

# Overview of JICA's Activities in Tajikistan



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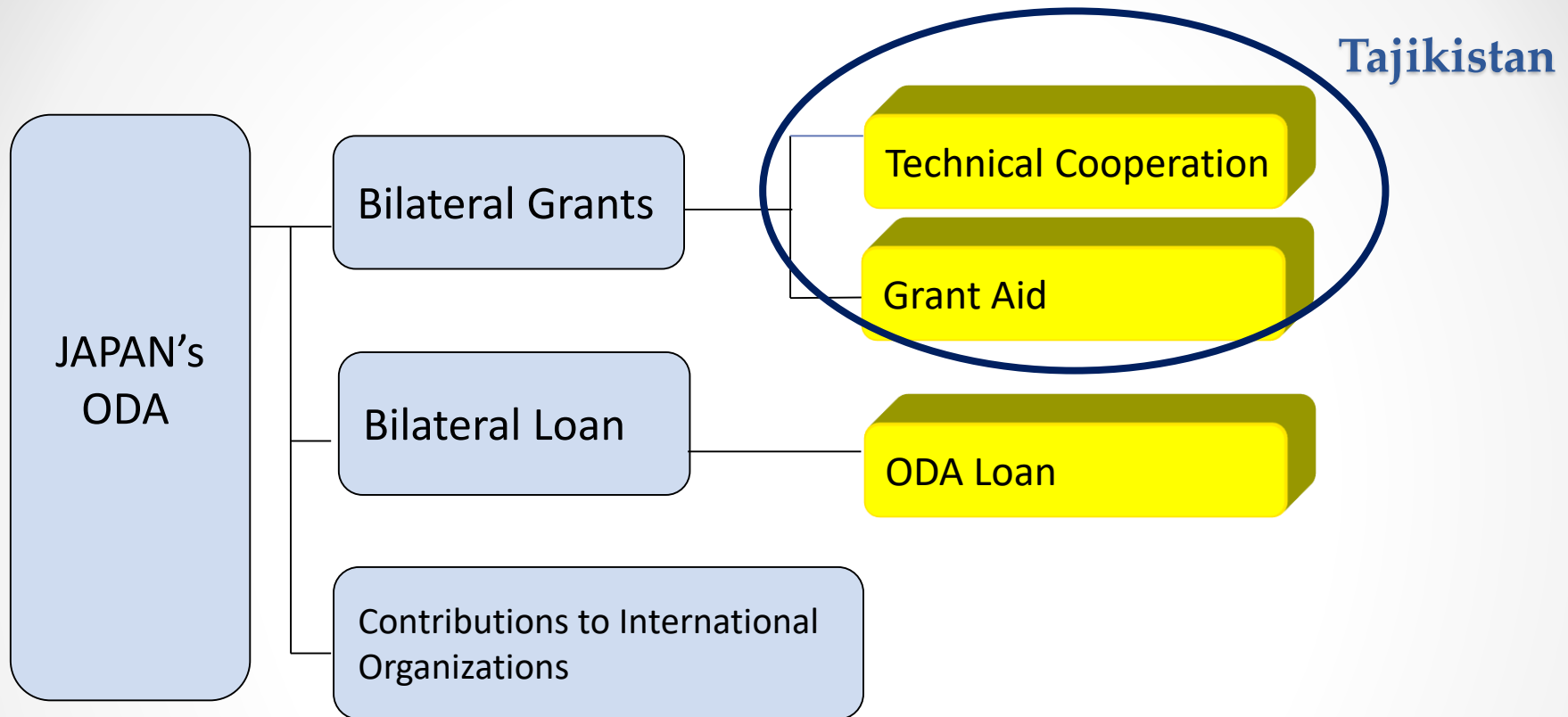
# About JICA

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

JICA – one of the largest bilateral development organizations in the world with a network of 96 overseas offices and projects in around 150 countries.

It is chartered with assisting economic and social growth in developing countries, and the promotion of international cooperation.

# Aid Modalities



**Technical Cooperation** – involves the dispatch of experts, provision of necessary equipment and training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other country.

**Grant Aid** – is the provision of fund to developing countries which have low income levels without the obligation of repayment.

**ODA Loans** – support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term fund. ● 3

# JICA's Activities in Tajikistan

- **JICA began its technical cooperation with Tajikistan** in 1993 by inviting Tajik officials to Japan to gain knowledge and experience on governance and macroeconomics development. As of March 2022, 2,467 Tajik citizens have participated in JICA's training courses.
- **JICA Tajikistan Office was established in 2006** and since then various Grant Aid and Technical Cooperation projects have been implemented, aiming at improving living standard of Tajik people in sectors such as agriculture and rural development, water supply, health, transport, energy, capacity building as well as SME promotion.
- **In 2017 JICA Tajikistan Office** was given a status of “independent” country Representative.

