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JICA's Cooperation in Zambia

Country Development Cooperation Policy

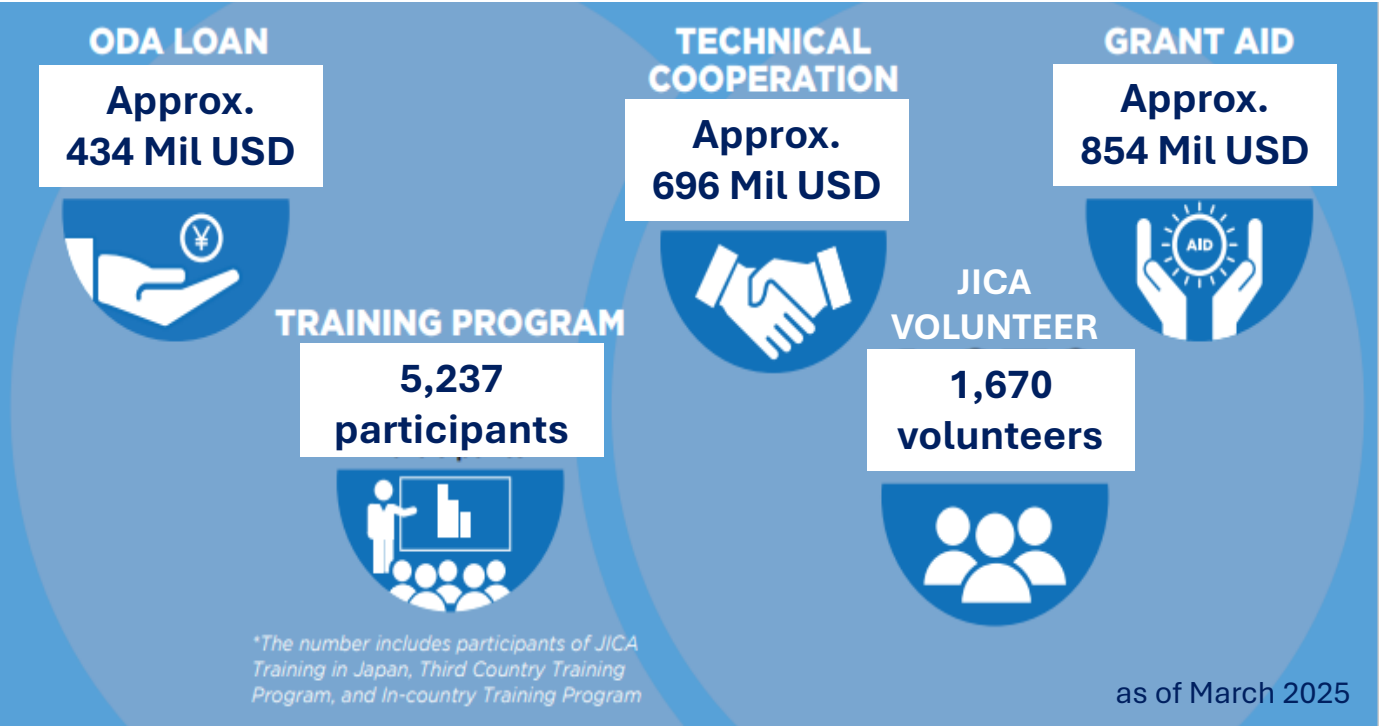
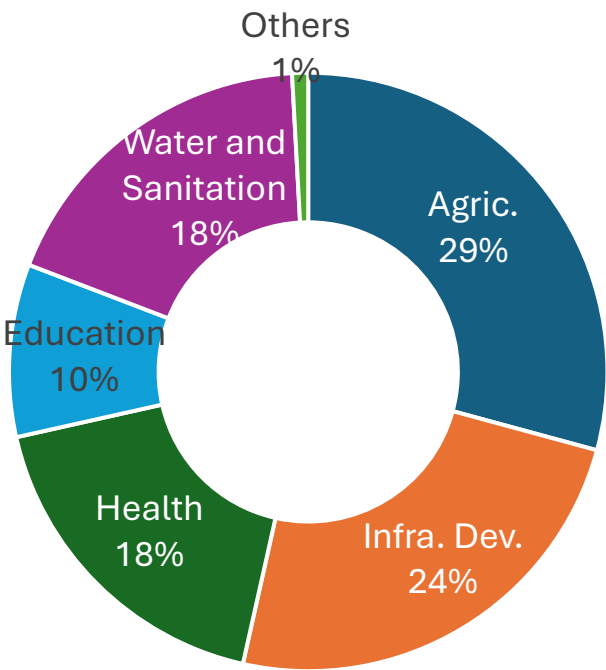
Three priority areas and six cooperation programs support the overall goal to promote diversified and resilient economic growth including effective use of mineral resources. Each program is designed to support inclusive and sustainable development in line with Zambia's national priorities. Further, these efforts contribute to Zambia's aspiration to become a regional center of excellence.

