

SCHEME | Grant Aid for Community Empowerment

Grant Aid for Community Empowerment is a grant aid program begun in fiscal 2006 for supporting comprehensive capacity development of communities facing threats like poverty, hunger and disease. It is implemented by encouraging the use of local businesses, equipment and materials based on local specifications and design, in order to reduce costs. Beginning with projects for building schools in Senegal, Niger and Madagascar, this program plans to provide all-round assistance for building roads, water supply facilities and other infrastructure components needed for community development in the future.

JICS' Role

Since fiscal 2006, when this grant aid program began, JICS has conducted procurement management of this assistance, based on contracts with the governments of developing countries. Grant aid for community empowerment makes it possible to carry out assistance flexibly in accordance with local conditions but also demands attention to quality, thus requiring strong procurement management capabilities. As a procurement management agency, JICS supports the smooth and effective implementation of this grant aid.



Niger Children at a community empowerment project site



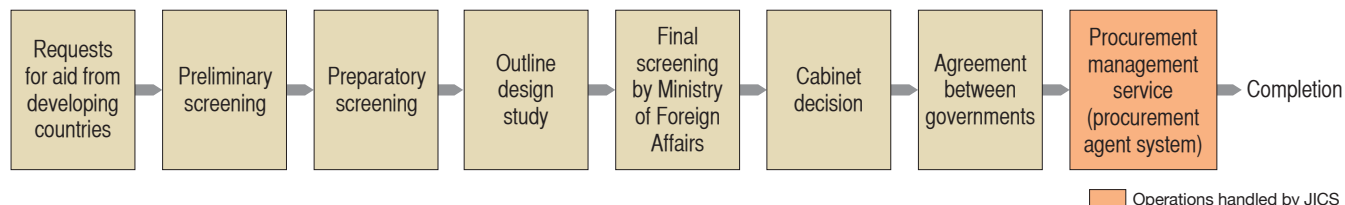
Senegal Temporary classrooms made from broken branches and other materials. During summer vacation, they are disassembled



Lesotho Building a school

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Flow of Operations



No. of Projects (FY2006-7)

No. of projects, by region



CASE STUDY Project for Construction of Classrooms for Elementary and Junior High Schools (Senegal) FY2006

Project outline:

Construction of 314 classrooms, 56 headmaster offices, and 288 toilet buildings for 68 elementary and junior high schools (maximum figures) in the five Regions in Western Senegal

Building 314 classrooms for elementary and junior high schools

The government of Senegal had set goals to achieve an increase of 50% in junior high school enrolment by 2007 and 100% primary school enrolment by 2015. For these targets, the government has allocated more than 30% of the national budget to education to build 2,500 classrooms for elementary schools and 500 classrooms for junior high schools annually.

However, since executing the plan had met with financial problems, the Japanese government decided to provide Senegal with the Grant Aid for Community Empowerment. The Grant will be used to construct 314 classrooms, 56 (maximum figures) headmaster offices, and 288 toilet buildings for 68 elementary and junior high schools in the five Regions of Kaolack, Louga, Fatick, Dakar, and Thies in Western Senegal, and makes it possible to improve the learning environment of 16,000 school children.



Constructing a school (Completion of wall construction)