resource
Development for
Acceleration of Growth

02

Strengthening Economic
and Social Foundations

03

Promoting Development in
Sub-Saharan Africa



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Our office formulates and implements projects in not only South Africa, but also Eswatini and Lesotho. Although we have no representation (office) in these countries, we travel to these kingdoms whenever necessary.



MANDATE

JICA, an incorporated administrative agency in charge of administering Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), is one of the world's largest bilateral aid agencies supporting socio-economic development in developing countries in different regions of the world.

VISION

Leading the world with trust

JICA is working with developing countries to address development challenges, and values partnerships built on mutual trust.

MISSION

Human Security

JICA is aiming for a society where all people can protect themselves from various threats, and live their lives in security and with dignity.

Quality Growth

JICA is promoting sustainable growth with less disparity and without harming the environment.

I **PRIORITY AREA 1: Human Resource Development for Acceleration of Growth**

INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES

BASIC EDUCATION (MATHEMATICS)

JICA and the Department of Basic Education are working on empowering Mathematics teachers to improve lesson design and delivery for better understanding by learners.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING (ARTISANSHIP)

JICA and the Department of Higher Education and Training are working on capacitating youth on vocational skills, of note Fitting and Turning.

PRIVATE SECTOR (QUALITY & PRODUCTIVITY)

JICA and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition are working on increasing the competitiveness of the automotive value chain by demonstrating the benefits of “Kaizen”, a Japanese business practice meaning “Continuous Improvement”.

PRIVATE SECTOR (ENTREPRENEURSHIP)

JICA and the Department of Small Business Development are working on nurturing startups and strengthening the startup ecosystem, thereby promoting entrepreneurship.

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

JAPAN AND JAPANESE STUDIES

JICA and the Stellenbosch University Japan Centre are working on increasing exposure to Japan and Japanese studies, extending to culture and language, and sharing Japan’s experience on modernisation and development cooperation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

JICA, along with the Department of Higher Education and Training, and the Department of Public Service and Administration, are working on nurturing the youth as future leaders by offering scholarships in Japan, being the African Business Education Initiative for Youth, and the Sustainable Development Goal Global Leader Programme..

RESEARCH

JICA and the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation are working on promoting research, allowing access to specialised equipment and scientific skills, with current projects focusing on the reduction of carbon emissions from the cement industry, with the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, and the production of green hydrogen for green ammonia, with the North-West University.

2 **PRIORITY AREA 2: Strengthening Economic and Social Foundations**

PUBLIC & ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER (NON-REVENUE WATER)

JICA and the Department of Water and Sanitation are working on strengthening the capacity of people and institutions tasked to curb water losses at especially municipal level.

ENERGY (GREEN FINANCE)

JICA and the Development Bank of Southern Africa are working on exploring opportunities to support initiatives aimed at renewable energy and climate change.

GOVERNANCE (PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT)

JICA and the National Treasury are working on strengthening the capacity of metropolitan municipalities and intermediate cities to maximise available funds for improved service delivery.

REDUCTION OF SOCIAL DISPARITIES

AGRICULTURE

JICA and the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development are capacitating extension officers to empower farmers to increase their income from their own produce through the Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion Approach.

DISABILITY

JICA and the Department of Social Development are identifying and seizing practical ways to empower children with disabilities and their families through relief programmes, and to improve accessibility of services in communities.

HEALTH

JICA and the National Department of Health are working on a training programme for health districts to better understand health financing in anticipation of the introduction of the National Health Insurance in pursuit of Universal Health Coverage.

3 **PRIORITY AREA 3: Promoting Development in Sub-Saharan Africa**

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ENERGY SUPPLY

JICA and the South Africa Power Pool, with involvement of 12 power companies and access to a team of Japanese experts, are strengthening the capacity of the regional power pool.

ONE-STOP BORDER POST DEVELOPMENT

JICA and the Border Management Authority, along with its peers involved in the North-South Transport Corridor, is creating a conducive environment for one-stop border post development at especially Beitbridge, connecting South Africa with Zimbabwe.

COLLABORATION WITH REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

JICA and the African Union Development Agency are working on promoting governance and leadership, regional cooperation, of note the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa and One-Stop Border Post Development, Kaizen, the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa, Home Grown Solutions to strengthen Africa’s pandemic resilience, and Policy Bridge Tank to capitalise on knowledge being circulated in Africa.