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Tajikistan



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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Tajikistan Office congratulates all residents of Tajikistan on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of State Independence - the national holiday of the glorious people of Tajikistan. Since gaining independence in 1991, Tajikistan has gone through a difficult path of challenges and dangers to achieve peace, tranquility and stability. It should be noted that the achievement of today's benefits lies in the unity of the Tajik people, in the cohesion and hard work of each individual, thanks to which Tajikistan is confidently developing and striding forward.

JICA has started contributing to the development of Tajikistan since the beginning of the independence, in 1993 by inviting Tajikistan's government officials to Japan in order to gain knowledge and experience on governance and macroeconomic development. JICA Tajikistan Office was established in 2006, and since then a variety of Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation Projects have been dynamically implemented in various sectors. JICA also dispatches Experts on various development issues such as transport, water supply, agriculture and health, Senior Volunteers teaching Japanese language at universities in Tajikistan.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and economic activities. Tajikistan, like other Central Asian countries, had faced an existential threat crisis of food security, public health, and employment. Taking into account dire consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic to human lives, JICA urgently had provided emergency assistances to the Government of Tajikistan under its on-going projects, such as provision of Personal Protection Equipment for medical staff in their fight against COVID-19 in Tajikistan. We have also provided support to fight against COVID-19 such as provision and installation of oxygen generation systems at infectious disease hospitals suffering from oxygen shortages, chlorine for safe drinking water, and seeds and fertilizers to farmers whose incomes have been affected by COVID-19.

Despite the border closures and quarantine measures, JICA continues implementing its projects and programs by following COVID-19 preventive measures including a new modality of conducting the trainings – online "Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (KCCP)".

The total number of participants from Tajikistan to "Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (KCCP)", formerly called as JICA Training Programs, has reached to 2420 people as of March 2021. The ex-participants returned from Japan, including high-level governmental officials, are precious assets for Tajikistan's current and future development as leading human resources, and strengthening the bilateral relationships between Tajikistan and Japan. We implement supporting activities so called "Mini-Grant scheme" for the ex-participants who are utilizing and disseminating their acquired knowledge and experiences for further development of Tajikistan through cooperation with JICA, including in their sectorial Alumni Clusters' activities.

JICA has reviewed its strategy for cooperation with Tajikistan in 2018 with the new directions of JICA's partnership, including Improvement of Business Environment and Promoting Employment, in order to contribute to successful realization of the National Development Strategy (NDS) of the Republic of Tajikistan until 2030, as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). You are very welcome to be acquainted in this small brochure with our major projects, aiming at promoting the sustainable socio-economic development efforts of the Government of Tajikistan.

We are looking forward to working together with the Government of Tajikistan, international and local development partners, civil society, private sector and all other stakeholders, by putting our efforts to realize JICA's Vision, "Leading the world with trust".



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Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is an independent governmental agency that coordinates Official Development Assistance (ODA) for the Government of Japan. It is chartered with assisting economic and social growth in developing countries, and the promotion of international cooperation.

JICA was newly organized by merging of Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as of October 1, 2008, and became one of the largest bilateral development organizations in the world with a network of 96 overseas office and projects in around 150 countries.



To further deepen partnership with developing countries and contribute to the peace and development of the international community, Japan has provided ODA to developing countries for more than half a century.

As the implementing agency of the Japanese ODA, JICA has helped foster human resources, technology transfer and infrastructure development through Technical Cooperation, ODA Loans, Grant Aid and other schemes explained below.



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### Our Mission, Vision and Actions



Vision

JICA, in accordance with the Development Cooperation Charter, will work on human security and quality growth.

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JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.





JICA began its technical cooperation with Tajikistan in 1993 by inviting Tajik officials to Japan to gain knowledge and experience on governance and macroeconomics development. This was very important for promoting peace and stability in the country. As of March 2021, a total number of participants to JICA's Knowledge Co-Creation Programs, formerly called the Training Programs, has exceeded 2,420 people. JICA Office was established in 2006 in Tajikistan and since then various Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation projects have been implemented more dynamically, aiming at improving living standard of Tajik people for the sectors such as agriculture and rural development, water supply, health, transport, energy, capacity building as well as SME promotion. JICA's cumulative investment portfolio in Tajikistan in all sectors comprises 44 projects amounting to more than 418.5 mln. USD (94.7 mln. USD for Technical Cooperation and 323.8 mln. USD for Grant Assistance), including 11 on-going projects.

