

Japan's Efforts toward the Post-COVID-19 Era

Environment and Energy, SDGs Business

Niger and Senegal

ABE Initiative Participants Become a "Bridge" for Business with West Africa

In Niger, an ABE Initiative participant started his own business after returning to his home country. As a local partner of Tsujiplastics Co., Ltd. (Shiga Prefecture), where he had undertaken his internship, he started an electricity charging service using solar chargers developed by the company. In Senegal, another ex-participant started a business as a local partner of the company after returning home as well. He conducts a survey on an irrigation system that utilizes a solar power system.



(Photo: Tsujiplastics Co., Ltd./JICA)

Health and Medical Care

Gabon

Project for Establishment of Laboratory Surveillance System for Viral Diseases of Public Health Concern

Collaborative research was conducted by Gabon and Japan for the control of known and unidentified infectious diseases. The research center of Gabon has greatly contributed to the frontlines of COVID-19 measures, including administering approximately 5,000 PCR tests per month and identifying variants at an early stage.



Health and Medical Care

ASEAN

ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (Japan-ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF))

Japan provides continuous support to develop the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases into an institution that protects people from the threat of infectious diseases as a regional hub for public health emergencies and emerging diseases. The ASEAN member states have expressed great appreciation and expectations for the Centre and Japan's support.



(Photo: Cabinet Public Affairs Office of the Government of Japan)

Digital Transformation (DX), Health and Medical Care

Bhutan

Improvement of Maternal and Child Health through the Introduction of Mobile Cardiotocography Equipment Made in Japan

In collaboration with JICA and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 55 Mobile Cardiotocography devices from Melody International Ltd., Japan, (Kagawa Prefecture) were supplied to medical institutions throughout Bhutan. This support has improved access to medical services for pregnant women in rural areas and is highly valued as telemedicine equipment in Bhutan.



Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP), ICT

Palau

Fiber Optic Submarine Cable Project (Co-finance of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC))

Under the Trilateral Partnership for Infrastructure Investment in the Indo-Pacific² among Japan, the United States, and Australia, the project strengthens Palau's telecommunication infrastructure through financing for the purchase of a fiber optic cable and improves the investment environment. Japan provides co-financing through a public-private partnership as an all-Japan initiative.



Digital Transformation (DX), Quality Education, and STEM

Cambodia

Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector for Improving STEM⁴ Ability in Primary Education by Utilizing "Think!Think!" App

While schools were closed due to COVID-19, free online classes using an app by WonderLab Inc. (Tokyo) were streamed on the Facebook and YouTube accounts of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia as well as its state-run channel. This received a great response from children, and has become popular educational material that everyone knows in the country.



(Photo: WonderLab Inc./JICA)

Health and Medical Care

Viet Nam

The Project for Improvement of Hospital Management Competency

As a result of Japan's cooperation over many years, Cho Ray Hospital has played a central role, including accepting the first patient infected with COVID-19 in Viet Nam. Japan continues to support Viet Nam to improve its medical system in the medium to long-term.



(Photo: JICA)

Environment and Energy

Mexico

Co-finance to Photovoltaic Power Generation Projects (Private Sector Investment Finance)

As JICA's first loan project under the Green Loan Principles,³ this project supports photovoltaic power generation projects in Mexico, contributing to decarbonization and mitigation of climate change impacts.



(Photo: Infraestructura Energética Nova, S.A.B.de C.V.)

Human Resources Development, Triangular Cooperation

Angola and Brazil

Toyota de Angola Academy

Brazilian experts from Brazil's National Service for Industrial Training (SENAI), where JICA has provided technical cooperation for more than half a century, were dispatched to Angola as part of triangular cooperation in Portuguese-speaking countries. This is a new form of cooperation conducted in collaboration with the Toyota de Angola Academy, which was established by Toyota de Angola for the purpose of training instructors in automobile maintenance.



(Photo: JICA)

*1 See the glossary on page 84.

*2 A memorandum of understanding signed in 2018 between JBIC, the U.S. Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC; currently the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)), the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), and Australia's Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (currently Export Finance Australia (EFA)).

*3 Green Loans are loans that are limited for use in environmentally conscious projects. Against the backdrop of the expansion of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) investments, the Asia Pacific Loan Market Association formulated the Green Loan Principles as standard guidelines for green loans. The latest version was released in February 2021.

*4 An acronym for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.