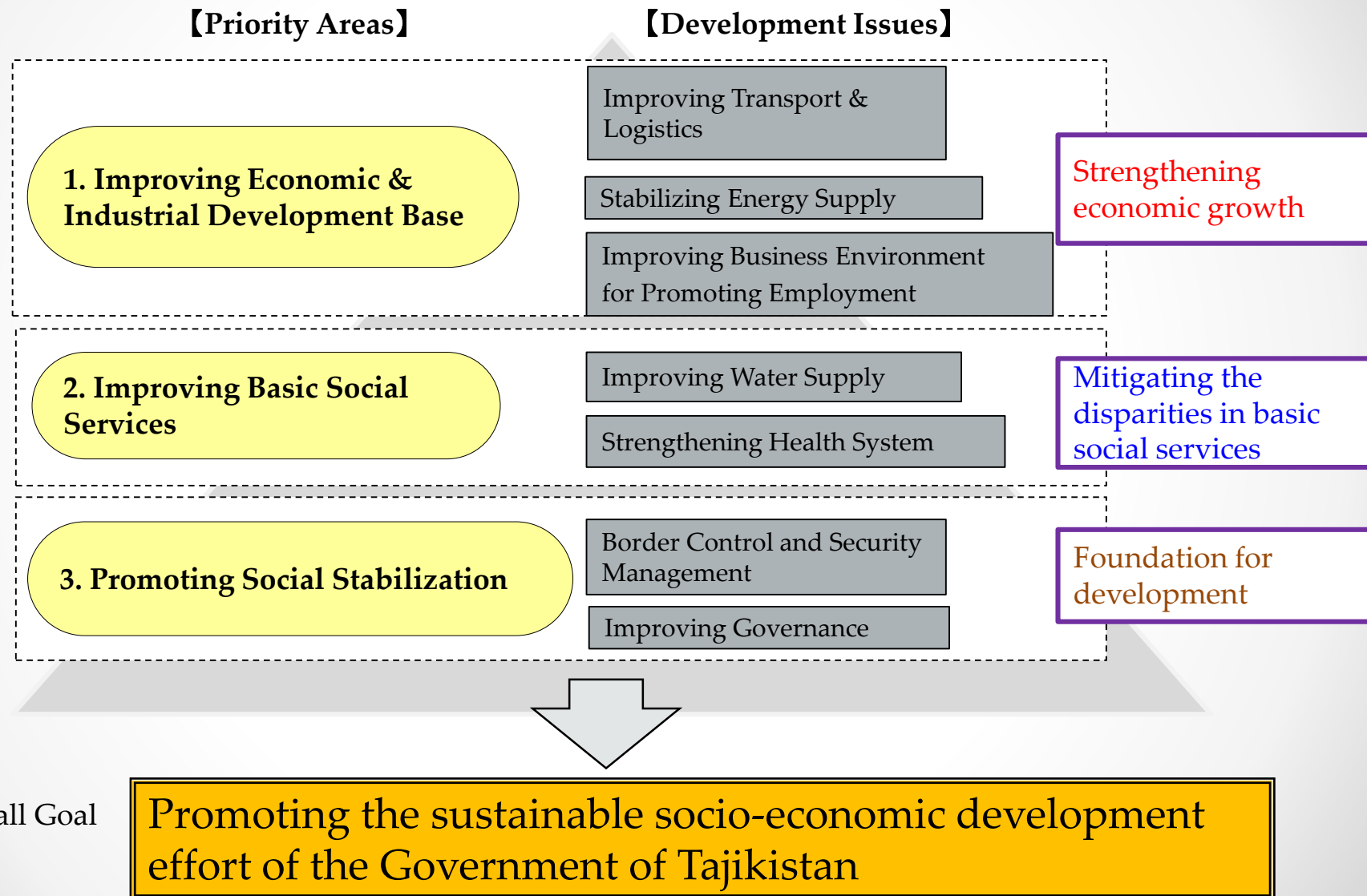
# Challenges of Tajikistan

- Economic infrastructures still need to be developed.
- Outdated infrastructure and lack of proper asset management system.
- Increasing socio-economic inequality in the regions.
- The lack of skilled human resources in governmental institutions.
- The growing threat of terrorism and social instability.

# New Cooperation Initiatives

- Promotion of SMEs and development of agri-business to diversify the industry and create jobs.
- Strengthening social resilience and stability in the fight against terrorism and drugs.
- Strengthening the capacity development of government structures.
- Infrastructure development to enhance connectivity to take advantage of the country's geographic location, as well as establishment of proper asset management systems.
- Continue promoting the elimination of inequalities and the provision of basic social services.

# New Development Strategy (FY2018-2023) for Tajikistan



# 1 . Improving Economic & Industrial Development Base (Transport)

## ➤ The Project for the Rehabilitation of Kizilkala-Bokhtar Section of Dushanbe-Bokhtar Road (Grant Aid)

The Government of Japan has allocated about **3.2 billion JPY** through JICA to support the implementation of the Project. The objective of the Project is to improve the transportation and traffic safety of the important section of **Dushanbe-Bokhtar Road**, thereby contributing to the economic development of Tajikistan.

