

FY2023 EDU-Port Symposium

International Education Cooperation of JICA and Collaboration with EDU-Port



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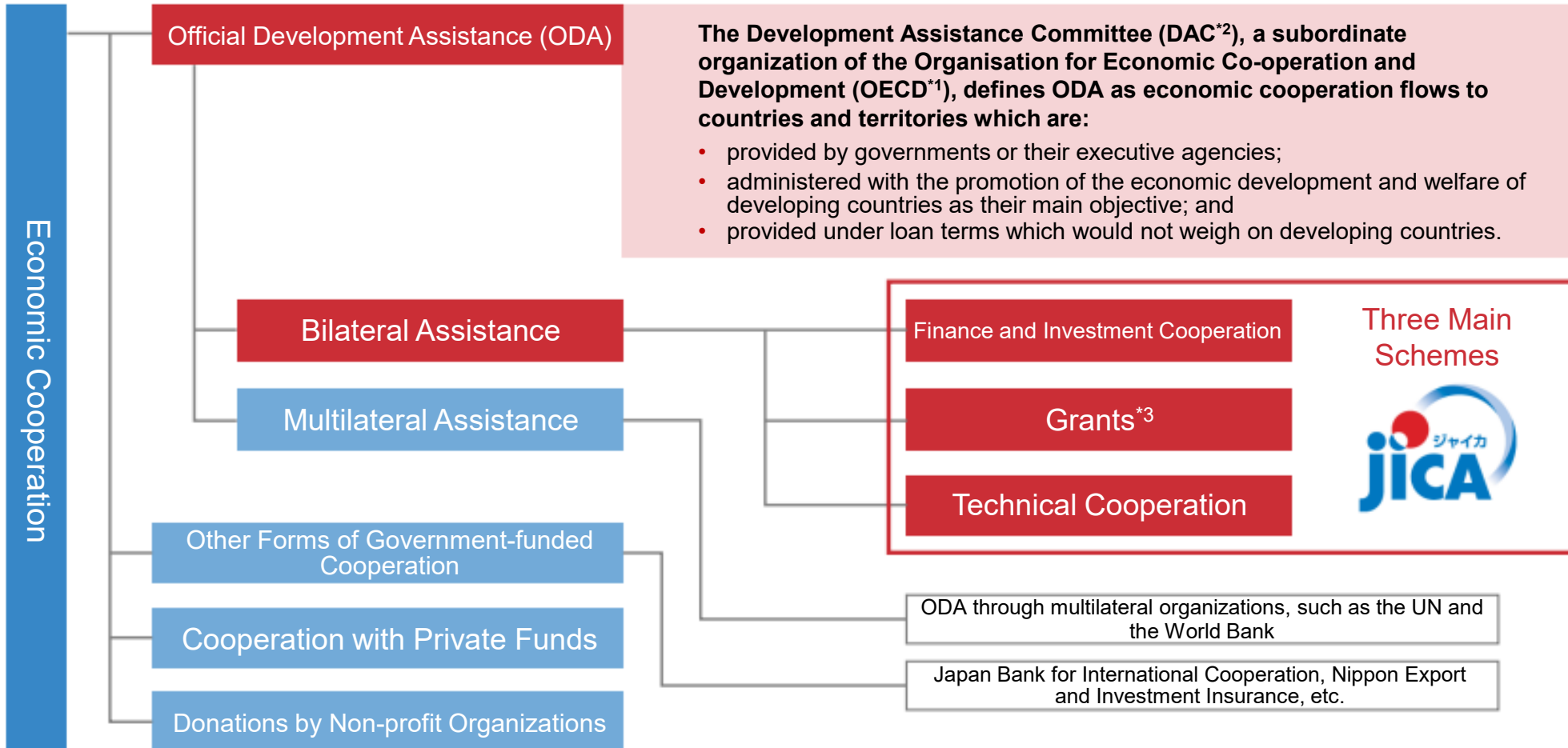


1. Overview of JICA and educational development cooperation
2. EDU-Port, JICA partnership projects
3. Expectations for EDU-Port and collaboration possibilities



Overview of JICA

- JICA is an implementing agency of Japan's Official Development Assistance (ODA), providing international cooperation to developing countries.



*1 OECD: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development *2 DAC: Development Assistance Committee

*3 Grants do not include those that continue to be provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on its own to implement necessary diplomatic policies.

About JICA

Human Security:

Aiming for a society where all people can protect themselves from various threats and live their daily lives in security and with dignity.

Quality Growth:

Promoting sustainable growth with less disparity and without harming the environment.



People

A society where all can live healthy, safe lives

- Education
- Health
- Social Security



Peace

A peaceful, just society without fear or violence

- State-Building to Prevent the Outbreak and Recurrence of Conflicts
- Governance Support
- Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls



Prosperity

A prosperous, sustainable economy in harmony with nature and prepared for promoting social development

- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Private Sector Development
- Urban and Regional Development
- Ensure Access to Affordable and Clean Energy
- Development of Transport Infrastructure



Planet

Care for the Planet

- Sustainable Resource Management
- Environmental Conservation and Management
- Water Resources Management
- Disaster Risk Reduction