1. **Industrial Revitalisation** aims to enhance productivity and competitiveness in the private sectors including agriculture.
2. **Strengthening Economic Infrastructure** focuses on improving connectivity with neighboring countries and upgrading urban infrastructure, especially in Lusaka.
3. **Improvement of Social Services** targets health and education, which are fundamental to people's well-being.



Overview of JICA's Cooperation in Zambia

JICA has provided around USD 2 billion through grant aid, ODA loans, and technical cooperation. Over 5,200 Zambians joined training programs in Japan, and 1,600 Japanese volunteers contributed locally. Sector-wise, agriculture received the largest share of funding, followed by infrastructure, water and sanitation, health. These figures reflect JICA's comprehensive cooperation tailored to Zambia's development priorities.



Industrial Revitalisation

Private Sector Development

In the private sector development, one of our prioritized areas is SMEs Empowerment, by providing technical cooperation to improve productivity and quality. The KAIZEN approach is one of the key elements to address the improvement of productivity and quality, which is a management philosophy and know-how that brings about continuous improvement of productivity and quality. It has contributed to the industrial development in Japan, especially in the manufacturing industries. JICA supported the establishment of the Kaizen Institute of Zambia and has promoted this approach.

In business promotion, JICA supported the master plan for Lusaka-South MFEZ and provided capacity building in the manufacturing sector.

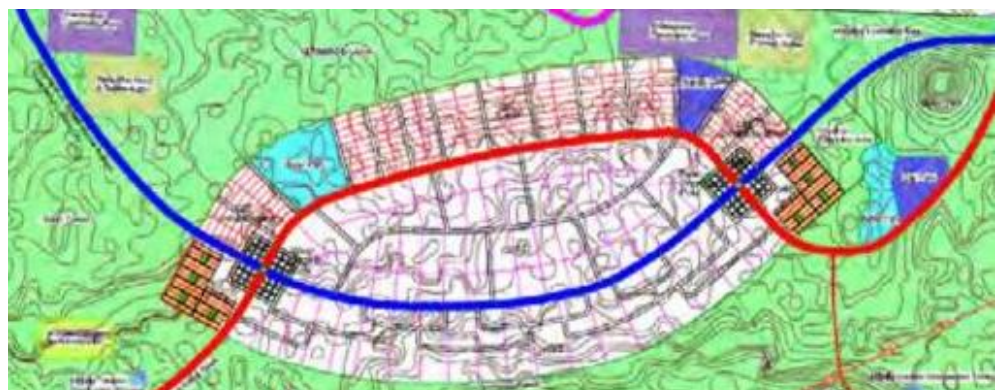
SMEs Empowerment

- ✓ 239 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises trained by KAIZEN Institute of Zambia
- ✓ 130 enterprises were applying KAIZEN productivity techniques.
- ✓ SMEs Empowerment Programme co-hosted by JICA and MSMED



Business Promotion

- ✓ Comprehensive Plan of Lusaka-South MFEZ in 2009.
- ✓ Capacity building in the manufacturing sector
- ✓ JICA's scholarship programme for master's/doctoral degree in Japan have been facilitated for decades, building networks with Japanese companies.



Agriculture and Rural Development

With abundant water resources and fertile land, Zambia has great potential for agricultural growth. JICA supports smallholder farmers who represent over 70% of the farming population through targeted initiatives such as the Community Based Smallholder Irrigation (COBSI) concept and its expansion phase. These projects have trained over 70,000 farmers across the country, leading to 80% increase in household income and the irrigation of more than 4,800 hectares of farmland. Additionally, the Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOREDeP) focuses on crop diversification by strengthening the rice value chain and improving access to finance and markets for 40,000 smallholder rice farmers.

Crop Diversification

- ✓ Increased productivity: 50% (Rice)
- ✓ Newly irrigated area: over 4,819 ha
- ✓ Construction of rice seed production field and training centre at ZARI Mansa

Livelihood improvement of small-scale farmers

- ✓ Beneficiary farmers: 73,665 (across 8 Provinces)
- ✓ Increased income: 80%
- ✓ New rice farmers: 3,422



Strengthening of Economic Infrastructure

Corridor Development and Strengthening of Connectivity

JICA has been actively supporting regional integration and corridor development in Zambia through infrastructure and capacity-building projects that enhance connectivity and trade. JICA's interventions focus on improving key transport corridors such as the Nacala and North-South Corridors, which link Zambia to regional and international markets. Notable initiatives include the construction of roads and bridges, such as the Kazungula and Chirundu bridges, as well as technical cooperation to strengthen cross-border logistics and customs efficiency. These efforts contribute to smoother trade flows, reduced transport costs, and deeper economic integration within the Southern African region.

