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JICA in the Philippines



The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is a development agency of Japan tasked to implement Japan's official development assistance (ODA). On October 1, 2008, it has started providing technical cooperation, ODA grant aid and loans in a more integrated fashion. The government of Japan is implementing the organizational reforms to improve the quality of ODA operations, enabling it to conduct ODA policy in a more strategic manner and strengthen its implementation regime.

As part of its realignment, the Overseas Economic Cooperation Operations of Japan Bank for International Cooperation and part of the grant aid provided by Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs have been integrated with the technical cooperation being offered by JICA. JICA is now providing comprehensive assistance for developing countries by making the most of a broader range of aid instruments in an effective and efficient manner.



History of JICA Philippines

JICA Philippines has been an active development partner of the Philippine government since 1974 but the Government of Japan's assistance dates back to as early as 1966 when the first batch of Japan Overseas Volunteers was dispatched. The illustration below traces back the beginnings of JICA's assistance to the Philippines.



New JICA's Operations

Major Assistance Tools (Schemes)

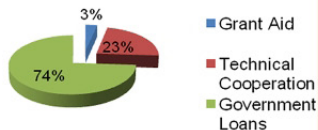
Technical Cooperation	Technical assistance extended to developing countries by dispatch of experts, volunteers, acceptance of trainees, various surveys, etc.
Grant Aid	Financial assistance extended to developing countries without an obligation for repayment
ODA Loans	Concessional loans provided to developing countries

Bilateral Assistance to the Philippines JFY 2001 - 2006

Year	Net disbursements, \$million			
	Loan Aid	Grant Aid	Technical Cooperation	Total
2001	146.77	66.75	84.70	298.22
2002	181.13	59.42	77.47	318.02
2003	367.53	69.72	91.53	528.78
2004	94.61	42.17	74.60	211.38
2005	201.21	17.90	57.33	276.43
2006	210.23	6.92	46.49	263.63
Total	7,104.02	2,112.34	1,824.03	11,040.36

Source: http://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/data/01ap_ea02.html#PHILIPPINES

Allocation of Japan's ODA for JFY 2007



Source: JICA Annual Report 2008

The allocation of Japan's ODA is as follows:

Grant Aid	US\$ 7.24
Technical Cooperation	US\$ 50.85
Government Loans	US\$164.39
Total Aid	US\$ 215.24

Type	New	Ongoing	Cumulative Total
Experts	305	54	5,223
JOCVs	22	57	1,376
Training Participants	3,314	39	25,005

Source: JICA Annual Report 2008

JICA's Priority Issues

Sustainable Economic Growth Aimed at Creating Employment Opportunities

- Support for Financial Reform/Good Governance
- Investment Promotion
- Improvement of Transportation Network
- Enhancing Power and Energy Sector
- Tourism

Poverty Reduction

- Livelihood Improvement
- Enhancement of Basic and Social Services
- Environmental Protection and Disaster Prevention

Peace and Stability in Mindanao

- Administrative Capacity Building
- Improvement of Basic Human Needs
- Economic Development
- Peace Building

FAST FAQs

Official Development Assistance (ODA)

Flow of official financing administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of developing countries as its main objective, and which are concessional in character with a grant element of at least 25 percent (at a fixed 20 percent rate of discount) by convention. ODA flows comprise a combination of donor government agencies, at all levels, to developing countries ("bilateral ODA") and to multilateral institutions. ODA covers concessional disbursements by bilateral donors and multilateral institutions.

- OECD, Glossary of Statistical Terms