There are



96

overseas offices



14

domestic offices



1,929

staff members



150

developing countries and regions that received assistance

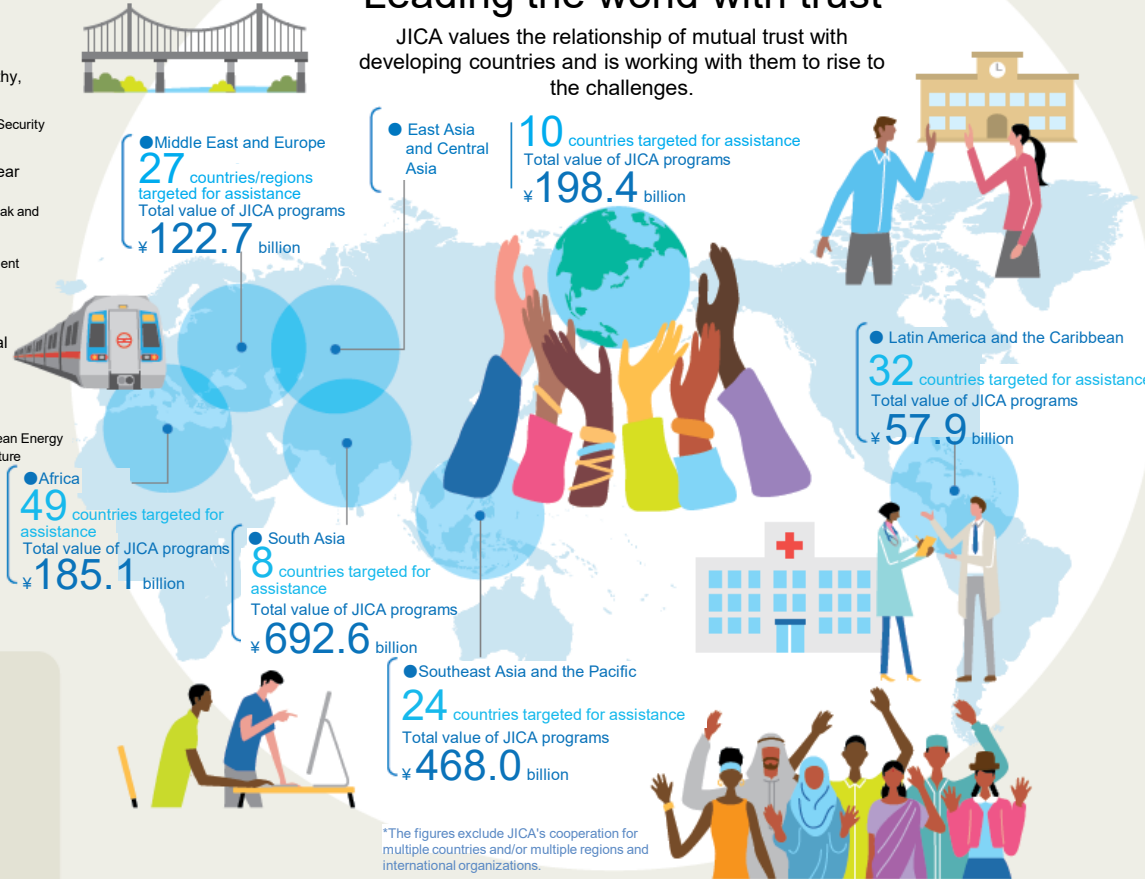
*Overseas and domestic offices as of July 1, 2020

*The number of staff as of July 1, 2020 (including executive officers)

JICA

Leading the world with trust

JICA values the relationship of mutual trust with developing countries and is working with them to rise to the challenges.



*The figures exclude JICA's cooperation for multiple countries and/or multiple regions and international organizations.

Building people-to-people relationships as the foundation of trust

Accepted
13,217 people
(FY2019)

JICA dispatches experts and overseas volunteers to developing countries, and in return welcomes government officials and specialists as training participants and overseas students. People-to-people connections established through human resource development are the foundations of trust between developing countries and Japan.

Dispatched
9,163 people
(FY2019)

JICA's Business Areas and Results

JICA uses an array of development assistance schemes to meet the diverse needs of developing countries around the world.

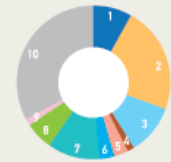
Technical Cooperation¹

Dispatch of Japanese experts to developing countries and acceptance of training participants and students to disseminate Japanese technologies and knowledge



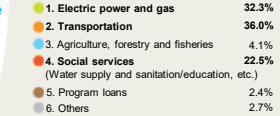
Scale of Operations

¥175.1 billion



Finance and Investment Cooperation (ODA Loans)²

Lending or investing of funds under concessional terms to developing countries for their development



Scale of Operations

¥1,523.2 billion



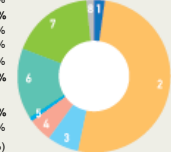
Grants³

Financial assistance with no repayment obligation; it mainly targets developing countries with low levels of income.



Scale of Operations

¥85.6 billion



JICA's volunteer programs

Citizen Participation

Partnership with Nikkei Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean

Emergency disaster relief

Studies and research

Public-private partnerships

(Note) In some cases, the numbers do not correspond to the figures reflected in the "Total" section because of rounding estimates.

¹ Technical Cooperation expenses include Technical Assistance expenses managed under the Finance and Investment Account budget, but exclude administration costs.

² Total commitment amounts of ODA Loans and Private-Sector Investment Finance.

³ Since the amount is calculated based on the fiscal 2019 budget, it does not correspond to the total amount of Grant Agreements (G/As) concluded in fiscal 2019.

Development Cooperation Charter (approved by the Cabinet on June 9, 2023)

3. Basic policies

(2) Human security in the new era

- A. The concept of human security, which promotes building nations and communities that enable each individual to live happily and with dignity, free from fear and want, is fundamental to what Japan should be, that is, to embody the noble ideals and principles of humanity, and is consistent with the values of freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights, and the rule of law. Japan will continue to position human security as a guiding principle that underlies all of its development cooperation.
- B. To realize human security in the new era, it remains important to construct strong and resilient countries and communities through **“investment in people”** and development that leaves no one behind, **such as the protection and empowerment of individuals in the fields including health, nutrition and education**. Additionally, in this era with compound crises, various issues are becoming more intricately intertwined, and **it is essential that diverse actors work together in solidarity to achieve common goals**. Japan will set **the protection and empowerment of individuals** as well as the solidarity of various actors as the pillars of human security in the new era, and will conduct **development cooperation making human agency a central focus**.

[\(ODA\) Development Cooperation Charter, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs \(mofa.go.jp\)](#)

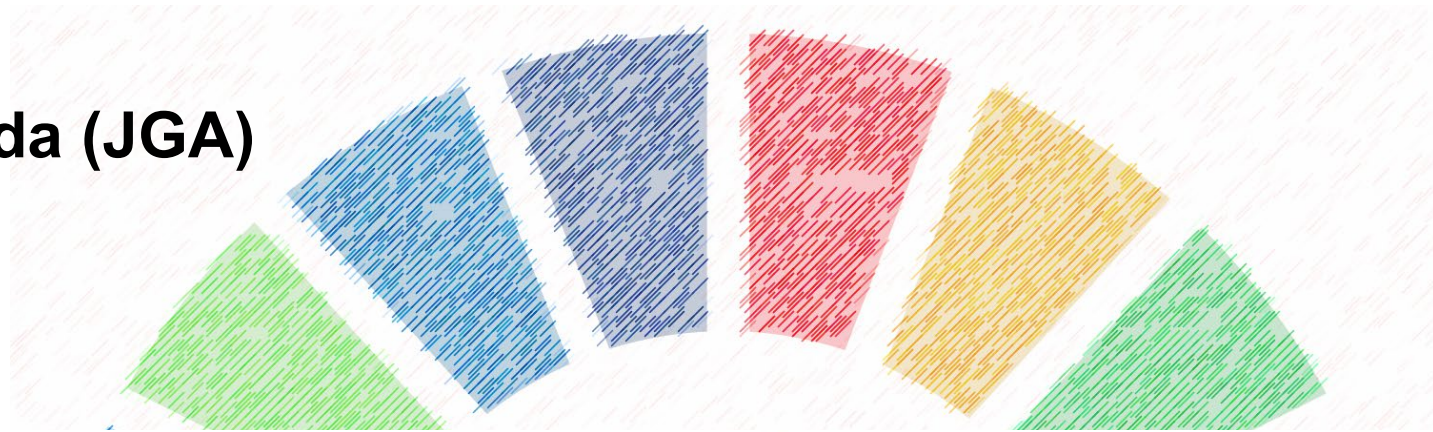
Polycrises and what we should do

[Polycrisis]

- Threats posed by physical systems (e.g., climate change)
- Threats posed by a biological systems (e.g., COVID-19)
- Threats from social systems (e.g., war, conflicts)

[What we should do]

- Continued efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Realizing human security



Peace



We will realize a peaceful and just society that shares universal values such as freedom, democracy, respect for fundamental human rights, and the rule of law, and that ensures stability and security. We will promote gender equality and utilize digital technology to solve problems.