To learn more about JICA's activities in Tajikistan, please visit our web-site:

https://www.jica.go.jp/tajikistan/english/index.html



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Relations between Tajikistan and Japan	History of JICA Tajikistan Office
Declaration of Independence of the Republic of Tajikistan Japanese government recognized the Republic of Tajikistan as a state 1991	>
Establishment of diplomatic relations between Tajikistan and Japan Civil war breaked out in Tajikistan	
Final peace agreement reached and the civil war ended	Start of ODA to Tajikistan     (JICA Training Program in Japan has started)
Dr. AKINO Yutaka, Political Officer of the U.N. Mission of Observer 1998 in Tajikistan (UNMOT) and four others were killed	<ul> <li>In the five years since this year, 500 trainees have been s</li> <li>1998</li> </ul>
Mr. TAKEMI Keizo, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs visited Tajikistan Tajikistan Peace Support Package was announced	<ul> <li>JICA Uzbekistan Office was opened (Tajikistan was also i charge)</li> <li>First deployment of a JICA liaison officer (Local Staff)</li> </ul>
President Emomali RAHMONOV's first visit to Japan	
Embassy (Representative Office) of Japan in Tajikistan was opend	• First Japanese staff was dispatched
Launch of the "Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue	• Start of dispatching JICA Experts "Development Policy Advisor" was dispatched
	<ul> <li>Signing of the Agreement on Technical Cooperation</li> <li>First Project Grant Aid was implemented "The Project fo Improvement of Medical Equipment in Diakov Hospital"</li> </ul>
Carbony of Trillings in James and	• JICA Office was opend in Tajikistan as a branch office of JICA Uzbekistan Office
Embassy of Tajikistan in Japan was opened (Representative Office became the Embassy)       2007         "National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period to 2015" was formulated       2007	2010 • First JICA Volunteers were dispatched Senior Volunteers: "Youth Activities" and "Soccer (Footb • First Technical Cooperation Project was implemented
	"The Project for Improvement of Agricultural Extension Service through Reinforcing Agrarian Organizations"
Prime Minister ABE Shinzo visited Tajikistan for the first time as the Japanese Prime Minister 2015	2013 • First Public-Private Partnerships "Preparatory Survey or BOP (Base of the Pyramid) business on licorice cultivation by a Japanese company
The first Japanese Ambassador to Tajikistan was arrived The "National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period up to 2030" was formulated 2016	>
President Emomali RAHMON*'s fourth visit to Japan Meeting with the JICA President 2018	<ul> <li>2017 JICA Branch Office became JICA Office</li> <li>2018 JICA President KITAOKA Shinichi visited Tajikistan for the time</li> </ul>
"Central Asia plus Japan" Dialogue The 7th Foreign Ministers' meeting was held in Dushanbe 2019	time • "Mini-Grant" Scheme to support ex-participants of JICA Training Program in Japan has been started
30 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Tajikistan and Japan 2022	

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#### JICA's Unique Approaches in Tajikistan



#### **Training Program in Japan**

The civil war in Tajikistan lasted from 1992 to 1997, which made it difficult to conduct activities in the country, so JICA has started its support to Tajikistan from the Training Program in Japan in 1993. This program sends government officials and engineers to Japan to share knowledge and experience of the country's development. During the visit of Mr. TAKEMI Keizo, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan to Tajikistan in 1998 following the murder of Dr. AKINO Yutaka, Political Officer of the U.N. Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT), the Japanese government announced the "Tajikistan Peace Support Package" with a commitment to increase the number of participants to 500 within five years. Even after that commitment was fulfilled, the program has been implemented in various fields such as administration, medical care, and welfare, etc. In Japanese fiscal year 2021, 58 persons and a total of 2,420 persons have participated since the start of the program in 1993. The participants are bringing Japanese knowledge and experience back to Tajikistan and applying them to the country's development.

