Japan International Cooperation Agency

About JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is a governmental agency that coordinates Official Development Assistance (ODA) for the Government of Japan.

The current organization was established in 2003, and replaced a semi-governmental organization formed in 1974 under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. JICA is one of the largest bilateral development organizations in the world with a network of 97 overseas offices, projects in more than 150 countries, and available financial resources of approximately 1 trillion Japanese yen ($8.5 billion).

JICA aims to contribute to the promotion of international development cooperation and addressing the global agenda by supporting the socioeconomic development, recovery and economic stability of developing countries. The Official Development Assistance coordinated by JICA is broadly divided into bilateral aid, in which assistance is given directly to developing countries, and multilateral aid, provided through international organizations. JICA distributes its aid in the form of Technical Cooperation (including technical cooperation projects), ODA Loans, and Grant Aid. In 2008, Japan contributed, on a net disbursement basis, approximately US$6,641 million (¥68.74 billion) in bilateral ODA and approximately US$2,721 million (¥28.16 billion) in contributions and donations to international organizations.

Areas of work

JICA works with a range of thematic issues including the following:
- Private Sector Development
- Agricultural/Rural Development
- Urban/Regional Development
- Poverty Reduction
- Natural Resources and Energy
- Economic Policy

For more detailed information on JICA’s areas of involvement in Central Asia and the Caucasus, please consult the following link.

Eligibility for JICA funding

JICA implements projects in more than 150 countries in 5 continents. The list of countries in Europe includes the following UNECE member States with
economies in transition: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Ukraine.

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