- 11** Peacebuilding **12** Governance
- 13** Public Finance and Financial System
- 14** Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
- 15** Digital for Development

Planet



We will respond to global issues such as climate change and environmental problems, which the international community must address together, and realize sustainable and resilient societies in developing countries where there are concerns about serious impacts.

- 16** Climate change **17** Natural Conservation
- 18** Environmental Management
- 19** Sustainable Water Resources and Water Supply
- 20** Disaster Risk Reduction through Pre-disaster Investment and Build Back Better

Prosperity



We support the development of high quality infrastructure, stable energy supply, development of industries, and improvement of farmers' livelihoods, which are the foundation and driving force of economic growth in developing countries. We assist to realize sustainable, strong, and prosperous societies.

- 1** Urban and Regional Development **2** Transportation
- 3** Energy and mining **4** Private Sector Development
- 5** Agriculture and rural development (Sustainable Food Systems)

People



We support stable healthcare services, infectious disease control, improved nutrition, and quality education for all people. We will achieve a society where children, people with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups are included and no one is left behind.

- 6** Health **7** Improving Nutrition
- 8** Education **9** Social Security / Disability and Development
- 10** Sport and Development



Educational Challenges faced by developing countries

258.4 million people

This is the number of children or students who were out of school in the world as of 2018. More specifically, 59.1 million children were not enrolled in elementary school, 61.5 million students in lower secondary education, and 137.8 million students in upper secondary education. Sub-Saharan Africa accounted for 31.2% of the total.

617 million people

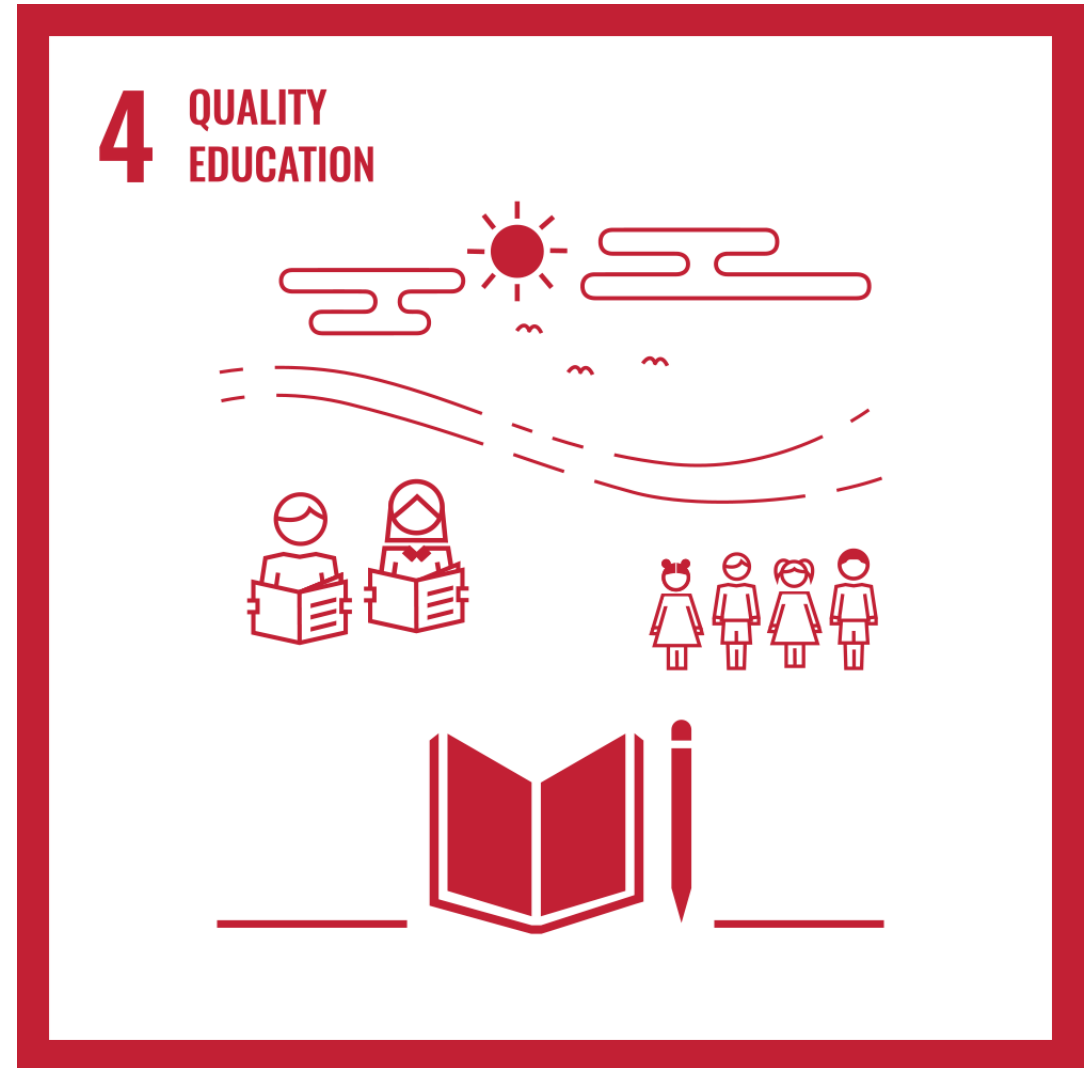
This is the number of children in low- and middle-income countries who could not understand concise sentences by the age of 10 as of 2022. These children accounted for about 70% of the total, up from 57% before the pandemic. Lack of literacy has posed the potential risk of children losing lifetime income worth 21 trillion dollars in today's value.

97 billion dollars per year

This is an estimated annual shortfall in financial resources required to meet SDG Goal 4 for preschool, primary and secondary education in low- and middle-income countries (for the 2023-2030 period).

240:1

This is the ratio of children to regular teachers in elementary education in Madagascar (2021). The world average is 27:1, compared to 57:1 in sub-Saharan Africa. Madagascar is one of the countries facing a severe shortage of teachers. There is an estimated shortfall of 4.1 million teachers in sub-Saharan Africa.