#### Projects related to the border with Afghanistan



In Tajikistan, where 90% of the country is mountainous, the main roads leading from major cities to neighboring countries are the main economic and trade links between the country and its neighbors. Tajikistan, which borders with Afghanistan, plays a crucial role in strengthening the stability and connectivity of the Central Asian region. For this reason, JICA is actively involved in supporting the maintenance of security and improvement of the economic situation around the border. JICA is constructing part of the main international highway linking the capital Dushanbe with the Afghan capital Kabul, and implementing also "The Project for Promoting Cross-border Cooperation through Effective Management of Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan" in partnership with UNDP.



## "Mini-Grant" Scheme to support ex-participants of JICA training program in Japan

JICA supports the activities of ex-participants of JICA training program in Japan to share their acquired knowledge and expertise with their counterparts in Tajikistan. The recipients of the grant are selected from among their project proposals, and the maximum of 5 proposals are awarded with up to 400,000 Japanese yen each. In 2021, JICA supported activities of JICA training programs' ex-participants who applied for organizing lectures to support entrepreneurs, seminars on how to improve community-based tourism, transport sector and food security, etc. It is hoped that this project will help to spread the lessons learned in the training program in Japan to a wider range of stakeholders.



#### Strengthening of relations between Tajikistan and Japan

The year of 2018 was a year of greatly strengthened relations between the two countries, Tajikistan and Japan. The importance of JICA and Japan's contribution to the development of Tajikistan has been reaffirmed in this year. Firstly, the first visit of Dr. KITAOKA Shinichi to Tajikistan as the JICA President and later on visit of H.E. President of Tajikistan Emomali RAHMON to Japan, which included meetings with the Emperor and the Prime Minister of Japan, as well as meeting with the JICA President. It was a unique opportunity for the JICA President to meet twice with a head of state in such a short period of time.



### JICA's Response to COVID-19

#### IMPROVING THE OXYGEN GENERATION SYSTEMS IN DUSHANBE AND KHATLON HOSPITALS



The emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020-2021 has created serious challenges for the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of Tajikistan (MOHSPP) to treat COVID-19 patients, especially due to the lack of centralized oxygen supply systems in designated hospitals.

In response to the request of the MOHSPP, JICA Tajikistan Office procured and installed eight (8) oxygen generation systems, including oxygen generation stations, filling stations, and additional cylinders for reserve, power generators and automatic voltage regulators. The systems were installed in the target hospitals, which include the Infectious Department of the Regional clinical hospital of Khatlon, Kulyab Infectious Diseases Hospital, Dushanbe City State Institution (SI) "City Infectious Diseases Clinical Hospital", SI "City Medical Center No.1 named after Karim Ahmedov", SI "The Institute of Gastroenterology" and Pediatric ICU of the

National Medical Center "Shifobahksh" (Building No.9) and Tursunzoda District City Hospital. This initiative with total budget of 1.7 million USD for the eight systems was allocated under the ongoing Technical Cooperation "Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Region (Phase 2) (project period: 2017–2022)".

#### JICA PROVIDED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19 IN TAJIKISTAN



At the onset of global COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, JICA Tajikistan Office in collaboration with Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) jointly provided emergency assistance to the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population (MOHSPP) of the Republic of Tajikistan to strengthen its capacity to reduce nosocomial infection, and establish appropriate treatment systems at hospitals in Khatlon Region.

Amidst the COVID-19 crisis in Tajikistan, this emergency assistance was materialized under the framework of JICA's ongoing project, Technical Cooperation Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Regon (Phase 2) (project period: 2017 – 2022) and AKAH's ongoing support to fight against COVID-19 for the country. The assistance reached over 435 frontline medical professionals in the hospitals with a budget of 25,000 USD.

