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Japan

Policy approach

According to Japan's Country Development Cooperation Policy for Bosnia and Herzegovina (revised in July, 2017), the basic policy of Japanese ODA for Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) consists of 2 points: Assistance for Social Stabilization and Economic Development. Japan supports the stability and sustainable economic growth of Bosnia and Herzegovina, mainly in such areas where Japan's high technology and rich knowledge can be utilized and also supports its efforts to join the EU.

According to the Country Development Cooperation Policy for BiH, priority areas are as follows:

(1) Peace Consolidation and Ethnic Reconciliation

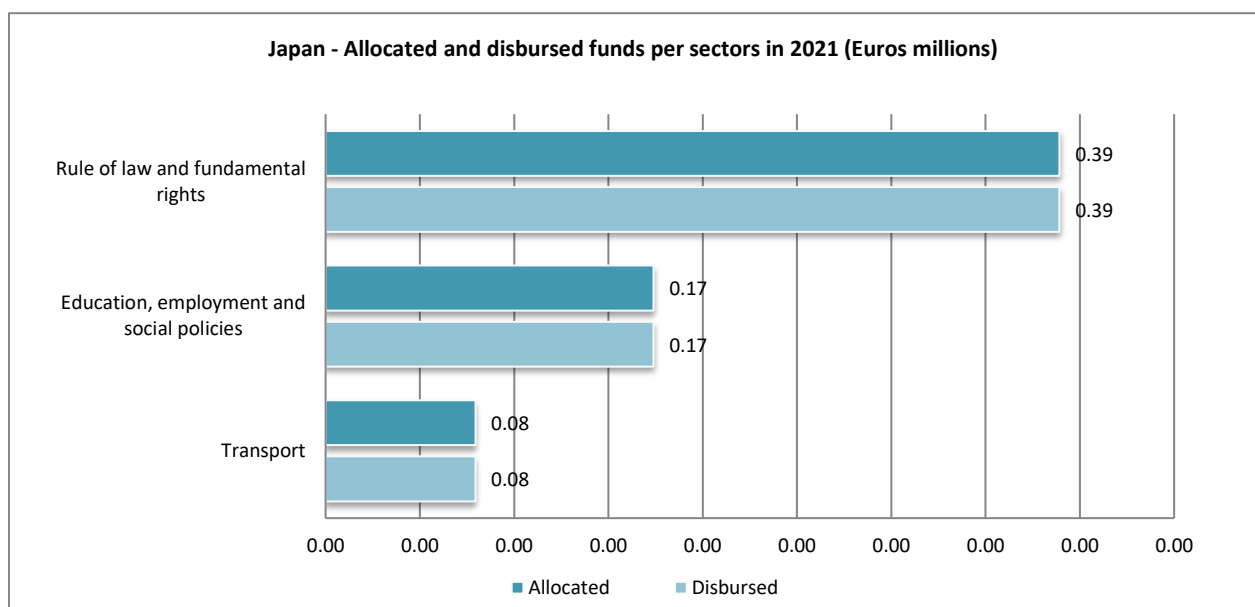
Japan provides support in the fields such as ethnic reconciliation, improvement of health, sanitation and educational services, removal of land mines and unexploded ordnances, in order to contribute to the consolidation of peace.

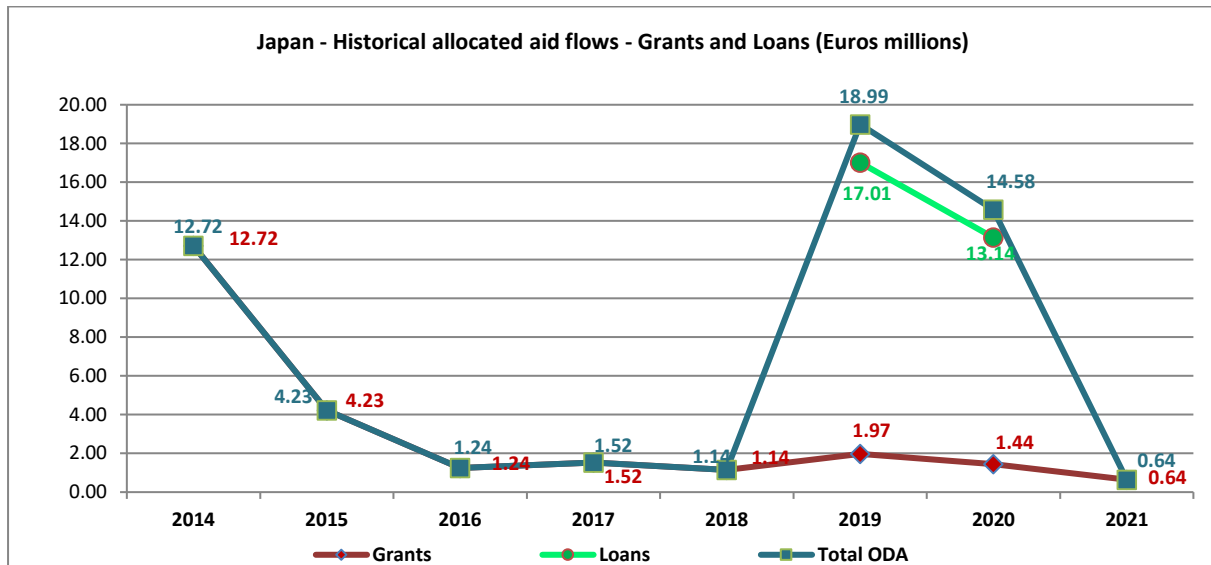
(2) Environmentally Friendly and Sustainable Economic Development