Quality education where each individual shines with vitality

We provide quality education and build a social infrastructure where everyone can live with dignity.

There are more than 610 million children and youth in school who have not reached the minimum proficiency level in literacy and numeracy. In addition, there is a significant gap among the countries in higher education. We will address this agenda so that all people can have access to learning opportunities and develop their abilities.



Objective: Enable the provision of quality education to build the foundation of a society where all people can fully develop their talents and abilities and live with dignity, and to promote the development of a sustainable society and economy.

Indicators

Assistance for education quality improvement has benefited 20 million children. Cooperation with external institutions has benefited more than 40 million children.

Arithmetic (mathematics) performance has improved in representative projects in a cluster for learning improvement through textbook and teaching material development and another cluster for education improvement through community collaboration.

The development of educational support approaches to improve schooling and learning conditions for girls and vulnerable children has benefited three million children.

The leading university enhancement cluster programs have successfully trained and produced 300,000 highly skilled people at the universities involved.

[For more information → visit JICA's website about education and projects](#)



JICA Global Agenda: Education

JICA has been working to resolve issues with **four approaches (clusters)** through collaboration with different partners, drawing on Japan's development experiences, JICA's project experiences and university and private-sector insights.



SDGs logo from globalgoals.org/resources/

APPROACHES

Four approaches to solve problems

Approach 1

Improving learning through the development of textbooks and learning materials



Based on the recognition that many children in developing countries are on the verge of a "learning crisis" who have not achieved minimum proficiency level in literacy and numeracy, we will develop support according to each individual's level of mastery to improve learning. Therefore, we must train teachers to enhance their professional skills and develop and disseminate high-quality teaching materials in line with a systematic curriculum. In this way, the development of quality learning materials and the professional development of teachers will promote children's active and continuous learning. In addition, we will actively promote the digitization of textbooks, which is expected to progress in the future based on the experience of the pandemic.

Approach 2

Community-wide collaboration



To comprehensively improve the learning environment for children, it is important that parents and the community understand the value of education and trust the school. The collaboration between communities and schools, known as "Schools for All," began in Niger in 2003 and has been developed in French-speaking parts of Africa. It is based on the establishment of a school management committee through democratic elections and is expanded to improving learning, establishing kindergartens, providing school lunches, and promoting school attendance. JICA is working to create a model and build a national network to further expand "School for All" in cooperation with other partners.

Approach 3

Improving education for leaving no one behind



While primary school enrolment is nearly 90 percent globally, the most vulnerable 10 percent of the school-age population remains left behind. In Pakistan, in particular, the majority of the more than 23 million out-of-school children are girls. Therefore, we will strive to provide learning opportunities for girls and other out-of-school children through both public education and non-formal education (NFE). In countries where there is a lack of systems to accommodate children with disabilities, we will also provide technology for the construction of facilities and look into inclusive education that enables children to learn according to the degree of their disabilities. Furthermore, we will promote educational support for refugees and host communities that accept refugees.

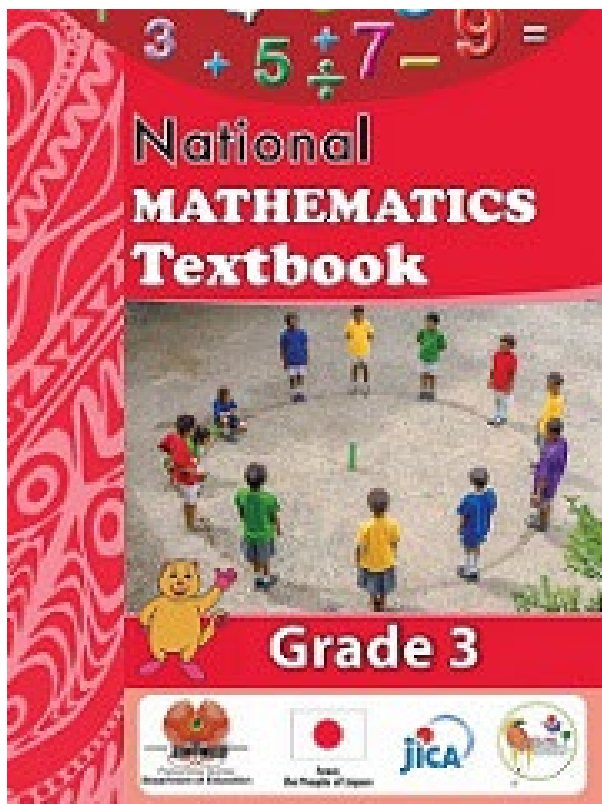
Approach 4

Strengthening leading universities in partner countries



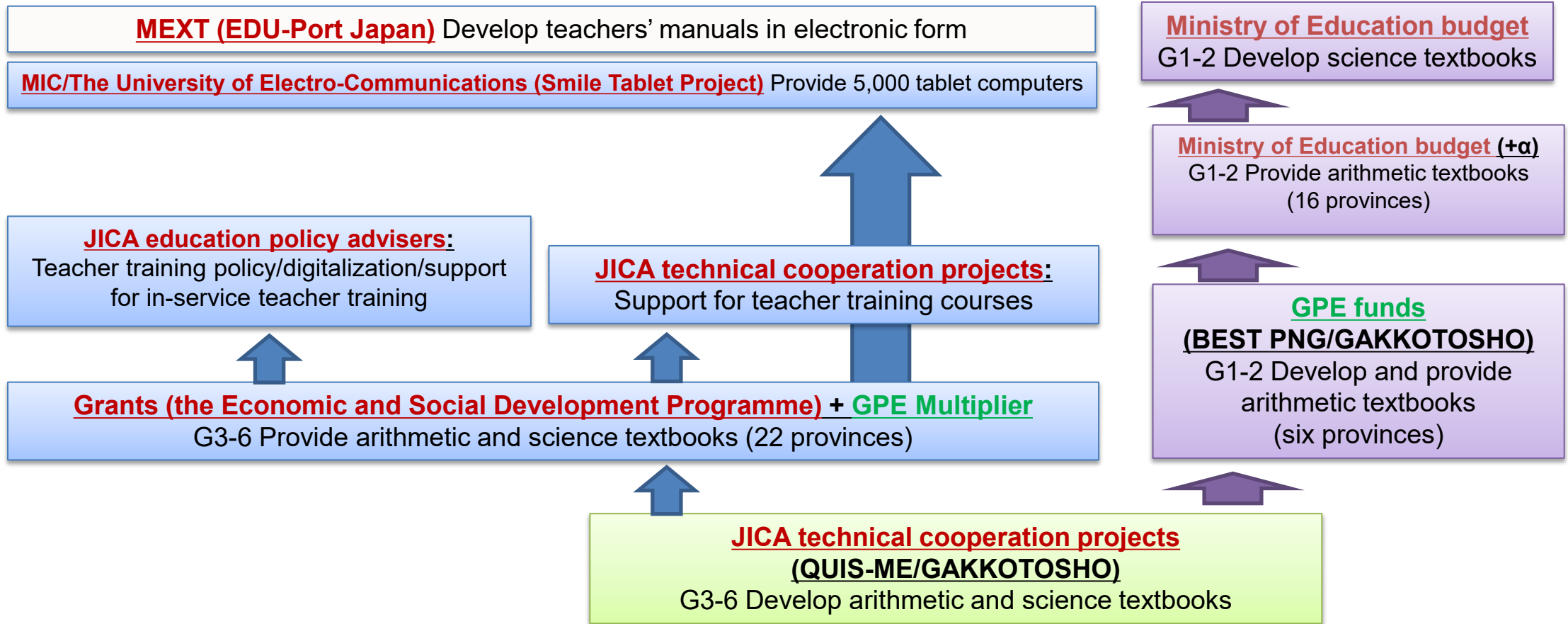
In order to raise the level of academic environment in partner countries efficiently and effectively with limited resources, we focus our efforts on leading universities that lead the country and enhance their educational, research, and administrative capabilities. We also promote "JICA Chairs" to establish courses in Japanese studies. We foster leaders by building a network of universities in partner countries and Japan and promoting exchanges of outstanding students and faculty members. In response to COVID-19, JICA also reinforce support in improving online education environment, providing scholarships to students with financial need, and supporting research activities related to COVID-19.

