

Japan's ODA: Rolling Plan for the Republic of South Africa

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Basic Policy (Overall Goal)	Inclusive and sustainable economic growth and the reduction of economic and social disparities															
Priority Area 1 (Intermediate Goal)	Realisation of inclusive and sustainable economic growth															
Development Issue 1-1 (Specific Goal) Support for Industrial and Highly Skilled Human Resource Development	[Current Situation and Challenges] In South Africa, there is a shortage of skilled workers among the poor black population, which accounts for around 80% of the population and whose opportunities for education and skills acquisition were constrained under apartheid. Unemployment among young people is also extremely high. The Government of South Africa's Medium-Term Strategic Framework 2024–2029 identifies as priority challenges the promotion of inclusive growth and employment, poverty reduction and responses to rising living costs, as well as the building of a capable, ethical, and developmental state.						[Approach to Addressing the Development Issue] To develop human resources that underpin stable medium- to long-term growth, support will be provided to improve vocational training and basic education. Taking account of South Africa's status as a upper-middle-income country, mutual cooperation in science and technology will also be expanded and human resources in these fields developed.									
	Cooperation Programme	Project Title					Scheme	Implementation Period						Amount of Assistance (¥100 million)	SDGs	Remarks
							2024 Before FY	2025 Fiscal Year	2026 Fiscal Year	2027 Fiscal Year	2028 Fiscal Year	2029 Fiscal Year				
	Industrial Human Resource Development Programme	Strengthening Mathematics Teaching Practice					Individual Expert								4,8,10	
		Improving Children's Learning					Thematic Training, etc.								4,8,10	
		Strengthening Vocational Training Capacity					Individual Expert								1,8,10	
		Quality and Productivity Improvement (Kaizen) Project					chnical Cooperation Pro							5.70	1,8,9,10,17	
		Startup Ecosystem Strengthening Project					Development Planning								1,8,9,10,17	
		African Youth Industrial Skills Development Initiative (ABE Initiative): 'Master's Programmes and Internships'					Thematic Training, etc.								4,8,9,17	
		SDGs Global Leaders (FY 2021)					Thematic Training, etc.								17	
		JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in the field of TVET technical teacher training (skills development)					JOCV								4,8,9,17	
		JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in the field of mathematics and science education support					JOCV								4,8,10	
	Advanced Human Resource Development Programme	Expert at the University of Stellenbosch Japan Centre					Individual Expert								4	
		Strengthening the Japan–South Africa Academic Network					Individual Expert								4	
		Development of a Carbon Recycling System Utilising Carbonation and Chlorination Towards a Decarbonised Society (SATREPS)					Science and Technology							3.00	7,8,9,11,12,13	
Research and Development of a New Ammonia Synthesis System Using Renewable Energy Hydrogen (SATREPS)					Science and Technology							3.00	7,8,9,11,12,13			
JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in the field of developing highly skilled human resources through mutual cooperation					JOCV								4,8,9,11			