Border / Corridor Infrastructure Development

- ✓ Construction of Bridges (Kazungula, Chirundu, Kafue Bridge)
- ✓ One Stop Border Post Facilities (Kazungula)



Kazungula Bridge



Kazungula OSBP

Capacity Development of Operation and Maintenance

- ✓ Smooth operation of OSBP (Cargo transit time reduced from 3 days to less than a day in Kazungula)
- ✓ Enhancement of Bridge Maintenance Capacity



Development of Greater Lusaka

In Lusaka, which is experiencing rapid urban growth, JICA supported the formulation of a comprehensive urban development plan and provided financial cooperation for infrastructure development.

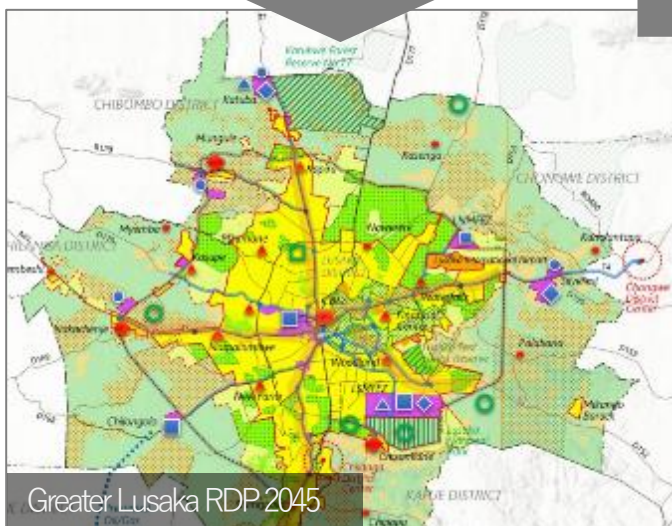
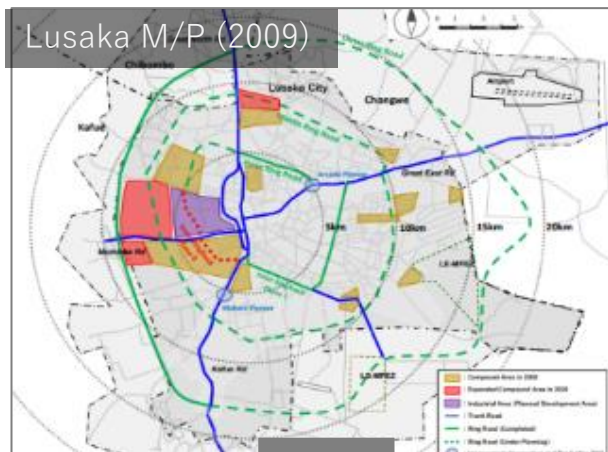
Urban Planning

- ✓ Urban Master Plan for Greater Lusaka to meet rapid growth and attract investment

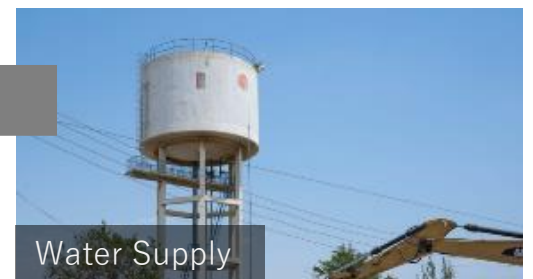
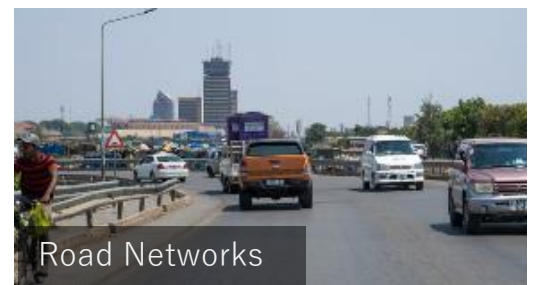
Urban Infrastructure Development

- ✓ Over 150km roads constructed in Lusaka including Tokyo Way
- ✓ Over 1,500,000 people access to clean water

Planning



Development



Improvement of Social Services

Improvement of Health System

Infectious diseases remain the leading cause of death in Zambia, and many communities need adequate access to health care services. To address this, JICA supports Zambia through the key initiatives, such as infectious disease control through collaboration with ZNPHI and UNZA-SVM, and health system strengthening by upgrading hospital infrastructure and improving the quality of health care services in partnership with the MOH.