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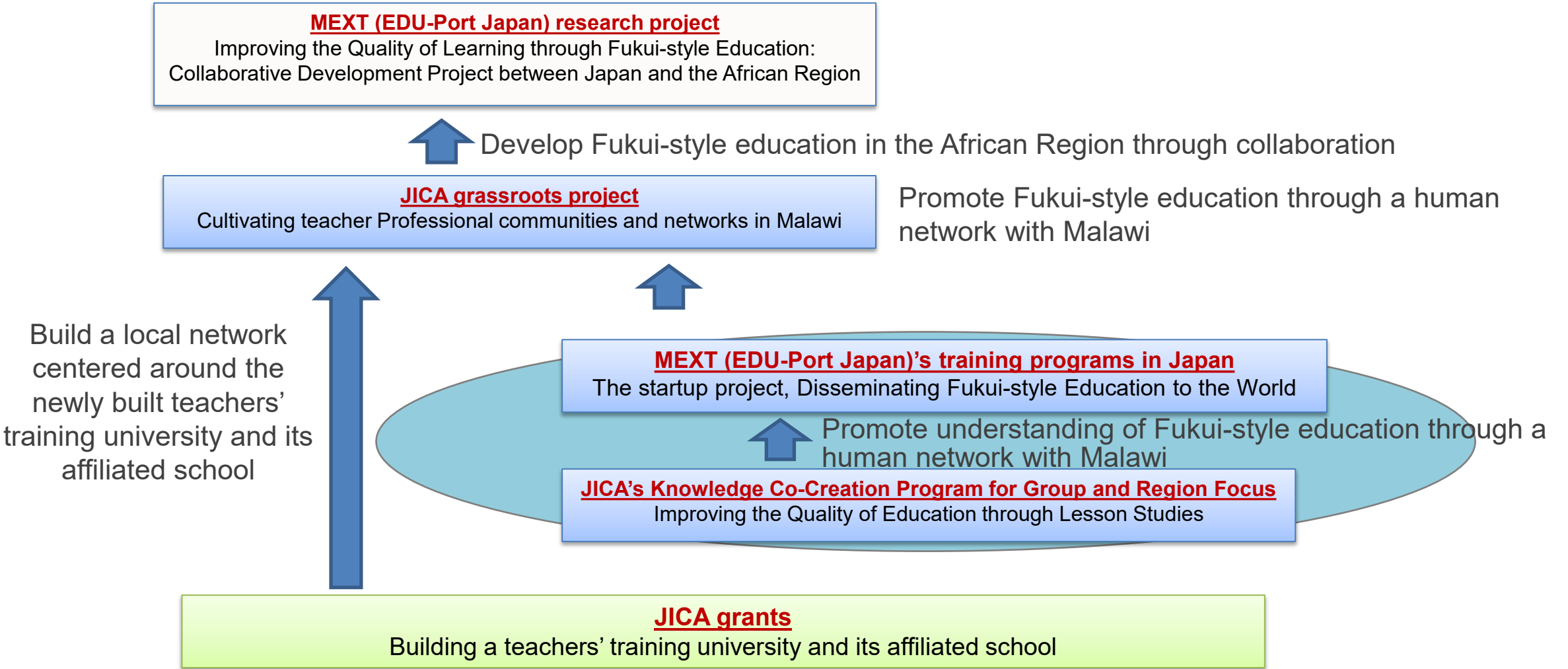


EDU-Port + MIC support +
JICA technical cooperation + MOFA grant aid + the global fund GPE +
Japanese private companies' knowhow + the Papua New Guinean government budget

Partnership project: Malawi



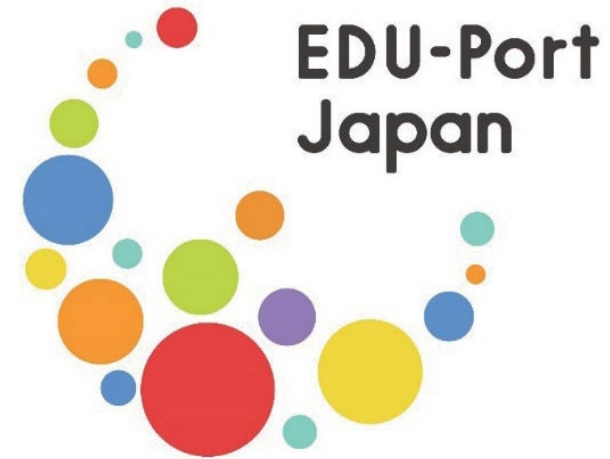
Partnership project: Malawi



EDU-Port + JICA technical cooperation + JICA grassroots projects + grants + University of Fukui's knowhow (Fukui-style education)

Expectations for EDU-Port and collaboration possibilities

- I. Providing solutions based on Japan's education development experiences and educational contents for achieving SDG Goal 4
- II. Providing opportunities for information sharing and networking
- III. Returning the benefits from education cooperation to Japan





Growing interest in and expectations about Japanese education

Examples)