#### PROVISION OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO THE SUE "KHOJAGII MANZILIU KOMMUNALI" (KMK) FOR STABLE SUPPLY OF SAFE DRINKING WATER



Drinking water supply has been one of the main areas of cooperation between the government of Japan and Tajikistan. In this regard, JICA Tajikistan Office in collaboration with Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH) assisted the State Unitary Enterprise "Khojagii Manziliu Kommunali" (SUE «KMK») to strengthen their capacity of service delivery for drinking water supply under the ongoing project framework "Strengthening the Water Service Management of Pyanj and Khamadoni Vodokanals" in the Republic of Tajikistan.

Taking into account the current COVID-19 pandemic crisis in Tajikistan, continuous and stable supply of safe drinking water should have the highest priorities for the people in order to maintain and improve their sanitary conditions and hygiene to prevent them from water borne infections diseases as well as COVID-19.

In this regard, JICA financially and technically assisted the KMK under the above ongoing project framework

and urgently procured, imported and delivered 300 metric tons of Calcium Hypochlorite to all district level vodokanals for purifying drinking water, with a total amount of 9,55 million Tajik Somoni that covered over 5 months demand in whole Tajikistan.

#### SUPPORT FOR AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN TAJIKISTAN



JICA Tajikistan Office in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Aga Khan Foundation launched pilot project to support the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan to strengthen agriculture seed funds namely elite potato and wheat seeds.

The project aims to give smallholder farmers access to critical agricultural inputs, namely good quality potato, wheat and maize seeds as well as fertilizers. Moreover, to improve the technical capacity of farmers 3 warehouses will be constructed in Khatlon region, additionally, advanced agro-consulting services will be provided to dehkan farms, to enhance livelihoods by increasing yields and promoting market-oriented agriculture in Tajikistan.

It should be noted that, the pilot project to enhance agribusiness in Tajikistan is in the frame of JICA's initiatives on introducing the Smallholder

Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (SHEP) approach, which aims to build the capacity of farmers to increase income and improve the access to markets for their products.

The project will cover few districts in Khatlon region, GBAO, Rasht Valley and Sughd region to further enhance the potato and wheat seed production system in the country as well as promote SHEP approach. The project will also help to improve livelihood and strengthen food security among vulnerable households of Khuroson district.

