

ASSISTANCE SCHEMES

Technical Cooperation

To help develop the human resources and build the administrative systems of developing countries, JICA dispatches experts, provides necessary equipment, and accepts personnel for training in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be customized to address a wide range of issues.

Dispatch of Experts

JICA sends experts for technology transfer and to provide recommendations to key economic and social development administrators and technicians in respective recipient countries.

Acceptance of Trainees

This program involves the transfer of Japanese specialized knowledge and technology, and contributes to resolving issues in recipient countries. JICA organizes training programs in cooperation with Japan's national and local governments, universities, private enterprises, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other relevant parties.

ODA Loans

JICA provides low-interest, long-term and concessional ODA funds (in Japanese yen) to developing countries above a certain income level, to help in their growth efforts. The loans are for large-scale infrastructure and other developments that require substantial financing.

Grant Aid

Grant aid is the provision of funds to developing countries which have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. It is used for improving basic infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, water supply facilities, and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care equipment and other requirements.

Cooperation through Citizen Participation

JICA promotes the participation of Japanese citizens in international cooperation activities.

Partnership with NGOs

JICA welcomes in-depth grassroots collaboration especially where programs with partner governments in developing countries cannot reach effectively. JICA supports projects planned by Japanese partners—mainly NGOs, local governments, and universities in Japan—based on their accumulated experiences and technologies in social development in the grassroots level, focusing on health, livelihood, education, and other projects with direct impact on the lives of the local people.

Volunteer Program

Since 1965, JICA has been sending Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) to developing countries, to spend two years living and working with people in host communities and help build the capacity of their host organizations. These Japanese volunteers are trained and qualified professionals in a variety of technical disciplines. Their work also helps deepen the understanding of cultures and build genuine friendships between volunteers and hosts.

Disaster Relief

In case of large-scale disasters, JICA dispatches Japan Disaster Relief teams in response to requests from the governments of affected countries or international organizations. These teams help in search and rescue efforts, provide medical treatment, and suggest ways for recovery. JICA also provides emergency supplies such as blankets, tents and medicines.