- ✓ The history of modernization of education system after the Meiji era (the late 19th century)
- ✓ High levels of national and academic results without disparity nationwide (OECD PISA)
- ✓ Whole person education, Tokkatsu
- ✓ KOSEN (technical college)
- ✓ STI (Science, Technology and Innovation)/STEM

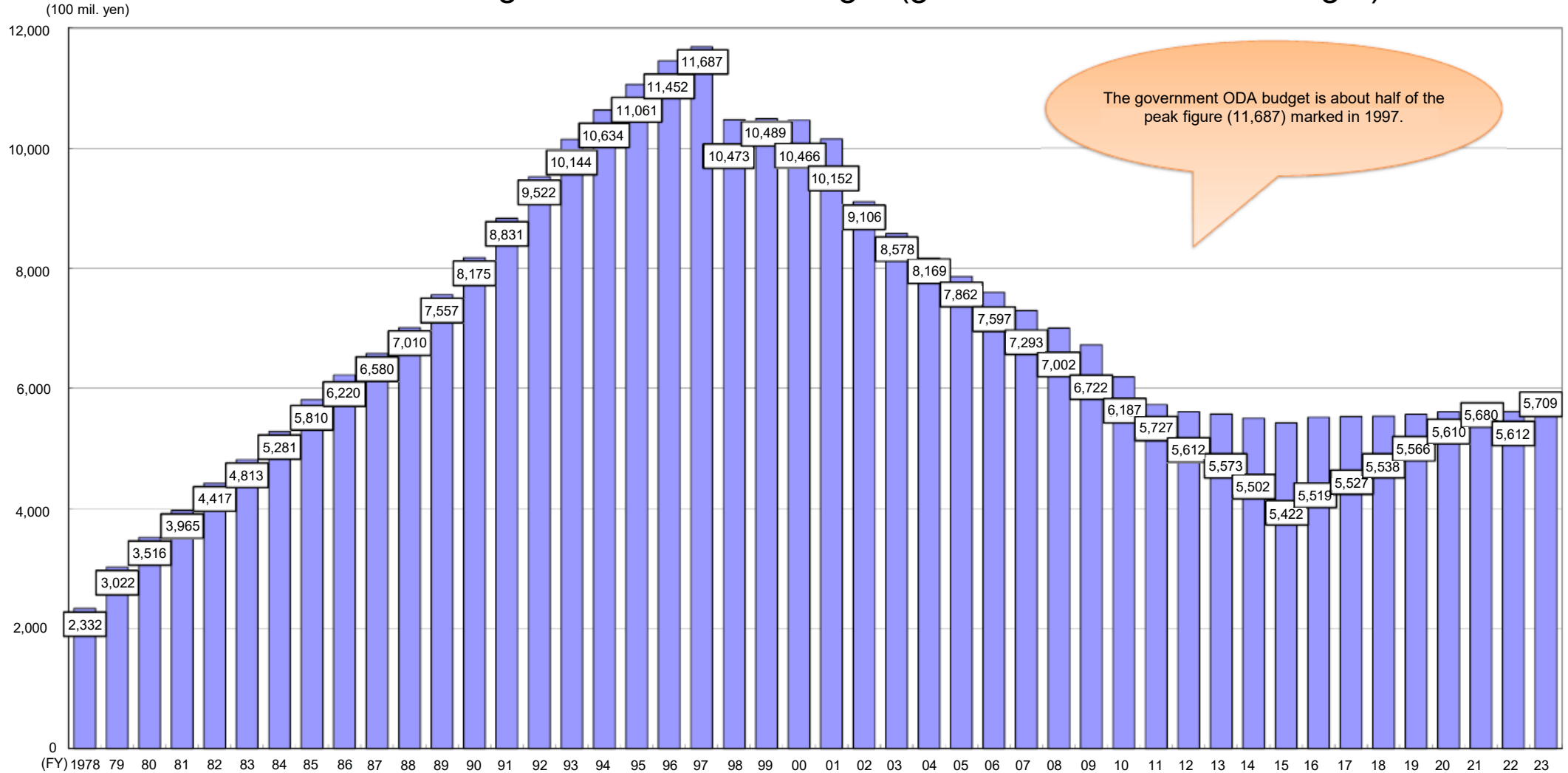


I. Providing solutions based on Japan's education development experiences and educational contents for achieving **SDG Goal 4**

- ✓ History, policy, practices and lessons learnt
- ✓ Guidance and pedagogy for cognitive and non-cognitive skills
- ✓ Tools and contents