# Project List of JICA Tajikistan

As of October 2021

mproving Transport & Logistics			
mproving Transport & Logistics	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kizilkal	a-Bokhtar Section of Dushanbe-Bokhtar Road	2019-2024	On-Going
The Project for Capacity Development for B	ridge Management	2021-2024	On-Going
The Capacity Development Project for Imple	ementation of Performance Based Navigation	2020-2023	On-Going
The Project for Capacity Development for R	oad Disaster Management	2017-2021	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Equipment	for Road Maintenance in Sughd Region and the Eastern Part of Khatlon Region	2016-2018	Completed
The Project for Capacity Development in Air	r Traffic Services	2015-2018	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Dushanbe I	nternational Airport (Phase 1 and 2)	2014-2018	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Road Main	tenance	2013-2016	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Equipment	for Road Maintenance in Khatlon Region and Districts of Republican Subordination	2013-2015	Completed
The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kurgan	-Tyube – Dusti Road (Phase 1 and 2)	2008-2013	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Dusti-Nizhr	niy Pyandzh Road (Phase 1 and 2)	2006-2010	Completed
Stabilizing Energy Supply	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
Project for Improvement of Substations in D	Dushanbe	2017-2020	Completed
Improving Business Environment for Promoting Employment	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
Project for Improvement of Locust Manager	ment (Phase 2)	2020-2025	On-Going
Business Incubation Project		2020-2023	On-Going
	velihood Improvement in Tajik-Afghan Cross-border Areas (Phase 3)	2021-2025	On-Going
	velihood Improvement in Tajik-Afghan Cross-border Areas (Phase 2)	2018-2021	Completed
	velihood Improvement in Tajik-Afghan Cross-border Areas (Phase 1)	2015-2017	Completed
	ment in Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan (Phase 1)	2015-2019	Completed
		2012-2016	
The Food Security Project for Underprivileg	ed Farmers (2KR)	2010-2014	Completed
Improving Water Supply	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
Project for Strengthening the Water Service	Management of Pyanj and Khamadoni Vodokanals	2017-2021	Completed
The Project for Rehabilitation of Drinking W	ater Supply Systems in Pyanj District of Khatlon Region	2013-2016	Completed
Training of Operation and Management Skil	lls on Water Supply System in Khamadoni District of Khatlon Region	2013-2015	Completed
The Project for the Improvement of Drinkin	g Water Supply in Mir Said Alii Hamadoni District of Khatlon Region (Phase 1 and 2)	2011-2013	Completed
Strengthening Health System	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
Project for the Improvement of Medical Equ Institution of Republican Scientific Center o	uipment in the National Medical Center of Tajikistan "Shifobaksh" and the State f Cardiovascular Surgery	2020-2025	On-Going
The Project for Improvement of Ambulance	s in the Republic of Tajikistan	2019-2022	On-Going
The Project for Medical Equiment Maintena	ance and Management	2019-2021	On-Going
The Project for Improving Maternal and Chi	ld Health Care System in Khatlon Region (Phase 2)	2017-2022	On-Going
The Project for Introduction of Clean Energy	y by Solar Electricity Generation System	2011-2019	Completed
The Project for Improvement of Medical Eq Care Institutions	uipment and Water Supply and Drainage Facilities for Maternal and Child Health	2013-2015	Completed
The Project for Improving Maternal and Chi	ld Health Care System in Khatlon Region (Phase 1)	2012-2016	Completed
Equipment Provision for Infectious Disease	Control (EPI) (Phase 2)	2010-2015	Completed
Essential Drugs (Medicines on Federated Di	recting of Child Diseases) (Phase 2)	2009-2014	Completed
Border Control and	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
Security Management (Cooperation with UNDP) Promoting Cross- Afghanistan (Phase 2)	border Cooperation through Effective Management of Tajikistan's Border with	2019-2022	On-Going
	border Cooperation through Effective Management of Tajikistan's Border with	2015-2018	Completed
Improving Governance	PROJECT	PERIOD	STATUS
The Project for Human Resource Developm Master course and one for Doctoral course	ent Scholarship (JDS) (Scholarship to send 15 civil servants every year to study in in Japan)	2008 ~	On-Going
	nvitation of about 100 civil servants of Tajikistan to Japan for group, regional,	1993 ~	On-Going

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# Recent projects of JICA in Tajikistan



#### IMPROVING TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS



Project Name	The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kizilkala-Bokhtar Section of Dushanbe-Bokhtar Road
Туре	Grant Aid
Period	09/2019 - 12/2024
Date of E/N, G/A	20/08/2019 03/09/2019
Responsible Organization	Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	Kizilkala-Bokhtar section of Dushanbe- Bokhtar Road
Amount	3,232 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 31 million)
Purpose	To improve transportation and traffic safety in part of the Dushanbe-Bokhtar highway through the rehabilitation of the Kizilkala- Bokhtar section of the highway, thereby contributing to the economic development of the Republic of Tajikistan
Activity	<ul> <li>Rehabilitation of Kizilkala-Bokhtar section of the Dushanbe-Bokhtar Road</li> <li>Consulting services</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	The Population of the Republic of Tajikistan, mainly of Khatlon Region
Outcome	<ul> <li>Kizilkala-Bokhtar section of Dushanbe – Bokhtar Road is rehabilitated</li> <li>Transportation and traffic safety is ensured</li> </ul>



