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1. What is J-BIRD?

Launched in December 2006, **J-BIRD** (Japan-Bangsamoro Initiatives for Reconstruction and Development) is designed to contribute to the peace process and development in the Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) and the surrounding areas in the ARMM (Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao). The objective of J-BIRD is to enable the people and the communities in the target areas to enjoy the “dividends of peace” through the Japanese ODA on the basis of “Human Security” principles. As of now, the total amount of the assistance is approximately ¥15.1B (PHP6.6B). (¥1=PHP0.437, B=Billion, M=Million)

2. Grant Aid

- Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) (¥575M):
 - Since the launch of J-BIRD in 2006, 75 projects were implemented in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. 42 projects were implemented in the ARMM region.
 - Project types: Education (37 projects), Capacity Building(14), Agriculture(6), Water Supply (6), Health(4), Social Welfare(2), Disaster Response(2), Microcredit(1), Others(3).
- Grant Aid for Japanese NGO's project (¥250M): OXFAM-JAPAN 2 projects (Education, Agriculture) ICAN 6 projects (Peace Education, Support for Indigenous People)
- Emergency food aid of rice to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) through the United Nation's World Food Program (WFP) (¥860M): Distributed from Jan. 2009 to Jan. 2010.

3. Loan Aid

- ARMM Social Fund for Peace and Development Project
 - This project started in April 2004, co-financed by JICA and World Bank. Japan's contribution amounts to ¥2.47B.
 - CDA (Community Development Assistance) 321 projects (smaller infrastructure projects with 1.5M peso allotted for each community) and SRI (Strategic Regional Infrastructure) 31 projects (larger infrastructure projects for each province) had been conducted in the ARMM region.
 - CDA and SRI projects include construction of multi-purpose centers, water-supply facilities, agricultural facilities, elementary and high schools, and rural roads etc.
- Central Mindanao Road Project (¥3.72B): This project aims to construct roads between North Upi and Kalamansig (74.82km) in Maguindanao Province.

4. NPGA (Non-Project Grant Assistance) Counter Value Fund

- 3 projects were approved in June 2009:
 - Construction of Japan-ARMM friendship hall and training center (¥58M)
 - Equipment supply for improvement of road network in ARMM (¥282M)
 - Personal computers for public high schools project (Phase 4 in Mindanao) (¥340M)

5. International Monitoring Team (IMT)

- Senior Advisors for Socio-Economic Assistance (SEA) of International Monitoring Team (IMT): Japan dispatched total 6 senior advisors who coordinate SEA projects and provides the monitoring of all J-BIRD projects in the IMT Headquarter in Cotabato.

6. Technical Cooperation

<Major Ongoing Projects>

- Project for Comprehensive Capacity Development for the Bangsamoro: This project aims to assist for creation of the Bangsamoro Government including 4 components such as; “Institutional and Organizational Building”, “ Human Resources Development”, “Public Service Delivery” and “Development Planning”. (July 2013- July 2016)
- Project for Capacity Building for Community Development in Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (¥4.83M) : This project aims to develop capacities of people and administration in the conflict-affected area including the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) for efficient and effective community development.(March 2012- February 2015)

<Major Completed Projects>

- Senior Advisor for Regional Development of ARMM (¥160M): Japan dispatches 4 senior advisors who coordinates ODA projects for ARMM and provides policy advice on development issues with the ARMM government.
- Topographic Mapping Project for Peace and Development in Mindanao (¥11.9M): This project aims to map Mindanao Island in 1/50000 scale that is a necessary tool for various development plans.
- ARMM Human Capacity Development Project (¥350M) : This project aims to improve capacity of middle management and operating core members of the ARMM government through the assistance for development of the “Halal Industry”, establishment of the “ARMM Administration Code” and the “Human Resource Information System,” and “Management of Infrastructure”.
- SERD-CAAM (Study for Socio-Economic Reconstruction and Development of Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao) (¥620M) (March 2007- November 2009):
 - This project created the “Socio-Economic Development Plan” (SEDP) for the reconstruction and development of conflict-affected areas based on the comprehensive social survey and need analysis conducted on 3,847 communities.
 - The study also implemented 11 QIPs (Quick Impact Projects) and 23 OSAs (On the Spot Assistance). These are small infrastructure projects (ex. schools, water supply facilities, rice mills) to address immediate needs of the community based on the “In-Depth Barangay Needs Analysis”(IBNA)

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