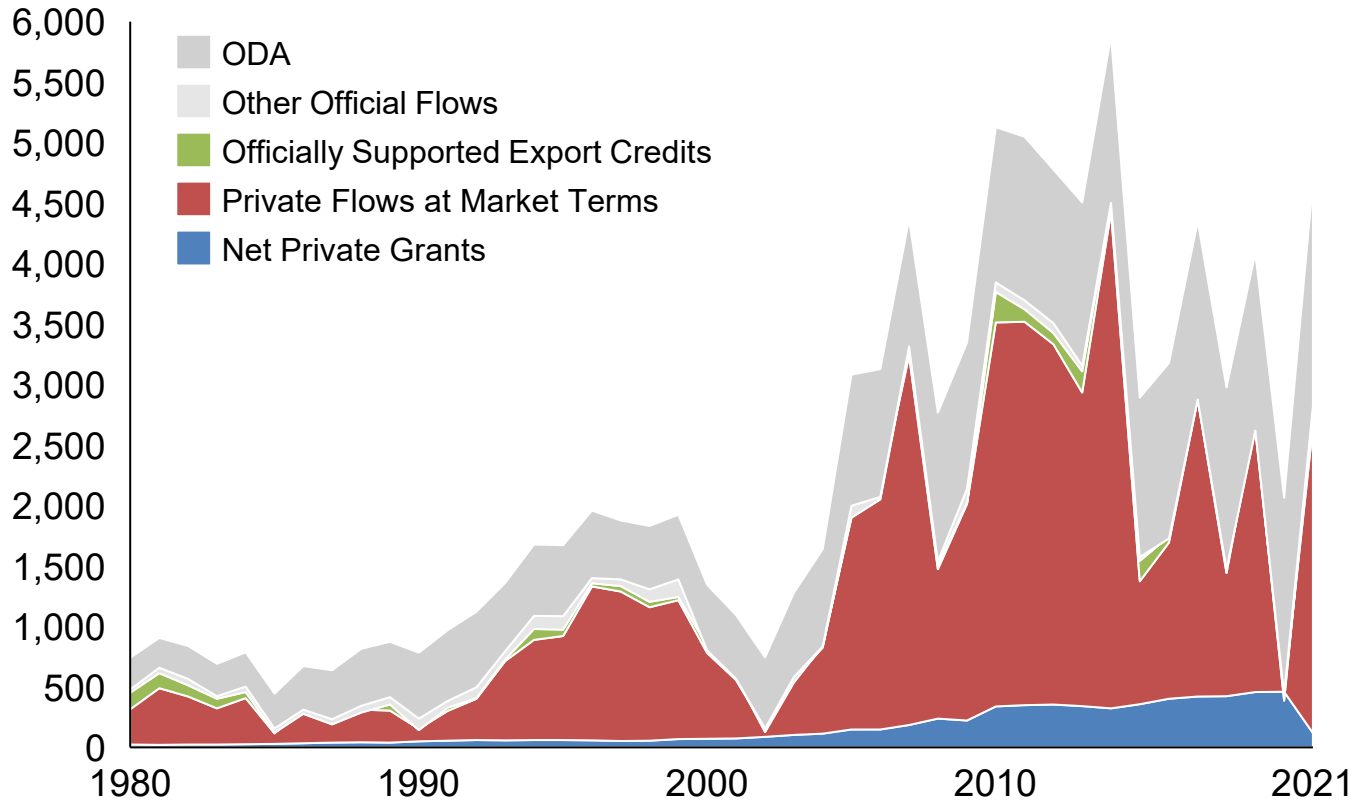
Japan's ODA reserves on the decline

Trends in the government ODA budget (general account initial budget)



More private funds for developing countries with increased impact investing¹

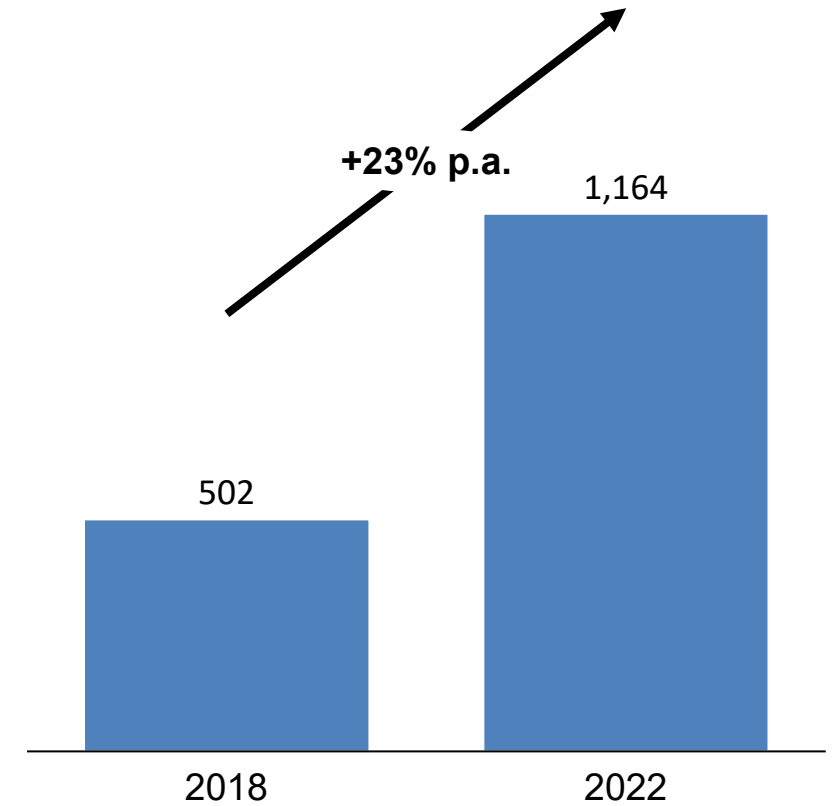
Trends in the flow of funds to developing countries: one billion USD



In the 2000s, private funds took on the leading role in the flow of money to developing countries

1. It is an investment strategy to generate financial returns while creating a positive social or environmental impact.

Trends in the balance of private-sector impact investments: one billion USD



Impact investments on the rise



Our partner countries expects JICA to be a Catalyst for enhanced partnerships



Prepared by JICA's Office for Sustainability Management in 2023

II. Providing opportunities for information sharing and networking

- ✓ Collaboration among different actors
- ✓ Creating a mechanism for companies across Japan to engage in international cooperation
- ✓ Provide opportunities for information sharing and networking among persons involved

Further collaboration with the Education Cooperation Platform, jointly organized by JICA, civil society, academia, consultants and private companies



Collaboration with the Education Cooperation Platform

FY2023: Side event organized by EDU-Port Japan, "All Japan Collaboration Forum: A Space for Connecting Industry, Government, Academia and Citizens," was held during Educational Cooperation Week.



Participation Fee: Free
(Registration is Required)

The 3rd International Education Cooperation Forum

Educational cooperation to open up the future

8th (Fri) of September, 2023

Online

- Organizer
- Bureau of International Education Cooperation Forum
 - Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
 - Consulting companies for international cooperation
 - Japan NGO Network for Education (JNNE)

Outline of the Event

- ✓ Language: English
- ✓ Audience: Practitioners of education cooperation, people who want to be involved in education cooperation (including university students who are interested in working as practitioners)

✉ ML_kkw@jica.go.jp



Registration is available here



G7 EDUCATION MINISTERS' MEETING IN TOYAMA AND KANAZAWA



G7 富山・金沢教育大臣会合 富山・金沢教育大臣会合協働事業

III. Returning the benefits from education cooperation to Japan.

- ✓ Learnings from the encounter to the difference
- ✓ Benefiting Japan through shared processes and experiences of international cooperation
- ✓ Learnings from other countries about policies or measures



Expectations for EDU-Port and collaboration possibilities

At the end of the day.....

- ✓ **Achieve SDG Goal 4 through education cooperation based on collaboration x co-creation**
- ✓ High recognition for education in Japan and the success of Japanese business
- ✓ Globalize education in Japan



