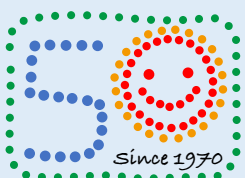


JICA Volunteer Programme in Zambia

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)



Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
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Message from Chief Representative of JICA Zambia Office

I was in Zambia when the 20th anniversary ceremony of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers from the first dispatch was held here in 1990. At that time, I worked in Lusaka as one of the JOCV members. I am honored to be here now, as the Chief Representative of JICA Zambia Office, when the 50th anniversary commemoration is going to be held.

The Volunteer Programme is one of the main schemes of our assignment. The feature is the interaction between Japanese and Zambians. I have met many people who worked with JOCV at some point in their life, who said their teacher in school was Japanese Volunteer. I am particularly glad that most Zambians have a good impression of them.

I bet JOCV will continue to play active rolls to contribute to the social and economic development of the country and become the bridge of the friendship between Japan and Zambia.



JICA Volunteers in Zambia

Zambia was amongst the first countries in Africa to receive Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, in the year 1970, barely four years after the JOCV program was inaugurated in Africa. The maiden group of volunteers to arrive in Zambia were 6 Judo instructors who were slated to assist Police training schools in Lusaka and on the Copperbelt, in the field of martial arts. Since the introduction of the program, the volunteers have been dispatched in a versatile manner to suit the developmental trends that the Country is going through and more specifically in the host line Ministries and the Government.

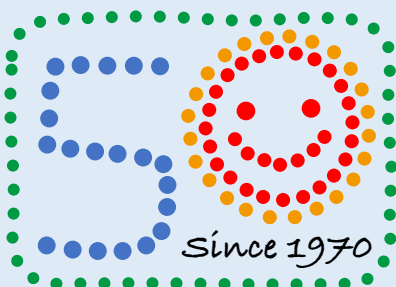
Zambia has received over 1600 volunteers!

(as of May 2021)

Education field : 689
Vocational training field: 338
Agriculture field: 231
Health field: 207
Business field: 33
Other fields: 109

The Purpose of JICA Volunteer Programme

To develop the economy for developing areas by cooperating in unity with the people in these areas.



Milestones of JOCV programme in Zambia

- In 1978, the first female volunteer was dispatched to Zambia. Since then, the ratio of male to female volunteers reached a balanced 50 percent until 2020.
- In 2018, October, Zambia had the largest number of dispatched volunteers in the world, reaching an all-time high of almost 100 JOCVs. This increased number of volunteers in Zambia translated into improved coverage of Volunteer dispatch in different sectors to all provinces
- In 2019, 5th April, all volunteers resident in Zambia at the time were invited to pay a courtesy call on the President of Zambia, His Excellency Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu at State House. During this event, the President appreciated noble work that Volunteers render to the people of Zambia. The volunteers were able to share about their work and freely mingle with the President.



Core Activities 1

[Education]

The activities of volunteers in Education may extend from assisting the learners to improve their scholastic proficiency in various subjects or working with regional educational departments to organizing teacher training programs to introduce alternative or new teaching methods. Currently we focus on Science and Mathematics education, Physical education and ICT.



Core Activities 2

[Agriculture]

Volunteers contribute to improve productivity, food security, and increase profitability by introducing best practices, management systems and new techniques in each field.

Currently we focus on vegetable growing, mushroom growing, rice cultivation and animal husbandry.



Core Activities 3

[Health]

Volunteers work to provide better health care and increased access to information through assisting in skills development of local health care professionals as well as promoting awareness of various health-related issues.

Currently we focus on MCH (Maternal and Child Health), HIV prevention and Public Health.



Core Activities 4

[Business administration]

Volunteers help facilitate community development using various approaches such as establishing small income-generation projects with local groups to create additional income. Additionally, volunteers with knowledge and experience public administration work in governments or other organizations to provide better services to its citizens and customers.





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