



A Volunteer demonstrating to farmers how to use a simple sowing tool.

Community Development

Volunteers in community development contribute to improving livelihood by supporting income-generating activities, financial literacy and marketing skill of the community people. All activities aim empowerment of community people.



Pairs of sandals "Tutambule" made from recycled car tyres. They are a good source of income for a women's group in Mayuge District. In addition, recycling tyres saves the environment from pollution.



A Volunteer established a waste plastic bottle collection centre in the community to sell to a recycling company. Additional income is generated for the community people thus reducing poverty levels.



A JICA Volunteer with borehole technician and water user committee repairing a broken borehole in Gomba District.



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JICA Volunteer Program



Overview

JICA's volunteer program is one of Japan's technical cooperation schemes operated as part of its Official Development Assistance (ODA). The Program dispatches eager Japanese citizens who wish to participate in assisting developing countries and also have the calls for assistance from their governments.

Objectives

- [1] To cooperate on the economic and social development as well as the reconstruction of developing countries.
- [2] To deepen mutual understanding and coexistence in cross-cultural societies.
- [3] To give back the volunteer experience to society.

Since July 2001, Uganda has received 800 JICA Volunteers spread throughout the various regions in the fields of education, health, youth activities, agriculture, and community development. These Volunteers dedicate their efforts to raise and improve people's well-being. In March 2020, there were 48 Volunteers in Uganda supporting different sectors such as; Agriculture, Education, Community Development and Health.

Health

JICA Volunteers support Health Systems Strengthening by working as nurses, pharmacists, midwives and medical equipment technicians in Regional and District Hospitals. They work together with Ugandan counter-parts to improve health services and capacity development of health workers while sharing their experiences and relating them to the Ugandan situation.



Health Volunteers contribute to nutrition improvement as well as school health.

Education

The Volunteers work as teachers in Primary and Secondary Schools, Primary Teacher Colleges and Vocational Training Institutes. In secondary education, they promote Physical Education thus instilling discipline, teamwork and good health for the learners. Also, science and mathematics teachers at secondary schools, cooperate with local teachers to motivate students' interests and curiosities by demonstrating scientific experiments using locally available materials. At Vocational Training Institutes, the Volunteers teach technical knowledge in their specialized fields. Through these trainings, students acquire a better experience, skills and become self-reliant personnel.



A JICA Volunteer conducting Physical Education

In primary education, the Volunteers mainly teach Mathematics and Physical Education to achieve the necessities in each grade.



A JICA volunteer teaching mathematics at a primary school using practical methods to assist the learners to improve their proficiency.

Agriculture

Volunteers in agriculture work with the community people in their farms to maximize yields by introducing better farming techniques and handy farm equipment, sharing knowledge on pests and diseases, conducting research on improved seed varieties.

The program aims at elevating income and reducing poverty in rural communities particularly by value addition to agricultural outputs. The Volunteers work at District Production Offices, Community Based Organizations, and Refugee Settlement with UNHCR partner organizations. They also contribute to training personnel who will play active roles in their communities.



A JICA Volunteer helping in rice cultivation to improve productivity and quality.