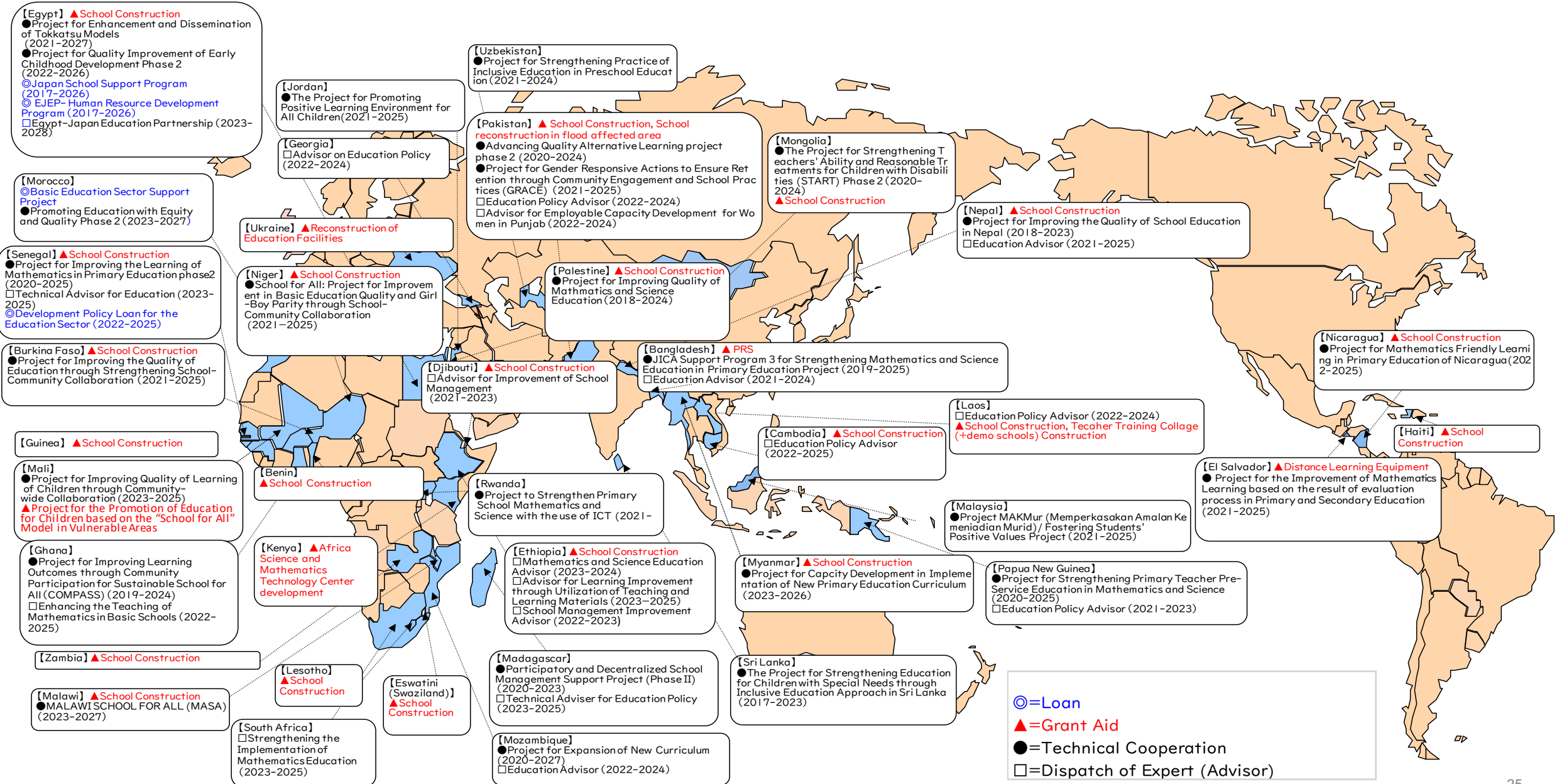


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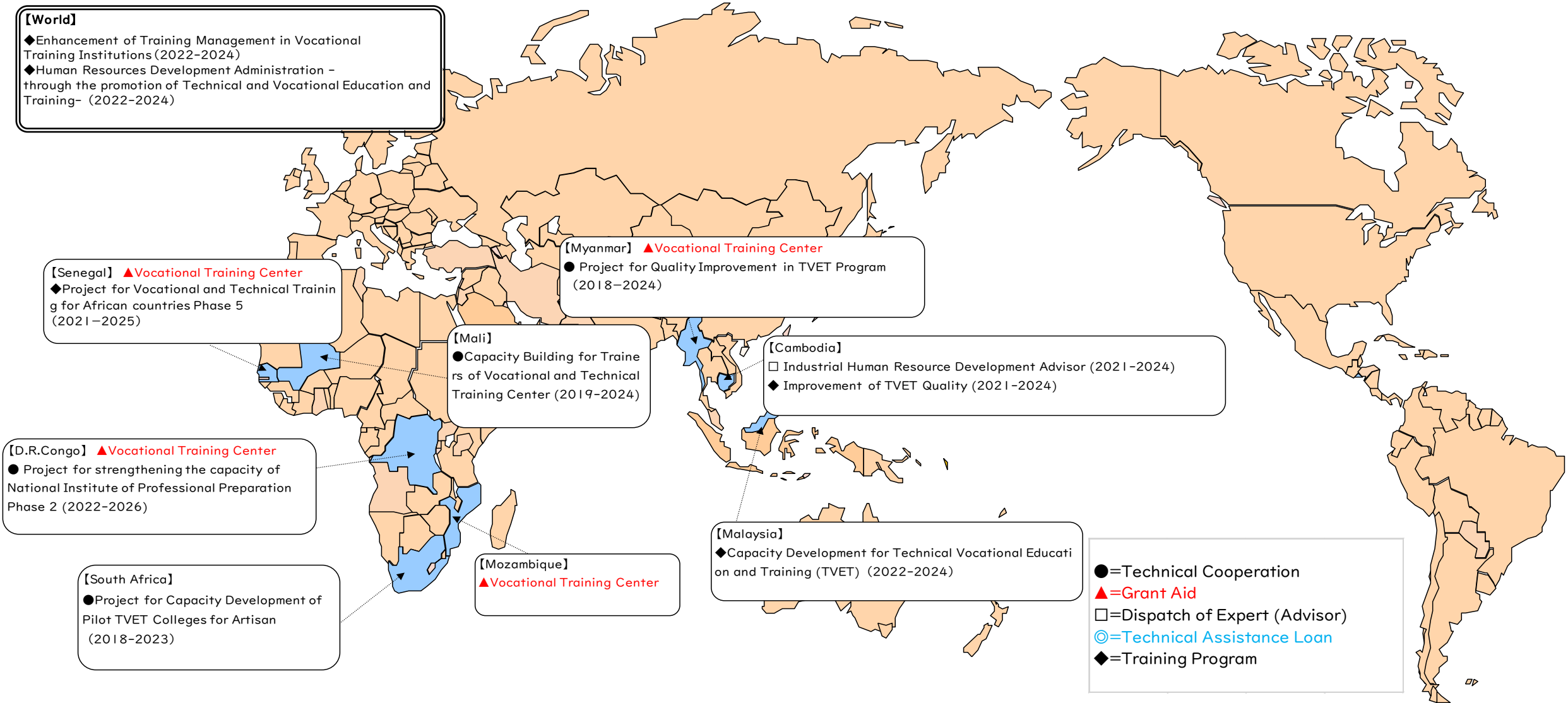
Reference: JICA's Support in Basic Education Sector

As of Jan 2024



Reference: JICA's Support in Technical and Vocational Education and Training Sector

As of Jan 2024



Reference: JICA's Support in Higher Education Sector (except for SATREPS)

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