



# BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Through technical cooperation and ODA loan, JICA has been supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in the fields of environmental protection and private sector development. Due to the complexity of the constitutional structure and two entities present in the central government, JICA also recognizes the importance of support in strengthening the relationship between different ethnic communities and the improvement of multiethnic collaboration.

## FLUE GAS DESULPHURIZATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR UGLJEVIK THERMAL POWER PLANT

Scheme: **ODA loan**  
L/A: **October 2009**  
Counterpart organization: **Ugljevik Thermal Power Plant**

The thermal power plant in Ugljevik, built in 1985, was not adjusted to the strict EU environmental standards regarding the emission of SO<sub>2</sub>. The Project is expected to reduce the amount of sulphur in flue gases that cause substantial air contamination. Installation of flue gas desulphurization will help to meet EU requirements in decreasing SO<sub>2</sub> in thermal power plants to the acceptable level of 200 mg of sulphur – dioxide concentration in flue gases per cubic meter by 2023.



Flue-gas desulphurization facility construction

## THE PROJECT FOR CONFIDENCE BUILDING THROUGH PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**  
Project Period: **November 2016 – October 2020**  
Counterpart organization: **The Agency for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education of BiH (APOSO) and the City of Mostar Sports Association (SSGM)**

The education system in BiH recognizes three official (ethnically driven) school curricula. In 2007, the BiH authorities created the state-level Agency for Preschool, Primary and Secondary Education (APOSO), mandated with creating joint framework curricula for all school subjects, known as the Common Core Curricula (CCC), which defines what the three official curricula must have in common. In the past, with the support from JICA,



Part of the teacher's training on how to implement the Common Core Curriculum (CCC)

the BiH education authorities harmonized and modernized the information technology curricula for the general education secondary schools; elements of which were subsequently incorporated into the CCC for technical education (TE) and information technology (IT). Following the success of the TE/IT CCC creation, JICA extended its cooperation with APOSO to help create CCC for the Physical and Health Education domain. On the other hand, the City of Mostar has recognized a potential opportunity in using sports as a means of promoting tolerance and strengthening relationships within the ethnically diverse local community. JICA assisted the City of Mostar Sports Association (SSGM) with strengthening their institutional capacities and had jointly with them organized several initiatives, promoting social inclusion, diversity and fairness.

## PROJECT ON ESTABLISHMENT AND PROMOTION OF MENTORING SERVICE IN SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (PHASE 2)

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**  
Project Period: **September 2017-August 2020**  
Counterpart organizations: **Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MOFTER), Federal Ministry of Development Entrepreneurship and Crafts (MODEC) of FBiH and RARS of Republika Srpska**

The Project aims to establish a "Mentor Service System", in which the mentors provide practical advice to SMEs to grow their businesses. This system is based on the Japanese experience of government-certified business advisers for SMEs. JICA started the first phase of the Project in Serbia in 2008; it expanded to BiH, Macedonia and Montenegro in phase 2 of the Project. BiH is striving to expand the mentoring service to the whole country and to establish a trainer system.



Newly certified mentors

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT AIMING TO INCREASE MOBILITY OF POPULATION AND REDUCTION OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE SARAJEVO CANTON

Scheme: **Technical Cooperation**  
Project period: **2020 - 2023 (Planned)**  
Counterpart organization: **Ministry of Traffic of the Sarajevo Canton**

Sarajevo Canton in BiH has been suffering from aging public transportation (tram, trolley buses and buses) and an increasing number of cars. It is one of the major causes of air pollution in the city. In response to a request from BiH Government,

JICA initiated the Data Collection Survey on Public Transport with the objective of contributing to the formulation of a transport strategy in Sarajevo Canton, which puts emphasis on public transportation by analyzing the current situation and issues directed at its improvement.



Tram running in Sarajevo

# ABOUT JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) assists and supports developing countries as the executing agency of the Japanese Official Development Assistance (ODA).

In accordance with its vision of "Leading the world with trust", JICA supports the resolution of issues of developing and transient countries by using the most suitable tools of various assistance methods and a combined regional-, country- and issue-oriented approach.

JICA is in charge of administering all ODA such as technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation and grants in an integrated manner, except for contributions to international organizations. JICA, the world's largest bilateral aid agency, operates in over 150 countries and regions and has approximately 90 overseas offices.



## Technical Cooperation

For the human resources development and the formulation of administrative systems of developing countries, technical cooperation involves the dispatch of experts, the provision of necessary equipment and the training of personnel from developing countries in Japan and other countries. The cooperation plans can be tailored to address a broad range of issues.



*The Project for Confidence Building through Physical Education*



*Project on Establishment and Promotion of Mentoring Service in Small and Medium Enterprises in the Western Balkans (Phase 2)*



*Training in Japan: Development of recycling policy*

## Finance and Investment Cooperation

### ODA LOAN

The ODA loans support developing countries by providing low-interest, long-term and concessional funds. The ODA loans are used for large-scale infrastructure and other forms of development that require substantial funds.

### PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT FINANCE

JICA supports the acceleration of developing countries' economic/social growth through the private sector, through debt and equity investment for the development projects of private companies.



*Flue Gas Desulphurization Construction Project for Ugljevik Thermal Power Plant*

## Grants

Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. Grants are used for the improvement of basic infrastructures such as schools, hospitals, water-supply facilities and roads, along with obtaining health and medical care, equipment and other requirements.



*Yellow buses donated to the City of Mostar*

Disaster Relief

Research

Cooperation through Citizen Participation

# ABOUT JICA BALKAN OFFICE

Established in 2006 in Belgrade, Serbia, JICA Balkan Office covers Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia. JICA Balkan Office provides assistance for growth and stability to the countries of the region, working mainly in the areas of environmental conservation, private sector development and consolidation of peace.

\*The Government of Japan recognized Kosovo as an independent country on March 18th, 2008.

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