The Groundbreaking ceremony has been conducted on 29 Oct 2021 with attendance with the President of the Republic of Tajikistan.





# 1 . Improving Economic & Industrial Development Base (Transport)

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## ➤ **SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector for Road Slope Protection Facilities (TOKYO ROPE MFG. CO., LTD.)**

### • **Development Issues concerned in Transport sector**

-To secure the people's mobility on the road in the disasters for daily life and taking the education.

-To strengthen the traffic on the road in the disasters so that the transportation of goods and materials will be enhanced.

### • **Expected Impact in the Country**

-Enhancing the traffic capacity in the disaster along the mountainous road.

-Reducing the traffic disruption (time and occurrence) in the logistics.

-Improving the Quality of Life in the daily activity in the local community where road extends.

# 1 . Improving Economic & Industrial Development Base (Energy)



## ➤ The Project for Improvement of Substations in Dushanbe (Grant Aid)

In the framework of the project, a new substation “**Poytakht**” (110/10kV) has been built in Ismoili Somoni district of Dushanbe, and another substation “**Sanoat**” located in the Sino district (110/10kV) has been rehabilitated. The amount of the project is approx. **2.2 billion JPY**. The project had successfully completed in Dec 2019, and the opening ceremony has been conducted in Mar 2021 with the attendance of the Mayor of Dushanbe city.



# 1 . Improving Economic & Industrial Development Base (Business Promotion)



## ➤ Business Incubation Project (Technical Cooperation)

JICA considers small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) as a driving force for boosting the Tajik economy.

Therefore, in order to contribute to the government's efforts aimed at private sector development, JICA, jointly with the State Committee on Investments and State Property Management has launched "Business Incubation Project". This initiative intends to create job opportunities among youth, women, returned migrants and start-uppers in the regions.



# 1. Improving Economic & Industrial Development Base (Agriculture)



## ➤ Project for Improvement of Locust Management (Phase 2) (Grant Aid)

The Project is funded by the Government of Japan through JICA with amount of approximately **0.8 Billion JPY** (for 6 countries), and to be implemented by FAO in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and State Unitary Enterprise “Locust Control Expedition” in Tajikistan, and with related governmental agencies in other countries.

The Project promotes further regional cooperation by joint surveys in the border areas and other workshops, in addition to the provision of the equipment, such as trucks, motorcycles, sprayers, chemicals, etc.



## 2. Improving Basic Social Services (Health)



- Project for Improvement of Medical Equipment in the National Medical Center “Shifobakhsh” and State Institution of Republican Scientific Center of Cardiovascular Surgery (Grant Aid)

Understanding the importance of improving the specialized health services at tertiary level in Tajikistan, the Government of Japan has allocated **957 million JPY** through JICA to support the Project. The goal of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of making diagnoses as well as providing medical services in Tajikistan through procurement and installation of specialized equipment.



## 2. Improving Basic Social Services (Health)

### ➤ Project for Improvement of Maternal and Child Health Care System in Khatlon Region (Phase 2) (Technical Cooperation)

The Project Purpose is to strengthen Maternal, Newborn and Infant (MNI) health system in the target districts and cities in Khatlon Region.

The expected outcomes of the project are as follows:

- The functions of the maternity and pediatric depts. of the designated hospitals are improved.
- Knowledge and skills of MNI care of health professionals are improved.
- Referral System for MNI care is strengthened between primary and secondary health care facilities.



# 3 . Promoting Social Stabilization

## ➤ The Project for Promoting Cross-border Cooperation through Effective Management of Tajikistan's Border with Afghanistan (BMP) (Phase 2) (Grant Aid)

The BMP is funded by the Government of Japan through JICA with amount of **506 million JPY** and implemented by UNDP Tajikistan in cooperation with the Border Forces, Customs Committee, and Drug Control Agency.

The purpose of the project is to enhance security and stability of cross border regions of Tajikistan and Afghanistan through enhancing capacity of border officials and economy of Tajik-Afghan communities.



# 3 . Promoting Social Stabilization

## ➤ The Project for Human Resources Development Scholarship (JDS) (Grant Aid)



In the framework of this project, young civil servants and others will receive master's or doctoral degrees in Japanese higher educational institutions.

After returning to Tajikistan, they are expected to become leaders and contribute to the development of the country.

The project has started in 2008, and 102 participants have studied in Japan as of Aug 2022,





# 4. Others (Training Programs in Japan)

## ➤ JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

JICA has started its cooperation to Tajikistan from the Training Program in Japan in 1993.

Under the program, government officials and others who are engaged in various fields have been sent to Japan to learn and share the knowledge and experiences of the country development.

As of Mar 2022, 2,467 governmental officers and others have participated in the program, and they have brought Japanese knowledge and experiences back to Tajikistan and applied them to the country's development.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**

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