Infectious Diseases Control

- ✓ Strengthening pathogen detection, analysis, and laboratory management capacities through capacity development at ZNPHI and ZNPHRL.
- ✓ Development of a rapid diagnostic test for Ebola through joint research between UNZA-SVM and Hokkaido University
- ✓ Improving hygiene practices among local communities through a joint research project between UNZA and Kyoto University.



Health System Strengthening

- ✓ Upgrading 7 Health Centers to 1st Level Hospitals in Lusaka and Copperbelt province benefitting over 2.5 million people.
- ✓ Health care service quality improvement at the upgraded hospitals and nationwide scale-up of best practices



Development of High-Quality Education

JICA supports the promotion of inclusive and high-quality education development through capacity and infrastructure development. Particularly, JICA focuses on the improvement of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in Zambia to foster human resources that contribute to industrial development and diversification. JICA works to enhance the quality of STEM education by strengthening teacher training, improving curricula, and providing educational materials and equipment.

Lesson Study

- ✓ Over 27,000 science and mathematics teachers fostering learner-centered teaching and Continuous Professional Development (CPD)



Lesson Study

Hub for STEM Education

- ✓ Support the National Science Centre (NSC) to develop the strategy to become the hub for STEM education in Africa.
- ✓ The collaborative Training Program by the NSC and JICA to disseminate 'Lesson Study' and 'Competency-based Learning' to other African countries.



Science Experiment

Infrastructure Development

- ✓ 18 schools in Lusaka District
- ✓ Constructing facilities and providing equipment for 10 STEM secondary schools
- ✓ Construction of Laboratories at National Science Centre

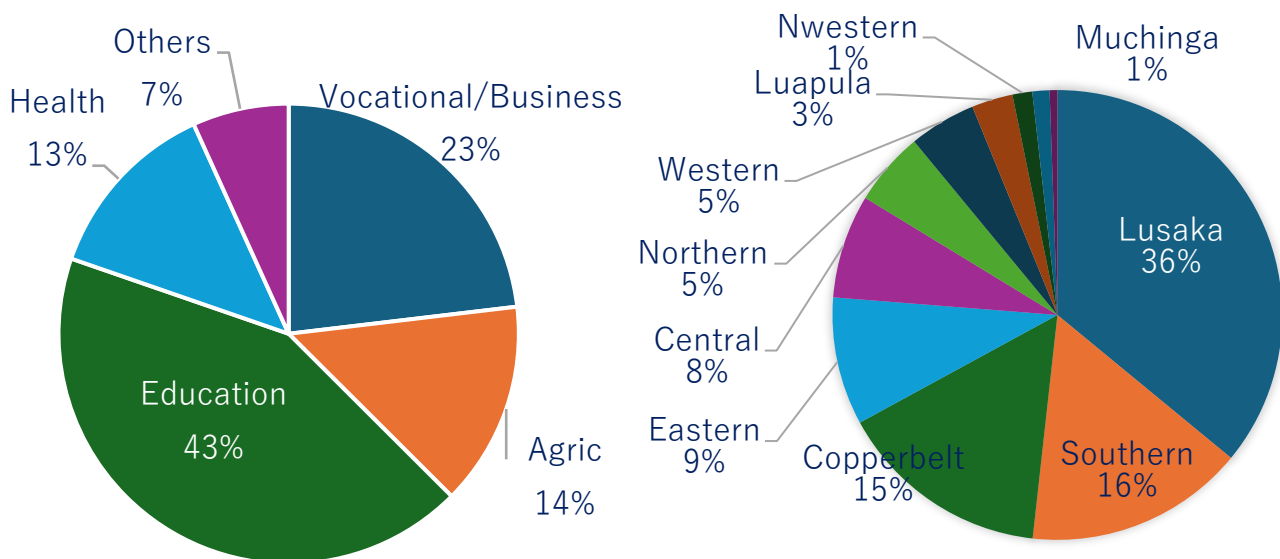


National Science Centre

JICA Volunteer Program

JICA's volunteer program supports activities by Japanese citizens who wish to cooperate in the economic and social development of partner countries. Through these cooperation activities, participating volunteers can not only contribute to the development of partner countries but also gain valuable experience in terms of international goodwill, mutual understanding and an expansion in their international perspectives.

- ✓ JICA Volunteer office is opened, and the first six volunteers (Judo) are dispatched in 1970.
- ✓ Cumulative total of 1,660+ volunteers dispatched



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