In order to make full use of rich nature of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to make economic growth achieved after the war sustainable, Japan utilizes its excellent technologies and knowledge as much as possible and also supports mainly the fields of environmental conservation, tourism promotion and the development of small and medium enterprises.

Key activities in 2021

The Government of Japan **allocated € 0.64 million and disbursed € 0.64 million in 2021 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Rule of law and fundamental rights, Education, employment and social policies and Transport.





Medium and long-term approach

As medium and long-term approach, Japan supports the following sectors:

Education

From 1997 to 2021, the Government of Japan granted EUR 29,391,972 in total under four types of schemes; General Grant Aid, Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGP), Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects (GACGP) and Technical Cooperation. Under General Grant Aid, GAGP and GACGP projects, altogether 97 primary schools and other institutions have been supported for

constructing, reconstructing and rehabilitating their school buildings, classrooms, sports halls and laboratories, equipping school furniture and providing heating systems.

Health

From 1997 to 2021, the Government of Japan granted EUR 83,069,083 in total under three types of schemes; General Grant Aid, Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGP) and Non-Project Grant Aid. Altogether 170 Hospitals and Health Care Centres have been supported for reconstructing of buildings, providing medical equipment, ambulance vehicles and improving medical services.

Demining

From 1997 to 2021, the Government of Japan granted at least EUR 9,577,122 in total for demining under three types of schemes; General Grant Aid, Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GAGP) and Technical Cooperation. Under these schemes, altogether 26 demining projects have been supported for provision of demining equipment, demining work, raising mine awareness and mine risk education, for 31 recipients, including cantons, municipalities & cities and demining organizations.

Environment

In May 2017, construction of the flue gas desulphurization (FGD) plant started at Ugljevik Thermal Power Plant. This project is funded by Japanese ODA loan (E/N was signed in 2009) amounting up to YEN 12 billion (approx. KM 200.00 m). The construction was completed in October 2020. The FGD is expected to reduce drastically sulphur dioxide that pollute the air and will also contribute to the protection of environment in BiH and improving the health condition of nearby residents.

Consolidation of Peace/Ethnic Reconciliation

From November 2016 to October 2020, JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) conducted a technical cooperation project in Mostar for Confidence building through physical education. This project consisted of two components: to support Agency for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education of BiH (APOSO) with formulating the common core curriculum for physical education, and to support sports association plan and activities for the promotion of the interaction of different ethnic groups.

Development of the Private Sector

From September 2017 to August 2020, JICA started a technical cooperation project “The Project on Establishment and Promotion of Mentoring Service for Small and Medium Enterprises in the Western Balkans (Phase 2)” to improve mentor services of SME assistance organizations in BiH, Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia. JICA will continue to support SMEs in BiH through enhancement of Mentoring System.

JICA also has been offering and implementing training courses in Japan for BiH officials.

Disaster Risk Reduction/Disaster Management

JICA has been offering and implementing training courses in Japan for BiH officials. In 2016, JICA started “Disaster Management and Response Training” for 4 years term. This program aimed at enhancing the capacity on disaster risk management focusing on activities for preparedness and response stages in the disaster risk reduction management cycle based on lessons and learnings to be obtained in Japan.

Development partners coordination efforts

Japan participates in work at the meetings of the following groups:

- Informal group for coordination of development partners
- Development partners meeting of the Mine Action Board (UNDP and BiH Ministry of Civil Affairs)
- Group for coordination of development partners in Education
- Group for coordination of development partners in Health
- UN Program - Disaster Risk Reduction Group



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