Project Name	Project for Capacity Development for Bridge Management
Туре	Technical Cooperation
Period	03/2021 - 10/2024
Date of R/D	16/10/2020
Responsible Organization	Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	The whole country (Tajikistan), Model Sites: Hissor, Sughd and Bokhtar SETMs
Amount	450 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 3.94 million)
Purpose	Strengthening bridge management capacities of relevant organizations through technical transfer, and systemizing bridge management and human resource development on bridge management
Activity	<ul> <li>Technical manuals on bridge inventory system, inspection/diagnosis, and maintenance are developed</li> <li>Conduct trainings on bridge inventory management, inspection/diagnosis, and maintenance, for MOT, SETMs/SEHMs, DITI, and TTU</li> <li>Introduce BMS for MOT and all SETMs/SEHMs</li> <li>Conduct Pilot Project(s) for bridge maintenance, inspection/diagnosis and implement small-scale bridge rehabilitation in the Model SETMs/SEHMs</li> <li>Bridge engineering course(s) are held under cooperation with MOT, DITI, and TTU based on the draft curriculum</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Ministry of Transport, SETMs/SEHMs, Design Institute and Transport Infrastructure (DITI) and Tajik Technical University (TTU)
Outcome	<ul> <li>Bridge management on International and Republic roads is improved</li> <li>Capacities for bridge inventory manage- ment, inspection/diagnosis, and maintenance of MOT, SETMs/SEHMs, DITI, and TTU are improved</li> <li>Sustainable system for human resource development on bridge management is strengthened</li> </ul>



#### IMPROVING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT





Project Name	Project for Agribusiness Development in Tajikistan
Туре	Technical Cooperation through FAO and AKF
Period	02/2021 - 05/2022
Date of T/C Agreement	18/03/2021
Responsible Organization	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan/ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/ Aga Khan Foundation
Target Area	Shahritus, Qubodiyon, Khuroson, Vanj, Darvoz, Kuhistoni Mastchoh, Lakhsh
Amount	94.4 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 0.83 million)
Purpose	To strengthen agriculture seed fund by improving Agriculture Input Revolving funds (AIRFs), capacity building of farmers and introducing market-oriented agriculture model (SHEP)
Activity	<ul> <li>Provide elite potato seed and elite wheat seed to the AIRFs in the target districts</li> <li>Provide Fertilizers to the AIRFs target districts</li> <li>Construction of 3 warehouses for agriculture inputs in Qubodyon, Khuroson and Shahritus districts</li> <li>Provide technical consultation/trainings on the maintenance of the storages</li> <li>Introducing market-oriented agriculture model (SHEP)</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Dehkan Farms
Outcome	<ul> <li>Increase agriculture output through improved access to quality agricultural inputs and storage capacity</li> <li>Increase food accessibility through improved access to storage capacity</li> <li>Improved potato and wheat seed banks</li> <li>Improved food security status</li> </ul>

Project Name	Business Incubation Project in Tajikistan
Туре	Technical Cooperation
Period	03/2020 – 02/2023
Date of R/D	25/11/2019
Responsibl Organization	State Committee on Investments and State property management of the Republic of Tajikistan / The State Institution "Business Incubator"
Target Area	Dushanbe, Kulyab, Rasht, Vahdat, Kanibadam, Asht, Vose, Huroson and Hamadoni
Amount	231 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 2.2 million)
Purpose	Technical cooperation aimed at entrepreneurship development in Tajikistan through business incubation. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the State Institution "Business Incubator" is able to provide effective services for the development of entrepreneurs and micro and small enterprises (MSE).
Activity	<ul> <li>To examine the needs of training and business incubation, and develop training materials and to conduct the trainings for trainers and MSEs on Basic of Business</li> <li>To support MSEs in preparing business plans and implement mini-financing scheme in Kanibadam, Kulyab and Asht</li> <li>To develop modalities and link up MSE with financial institutions and investors</li> <li>To develop modalities for mentoring of MSEs</li> <li>To establish the modality of collaboration between DBI's operation and the personnel assigned to the one-stop window and identify the bottleneck in the administrative procedures for businesses</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Potential entrepreneurs, start-ups and micro and small enterprises with a special focus on youth, women and returned migrants
Outcome	<ul> <li>The modality to support MSEs, training, preparing business plans, mentoring and accessing to finance, is established</li> <li>The modality for collaboration between business incubation and one-stop window is established</li> <li>The methodologies for supporting government agencies in streamlining their administrative procedures related to business operations are established</li> </ul>



