



JICA's volunteer program (JOCV Program; Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) is one of Japan's technical cooperation schemes operated as part of its Official Development Assistance (ODA). As of 1st April, 25 JOCVs are currently doing the voluntary service in Uganda.

Three Volunteers accomplished their activities!

It was the great finale of JOCVs' activity-term for 3 volunteers. They worked at Luweero, Wakiso and Jinja. They contributed to improving practical teaching in primary and secondary education with local counterparts. At the final presentation, we invited the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Fukuzawa, and international volunteer organizations, like KOICA. During their service period in Uganda, the volunteers learnt lots of things from Communities like the culture, language, lifestyle, people etc. Their fruitful experience was brought about by the support and interaction with Ugandan people. We delight in their service, and hope they will tell their experience to Japanese society when they return to Japan.



Midterm Presentation by 5 Volunteers.



When volunteers come to half of their journey in Uganda, they present their mid-term report. This is the time for 5 volunteers who arrived in January 2022. Volunteers' hardship of living differs very much depending on volunteer's workplaces. Some are really having a hard time living without water, unstable electricity, etc. All volunteers did not complain about their environment but expressed their excitement about experiencing a different life. They had made tangible accomplishments mid-term and pledged to do their best in their second half of the assignment.

Let's learn a well-balanced diet!

JICA Volunteers in Education, Health and Agriculture held a "Nutrition Education Lesson" for pupils of Kisimbiri PS in Wakiso District. Students learnt about food categories and the importance of a well-balanced diet through fun activities! Pupils classified their familiar food into three different groups, such as Body building Food, Energy giving Food and Protective Food. Through this activity, they realized that their usual food wasn't really well-balanced and the volunteers encouraged them to eat well-balanced food at home and school. They have enjoyed the lesson and learnt a lot!



TV talk show by Volunteer and counterpart.

JICA Uganda continually celebrates the value and impact of volunteers' contribution to the communities where they work and live. The volunteers use their skills alongside community people to improve their quality of life and support them in addressing poverty and inequality in line with the SDGs. Uganda has received over 800 JICA volunteers since 2001. This was shared during a live Television Talk Show involving a JICA Staff, a Volunteer, and a representative from a recipient organization.



A bridge between Japanese Women's Football team and Uganda community.

Volunteers participated in the JICA football event at Pagirinya Refugee Settlement, aiming at the empowerment of women in football and creating diversity. Through this event, a volunteer handed over uniforms and football equipment from Albirex Nigata Ladies (Japanese Women's Professional Football Team) to Pagirinya girls' team.

