



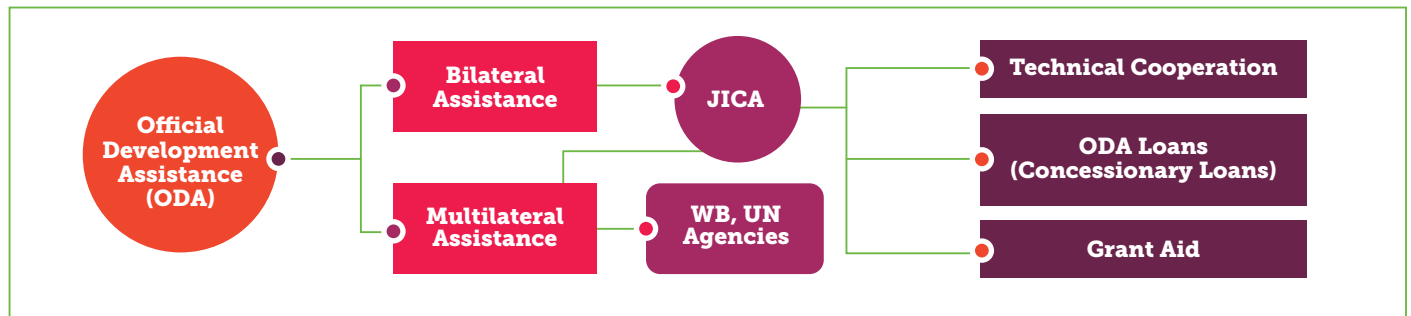
JICA Zimbabwe



# About JICA

## Japan's ODA and JICA

Since 1954, Japan has been providing financial and technical assistance to developing countries through Official Development Assistance (ODA), aiming to contribute more proactively to the peace, stability and prosperity of the international community. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), established in 1974 is in charge of administering all ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations.

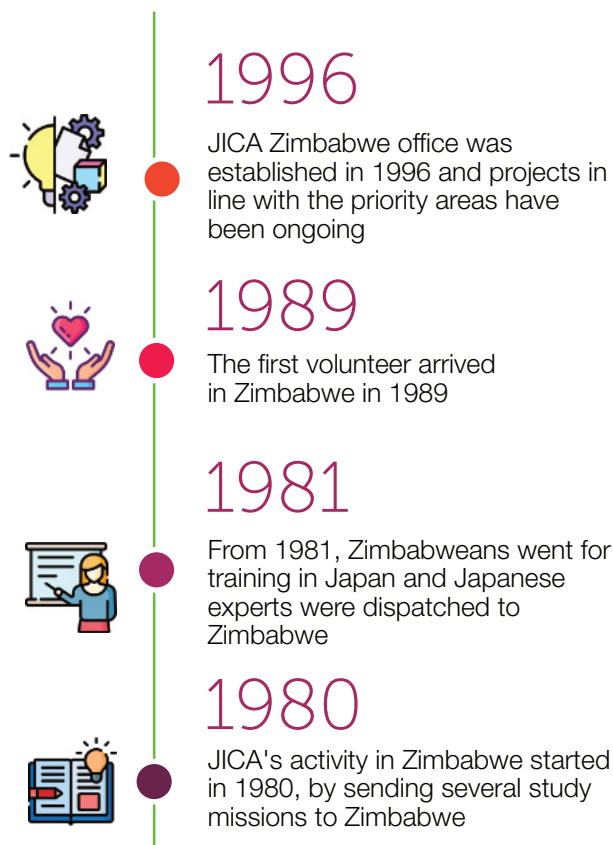


### Japan's Cooperation to Zimbabwe

To assist the efforts by the people and the Government of Zimbabwe for achieving sustainable development, Japan is extending its support in the priority areas below.