#### IMPROVING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT FOR PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT



Project Name	The Project for Livelihood Improvement in Tajik-Afghan Cross-Border Areas (LITACA) (Phase 3)
Туре	Grant Aid through UNDP
Period	04/2021 – 03/2025
Date of E/N, G/A	16/10/2020 15/12/2020
Responsible Organization	UNDP Tajikistan Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	Shahritus, Qubodiyon, Dusti, Jayhun, Panj, Farkhor, Hamadon, Sh. Shohin, Bokhtar and Kulob districts of Tajikistan
Amount	420.3 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 3.7 million)
Purpose	Sustainable and equitable livelihoods in cross border areas of Tajikistan and Afghanistan
Activity	<ul> <li>Increase employment opportunities for communities living in bordering provinces of Afghanistan and Tajikistan</li> <li>Enhance LITACA products' access to local and international markets</li> <li>Enhance access for cross-border trade</li> <li>Facilitating access for cross-border trade, dialogue and partnerships amongst target communities</li> <li>Capacity development of relevant governance bodies for cross border trade</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Approximately 1 million people
Outcome	<ul> <li>Improved public and productive infrastructure and services</li> <li>Improved labour skills sets and capacity building of farmers, entrepreneurs, unemployed and marginalized groups</li> <li>Innovation in Entrepreneurship and employment opportunities through the One Village One Product movement</li> <li>Improved access for cross-border trade</li> <li>Improved capacity of relevant government bodies for cross border trade</li> </ul>



Project Name	Project for Improvement of Locust Management (Phase 2)
Туре	Grant Aid through FAO
Period	02/2020 – 02/2025
Responsible Organization	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Target Area	The project will focus on the regions that are the most affected by locusts, which are usually the areas sharing borders with the neighboring countries: Sughd Region, having borders with both Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic and Khatlon Region sharing the long border with Afghanistan and with Uzbekistan
Amount	798 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 7.2 million)
Purpose	To contribute to food security and livelihood of the rural populations in Central Asia by preventing and limiting the threats posed by locusts and damage to crops and rangelands in the respect of human health and the environment
Activity	<ul> <li>Facilitation in regional exchanges to manage locust situations and organization of joint or cross-border surveys</li> <li>Organization of trainings and expose visit, development of Practical Guidelines</li> <li>Strengthening operational capacities for locust field survey and developing locust monitoring and analyzing systems</li> <li>Strengthening operational capacities for locust control and ensuring management of pesticides delivered within the project</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	The ultimate beneficiaries of the assistance will be the rural populations living in the locust-affected areas of all six countries covered by the project
Outcome	<ul> <li>Regional cooperation developed</li> <li>Improved national and regional locust management in Central Asia</li> <li>National capacities strengthened</li> <li>Locust monitoring improved</li> <li>Locust control operations supported</li> <li>Risk reduction on Human Health and the Environment ensured</li> </ul>



#### **STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEM**





Project Name	The Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment Management and Maintenance System in Tajikistan
Туре	Technical Cooperation (Dispatch of JICA Expart)
Period	01/2019 – 12/2021
Counterpart Agencies	Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan (visits to Tajikistan regions, if necessary, to collect information on common practices on the ground)
Amount	26.3 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 0.24 million)
Purpose	To improve medical equipment management and maintenance (MedEMM) system in Tajikistan
Activity	<ul> <li>To collect information on current situation of MedEMM in Tajikistan (policies, practices, etc.)</li> <li>To analyze the collected information and provide recommendations for possible options for the nationwide MedEMM framework</li> <li>Identify needs in terms of capacity building for MOH on MedEMM system administration at the central level and coordination of stakeholders</li> <li>Conduct trainings, and study tours if necessary, which relates to MedEMM system administration for MOH</li> <li>Through coordination with stakeholders, make recommendations and suggestions for future improvement and directions of strengthening MedEMM in the country</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Tajikistan
Outcome	<ul> <li>A nationwide framework for MedEMM system is developed</li> <li>Capacity of MOH for policy making and management of MedEMM system is improved</li> </ul>

