Rolling Plan for the Republic of Albania

As of September 2023

Basic Policy of Assistance	Assistance for Equitable Growth and Sustainable Economic Development

Priority Area 1	Environment

	[Background and current situation]	[Strategy]
Development Issues 1- 1 Environment	Albania aims for competitive and sustainable economic development. Nevertheless, the rapid urbanization coupled with industrialization, caused a negative impact, on the natural environment and people's livelihoods. As an EU candidate country, the Government of Albania is obliged to comply with the EU environmental standards and rules.	As policy formulation and legal system development related to environmental measures are being carried out in accordance with EU standards with the objective to future EU accession, it is appropriate that these are implemented by European donor countries, including EU. Japan will support Albania's environmental efforts through financial and technical cooperation in areas where it has a comparative advantage, such as sewage development, waste management, and natonal park management.

Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amout (100 Million Yen)	SDGs	Notes
				Before JFY 2022	JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027			
Environmental Development Program	Takking advantage of Japan's advanced technology and knowledge, Japan is committed to support the environmental infrastructure development and strenghthening human capacity that are essential for Albania's sustainable economic development.	Greater Tirana Sewage System Improvement Project	LA							111.21	6,9,11,15	
		Project for Capacity Building for improving Ecosystem-Based Management on Divjake-Karavasta National Park	TCP							2.00	11,13,17	
		Grand Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the fields of Environment and Disaster Prevention	GGP							1.30	11,13	
		Project on Capacity Building for National Forest Fire Information System (NFFIS) and Nature-based Solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction (NbS-DRR)	TCP								13,15	
		Subject -specific tranings on Environmental Development	TR								11,13	
		Market Transformation for Solar Energy PV Acceleration	ML							1.20	7,11,13	
		Sustainable Tourism Development in the Western Balkans	EXP								8	

Priority Area 2	Equitable Growth

Development Issues 2 - 1 Equitable Growth	[background and current situtation] While the national poverty rate has been halved, the agriculture sector which accounts for the majority of rural labor force, is struggled with the low level of productivitiy. Social service delivery and infrastructure development are yet to be adequate. The poverty rate in rural area remains higher than in urban areas. The country is challenged with a rapid urbanization and rural-urban migration which require to secure employment opportunities and to address the infrastructure constraints. the equitable growth by filling the gap between rural and urban areas is essentaially needed.	[strategy] Japan will support Albania's efforts towards equitable growth through mainly technical cooperation that aims to improve human and organizational capacity in the fields such as agricultural cooperatives, local industries, and tourism, in which Japan has a comparative advantages. Japan will also support the development and renovation of educational facilities, mainly in the local social sector.

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The Equitable Growth Program	Taking advantage of Japan's past cooperation and accumulated knowledge, Japan aims to support the inclusive development in rural areas through enhancing human and institutional capacity. In addition, the private sector development in the tourism sector will also be assisted. Further, Japan will contribute to the equitable growth between rural and urban areas by establishing and rehabilitating education facilities in rural areas.	Project for Promotion of Financial Inclusion and Business Development in Response to Gender and Digital Technology	TCP			- - - -	- - - -	- - - -			5,8,9	
		Grant Aid "the Economic and Social Development Programme" (Provision of Medial Equipment)	GA	———	———					1.00	3	Provision of Medical Equipment
		Issue-Specific Tranings related to Equitable Growth	TR	———	———						3	
		Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the field of Agriculture	GGP	———	———					0.30	1,2,8	
		Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the fields of Education and Healthcare	GGP	———	———					0.20	3,4,11	
		Cultural Grant Assistance to the National Historical Museum	CGA	———	———	———	———			1.45	8,11	

Note: [PS] = Preparatory Survey, [DD] = Detailed Design, [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [TCDP] = Technical Cooperation for Development Planning, [EXP] = Expert, [EQ] = Equipment, [CTR] = Country-focused Training, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [JOCV] = Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, [TEXP] = Third-country Expert, [TTR] = Third-country Training, [ICT] = In-Country Training, [STC] = Science and Technology Cooperation on Global Issues, [JPP] = JICA Partnership Program, [xx-TA] = Technical Assistance implemented by organizations other than MOFA and JICA, [PCP-TC] = Private Companies Proposed-Technical Cooperation, [GA] = Grant Aid, [FA]=Food Aid, [CGA]=Cultural Grant Assistance, [GCGP]=Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, [EGA]=Emerency Grant Aid, [GANP]=Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects, [GGP]=Grant Aid for Grassroots Human Security Projects, [LA] = Loan Aid (ODA Loan), [DCS] = Data collection Survey, [ML] = Multilateral Cooperation, [SME PPS]=Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise (SME) Partnership Promotion Survey, [SDGs BMFS]=SDGs Business Model Formulation Survey with the Private Sector, [SDGs BVS]=SDGs Business Verification Survey with the Private Sector, Solid Line [———] = Schedule, Dash Line [- - - - -] = Tentative Schedule

[SDGs Goals Targets]: 1「No Poverty」, 2「Zero Hunger」, 3「Good Health and Well-Being」, 4「Quality Education」, 5「Gender Equality」, 6「Clean Water and Sanitation」, 7「Affordable and Clean Energy」, 8「Decent Work and Economic Growth」, 9「Industry, Innovetion and Infrastructure」, 10「Reduced Inequalities」, 11「Sustainable Cities and Communities」, 12「Responsible Consumption and Production」, 13「Climate Action」, 14「Life Below Water」, 15「Life on Land」, 16「Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions」, 17「Partnerships for the Goals」

[Outline of SDGs]:https://www.mofa.go.jp/policy/oda/sdgs/index.html#about_sdgs