- 1 Promotion of Economic Integration within the Southern African Region**
- 2 Effective Utilization of Resources**
- 3 Assistance for the Human Security of People with Poverty**

### JICA in Zimbabwe



### Types of Assistance to Zimbabwe

#### Technical Cooperation

- Technical Cooperation Projects
- Dispatch of Experts
- Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Training)
- Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

#### Grant Aid

- Provision of funds used for improving basic infrastructure without the obligation of repayment

#### Disaster Relief

- Humanitarian Support through Emergency Disaster Relief

## Our Programs

### Pillar 1: Promotion of Economic Integration within the Southern African Region

- Eliminating bottlenecks on the roads and the border posts along the North-South Corridor
- Promoting infrastructural and logistical development as well as regional integration

#### Grant Assistance

- Construction of the New Chirundu Bridge (completed in 2002)
- Project for the Road Improvement of the Northern Part of the North-South Corridor

The project's aim is to reduce traffic accidents, enhance accessibility and efficiency, and facilitate regional and international trade in Zimbabwe. This is done by constructing climbing lanes, widening sharp bends, reducing gradients and installing visual guidance pegs, markings and adequate signposting between Chirundu and Makuti. Phase 1 of the project (USD 21million) was completed in May 2021 and it covered 6.5km of the road. Detailed design for Phase 2 (USD 700, 000) was completed in October 2023 and Phase 2 (USD17.4million) targeting 7.8km stretch of the road will commence in 2024.



#### Technical Cooperation Project

- Project for Capacity Development on Smooth Operation of One Stop Border Posts on the North-South Corridor

The project aims to improve efficiency in border management and operations, thus reducing the time and cost of crossing the border. JICA launched and developed capacity for smooth operation of the Chirundu One Stop Border Post (OSBP) in 2019.



- **The Project for Strengthening Regional Power System of Southern African Power Pool (SAPP)**

This project aims to provide capacity building for wide-area system operation and electricity market operation for the power utilities of 12 SAPP member countries and to contribute to the development of renewable energy and the stable access to clean and affordable electricity.

- **Project for the Promotion of Geospatial Data Utilization Including Data Update by Science Technology and Innovation (STI)**

The project updated geospatial information for Harare and its environs in 2017 and in 2021 strengthened the capabilities of the Department of Surveyor General to prepare and utilize the geospatial information database.



## Pillar 2: Effective Utilization of Resources

- Effective utilization of the mineral, touristic, agricultural and human resources so that Zimbabweans benefit from the exploitation of the resources

### Grant Assistance

- Nyakomba Irrigation Development Project (completed in 2001)
- Project for Irrigation Development for Nyakomba Irrigation Scheme (completed in 2019)

This project was the rehabilitation and expansion of the project completed in 2001.



### Technical Cooperation Project

- Project for Zimbabwe Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment and Promotion (ZIM-SHEP)

The project, through the use of the SHEP Approach and running from March 2019 to February 2025 aims to develop both the technical and managerial capacity of farmers to practise Market Oriented farming. The approach changes farmer's mind-set from "Grow and Sell" to "Grow to Sell" through conducting market surveys by farmers themselves, establishing business linkages between farmers and service providers, and promoting gender equity.



- Startup Ecosystem Enhancement

The project goal is to strengthen the startup ecosystem by creating and developing startups with innovative solutions solving socio-economic issues, building capacity for all relevant stakeholders in the ecosystem, developing its legal framework, and supporting the startups to have access to finance and markets, while promoting network building.

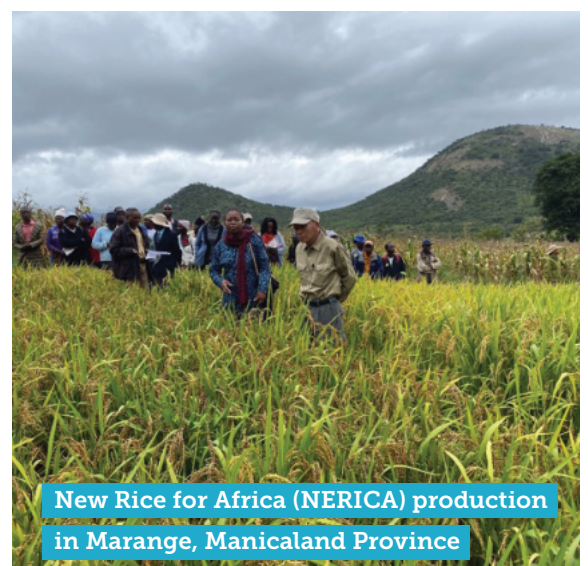
### Dispatch of Experts

- Rice Cultivation Development Program

The project aims to increase rice production in Zimbabwe and enhance food and nutritional security, livelihoods, and rural development through deploying rice experts, research capacity development, providing seed and farmer training.