Priority Area 2 (Intermediate Goal)	Addressing Economic and Social Disparities														
Development Issue 2-1 (Specific Goal) Support for strengthening economic and social foundations	[Current Situation and Challenges] In South Africa, there is a need to achieve rapid, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth; promote industrialisation; create jobs; develop infrastructure; and ensure the sustainable use of national and natural resources. Furthermore, in order to accelerate the development of high-quality infrastructure—particularly in the energy, electricity, water, and transport sectors—to support sustainable economic growth, it is important to utilise not only public funds but also private capital. Furthermore, over the past decade, South Africa has faced increasingly serious challenges regarding the deterioration of public safety and the weakening of social foundations, caused by corruption, the involvement of criminal networks in state institutions, and the loss of knowledge and skills. In particular, providing support to socially vulnerable groups—such as the poor in rural areas, people with disabilities, and women—is an urgent priority.					[Policy on Addressing Development Challenges] Japan will actively provide support for budget allocation and project implementation by the government and public bodies, as well as for the development of private-sector infrastructure projects; whilst also considering the future development of yen loan projects, Japan will promote infrastructure development aimed at safe water supply and regional electrification including renewable energy. Japan will promote the economic and social participation of socially vulnerable groups, such as the poor and people with disabilities, through initiatives relating to disability and development, improvements to social security systems, and the training of personnel involved in community development.									
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						2024 Before FY	2025 Fiscal Year	2026 Fiscal Year	2027 Fiscal Year	2028 Fiscal Year	2029 Fiscal Year				
	Not specified	Non-Revenue Water Management Capacity Improvement Project				Technical Cooperation Project								6,9,11	
		Advisor on Capacity Building in Public Financial Management for Sustainable Development in South Africa				Individual Expert								6,9,11	
		Project to Strengthen Health Financial Management in Local Authorities				Technical Cooperation Project								3,11	
	Social Disparity Reduction Programme	Smallholder Horticultural Farmer Organisation Strengthening Adviser				Individual Expert								2,8	
		Promoting Market-Oriented Agriculture				Country-Focused Training								2,8,12	
		Strengthening Small-Scale Horticultural Farmers' Organisations				Individual Expert								2,8	
		Project to Expand Respite Care Services for Children with Disabilities and Their Families				Technical Cooperation Project							2.20	10	
		Expansion and Sustainable Development of Independent Living Centres for Persons with Disabilities				Grassroots Technical Cooperation								10	
		JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in the field of support for smallholder farmers				JOCV								2,8	
		Project to Construct a Chemistry Laboratory at Tlhaore High School, Zeelast, North West Province				Project for Grassroots Human Resource Development							0.10	4, 8, 10	
		Project to Refurbish a Mobile Clinic Vehicle for SANCA East Gauteng, Gauteng Province				Project for Grassroots Human Resource Development							0.10	3, 10	
Project to Refurbish a Mobile Clinic Vehicle for the Elanzeni District, Mpumalanga Province				Project for Grassroots Human Resource Development							0.10	3, 10			
JICA Overseas Cooperation Volunteers in the field of support for young people and women in impoverished areas and the reduction of social inequality				JOCV								1,5,10			

Priority Area 3 (Intermediate Goal)	Promoting Development in Sub-Saharan Africa											
Development Issue 3-1 Support for Common Regional Challenges	[Current Situation and Challenges] In collaboration with South Africa—the economic hub of Southern Africa pursuing South-South cooperation with other African countries—Japan will promote development in the Sub-Saharan African region (including improvements to logistics). Specifically, while sharing Japan's experience in Asia, there will be collaboration with South African development finance institutions, SADC, AUDA-NEPAD and others to provide support that contributes, in particular, to the development of the Southern African region.				[Policy for Addressing Development Challenges] By utilising the country's large potential and engaging in triangular cooperation, the provided support will facilitate more multifaceted and effective development in Sub-Saharan Africa, while promoting the country's transition to becoming a donor nation. Furthermore, Japan will support development in the region by collaborating with organisations such as SADC (the Southern African Development Community), DBSA (the Development Bank of Southern Africa) and AUDA-NEPAD (African Union Development Agency), while promoting the sharing of knowledge and the establishment of networks among Sub-Saharan African countries.							
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				2024 Before FY	2025 Fiscal Year	2026 Fiscal Year	2027 Fiscal Year	2028 Fiscal Year	2029 Fiscal Year			
	Regional Development Promotion Programme	Project to Strengthen Capacity for the Smooth Operation and Management of the OSBP in the North-South Corridor	Technical Cooperation Project							6.27	9,17	
	Not specified	Green Finance Promotion Adviser	Individual Expert								11,13	
		Green Finance Promotion Project	Private Sector Investment Finance							Not specified	11,13	
		Regional Integration Development Adviser	Individual Expert								11	

Project / Programme