Project Name	Project for Improving Material and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Region (Phase 2)
Туре	Technical Cooperation
Period	08/2017 – 12/2022
Date of R/D	18/11/2016
Responsible Organization	Ministry of Health and Social Protection of the Population of Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	Baljuvon, Khovaling, Muminobod, Norak, Levakand and Kushoniyon Districts
Amount	540 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 4.96 million)
Purpose	To strengthen maternal, newborn and infant (MNI) health system in the target dis- tricts/cities in Khatlon Oblast
Activity	<ul> <li>Rehabilitation of facility and provision of equipment (including maintenance of the equipment)</li> <li>Conducting trainings on Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) and case audit</li> <li>Conducting meetings between Central District Hospitals and Rural health Centers on MNI referral</li> <li>Conducting Supportive Supervision (S/S), developing training plan, and Manager training in Japan</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Direct beneficiaries are Health officials in Health Department of Khatlon and health professionals for maternal and child health care in Central District/City Hospitals, Numeral Hospitals and Primary Health Care facilities
Outcome	<ul> <li>The functions of the maternity departments and pediatric departments of the central district hospital and numeral hospital are improved</li> <li>Knowledge and skills on MNI care of health professionals are strengthened</li> <li>Referral system for MNI care is strengthened between primary and secondary health care facilities</li> <li>Capacity to manage on MNI care is strengthened in Health Department of Khatlon Oblast Government</li> </ul>



#### BORDER CONTROL AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT



#### IMPROVING GOVERNANCE



Project Name	Project for Promoting Cross-border Cooperation through Effective Management of Tajikistan's Border with Afghanistan (BMP) (Phase 2)
Туре	Grant Aid through UNDP
Period	11/2018 – 12/2022
Date of E/N, G/A	28/09/2018 22/11/2018
Responsible Organization	<ul> <li>UNDP Tajikistan</li> <li>State Committee on National Security of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> <li>Customs Committee under the Government of Tajikistan</li> <li>Drug Control Agency under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan</li> </ul>
Target Area	Border crossing points along Tajik-Afghan Border (Pyanji Poyon, Kokul, Shohon, Ruzvai, Kumroghi, Tem, Ishkashim, and Langar) and Canine Training Centre in Dushanbe
Amount	506 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 4.5 million)
Purpose	To enhance security and stability of cross border regions of Tajikistan and Afghanistan through enhancing capacity of border officials and economic status of Tajik-Afghan communities
Activity	<ul> <li>Construction and renovation works at target Border Crossing Points, Drug Control Agency Canine Centre, etc.</li> <li>Procurement and delivery of specialized equipment</li> <li>Delivery of specialized training, including on Integrated Border Management and on the use and maintenance of the specialized equipment</li> </ul>
Beneficiary	Border security agency workers and users of target cross-border market as direct beneficiary, together with people of the target community as indirect beneficiaries
Outcome	<ul> <li>Increased capacity of Border Security Agencies for legal flow of people and goods across the Tajik - Afghan border</li> <li>Improved cross border trade and communication across the Afghanistan Tajikistan border</li> </ul>



Project Name	Project for Human Recourses Development Scholarship (JDS)
Туре	Grant Aid
Period	11/2021 – 08/2024
Date of E/N, G/A	02/09/2021 05/11/2021
Responsible Organization	Agency of Civil Service under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan
Target Area	State Agencies of the Republic of Tajikistan
Amount	259 million Japanese Yen (approximately USD 2.5 million)
Purpose	To resolve development challenges in the Republic of Tajikistan through strengthening capacity of governmental officials
Activity	The Project aims to improve the capacity of young governmental officials by provision of 15 scholarships for Master's Degree and one scholarship for Doctoral Degree in Japanese Universities
Beneficiary	The civil servants of the Republic of Tajikistan
Outcome	It is expected that young civil servants and others who have received master's or doctoral degrees in Japanese higher education institutions are expected to become leaders in the Republic of Tajikistan in the future and contribute to the development of Tajikistan





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