- Community Based Tourism Project (completed in February 2023)

The project contributed to poverty alleviation and employment creation in Zimbabwean communities by making communities utilise the tourism resources available to them.







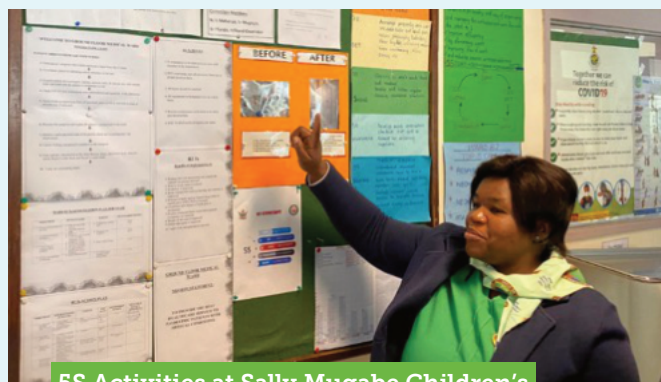
**CBT Project Sites: Tengenenge (Mashonaland Central Province), Gairezi (Manicaland Province), Chesvingo (Masvingo Province) and Bulawayo**

### Pillar 3: Assistance for Human Security of People with Poverty

- Provision of clean water and improved sanitary conditions, food security and health services in a bid to achieve equitable societies and human security for the poor

#### Technical Cooperation Project

- Project for Quality Improvement of Health Services through 5S-Kaizen-TQM Approach



**5S Activities at Sally Mugabe Children's Hospital in Harare**

The project aims to strengthen capacity of hospital management in over 10 targeted central and provincial hospitals and to build resilient health systems. The hospitals are enjoying benefits encompassing reducing the patient waiting time, increasing patient and staff satisfaction, improving waste segregation, reducing incidences of medication expiring before use and improving the work environment. Phase 1 of the project completed in May 2022 and Phase 2 is running from May 2022 to May 2026.

#### Dispatch of Experts

- Financial Management Advisor for the Municipality of Chitungwiza (completed in 2022)

JICA worked with the Chitungwiza Municipality to improve the financial management of its sewerage service and to improve sewer system maintenance.

#### Knowledge Co-Creation Program

The program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

#### Cross Sectoral Programs

- JICA has programs that cut across all three priority areas:

- 1 Knowledge Co-creation Program (KCCP)
- 2 Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV)

#### 1. Short-term Training

Participants are trained locally, regionally and in Japan  
Over 1,500 people have undergone training since 1980



**10 officials from Ministry of Health and Child Care underwent the Quality Improvement of Health Services through the 5S-Kaizen-TQM Approach training held in Japan (November 30 - December 16 2022)**

## 2. Long-term Training

JICA offers fully supported Master's Degree and PHD programs under the African Business Education (ABE) Initiative, KIZUNA, AgriNet and SDGs Global Leaders programs to study in Japan.

**There has been 29 recipients of JICA scholarships since 2015:**

ABE	<b>14</b>	SDG	<b>04</b>
AgriNet	<b>03</b>	Kizuna	<b>08</b>

## Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs)


JICA's volunteer program is reciprocal in nature, providing a platform for enhanced mutual understanding between Zimbabwe and Japan - not only do the volunteers help build capacity of the communities they live in and work with, but the volunteers learn the Zimbabwean way of life and gain valuable international goodwill experience.





**Risa Tomita, ICT Volunteer at Mkoba Teachers College in Gweru with students (2021-2023)**

To date, JICA has dispatched over 550 volunteers to Zimbabwe, who have imparted skills and knowledge in the areas of Information Communication Technology (ICT), education, agriculture, tourism and sporting activities like judo, baseball, volleyball and soccer.


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