

Rolling Plan for the Republic of North Macedonia

Basic Policy of Assistance	Sustainable Social and Economic Development and Support for Various Reforms											
Priority Area 1	Improvement of Environmental Infrastructure and Management Capacity											
Development Issue 1-1	<p>[Background and current situation] In North Macedonia, while democratization and market-oriented economic reform have been prioritized, focus on the environmental sector has been put aside. However, as the country seeks to join the EU, it is necessary to adapt to EU environmental standards and creating a balance between economic growth and environmental protection has become a key issue. In order to strengthen environmental measures, it is crucial to improve environmental infrastructure and to build its management capacity.</p>					<p>[Strategy] North Macedonia has been following EU standards in policy formulation and legal and institutional development with a view to future EU accession. It is therefore appropriate that European donors, including the EU, should take lead in providing assistance in these areas. By utilizing its extensive knowledge and experience in the environmental area (e.g. air pollution, waste management, disaster prevention, etc.), Japan will provide assistance for environmental infrastructure development and human resource development in the areas of disaster prevention and mitigation. These projects will be implemented in line with the policy formulation and legal system development promoted by the EU, and in coordination with the Ministry for European Affairs.</p>						
Improvement of Environmental Infrastructure and Management Capacity	Japan's Assistance Program	Project Name	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	SDGs	Note
	Environment Improvement Program	Advisor for strengthening Forest Fire Information System and Ecosystem Based Disaster Risk Reduction Capacity in the Western Balkan Region	EXP	Before JFY 2023	JFY 2024	JFY 2025	JFY 2026	JFY 2027	JFY 2028	1.00	11,13,15	
		Issue-Based Training in the Field of the Environment	TR	—	—						11,13,15	
		Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the Field of the Environment	GGP	—	—					0.10	6,15	
Priority Area 2	Investment Environment Development and Private Sector Development											
Development Issue 2-1	<p>[Background and current situation] More than 30 years after its independence, private sector development to support the nation's economy is a pressing issue in North Macedonia. While the country has a relatively large number of highly educated and skilled workers due to the existence of the auto parts industry since its time as the former Yugoslavia, there remains space for development in sales and marketing skills. Therefore, it requires human resource development, especially in the areas of investment promotion, trade promotion and Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) promotion.</p>					<p>[Strategy] By utilizing its knowledge and experience, Japan will provide assistance which aims to create a business environment which facilitates the development of the private sector. The assistance will focus on investment promotion and human resource development, especially in the area of SME promotion, and will also be coordinated effectively with its ongoing and past technical cooperation.</p>						
Development of the Private Sector	Japan's Assistance Program	Project Name	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	SDGs	Note
		Project for strengthening and expanding the Mentoring Service for Small and Medium Enterprises in the Western Balkan countries	EXP	—	—	—				3.40	8,9	
	Private Sector Development Program	Quality Management and Competitiveness	CTR	—	—					9.00	8,9	
		Sustainable Tourism Development in the Western Balkans	EXP	—						0.60	8	
		Issue-Based Training in the Field of the Private Sector Development	TR	—	—						8,9	
Priority Area 3	Infrastructure Improvement for Economic and Social Development of Education and Health Sector etc. / Cultural Cooperation											
Development Issue 3-1	<p>[Background and current situation] In North Macedonia, especially in rural areas, the residents do not have access to adequate administrative services due to limited public services and health and education facilities. Therefore, capacity building, including capital investment in public institutions, especially in education, healthcare, and public services is necessary.</p>					<p>[Strategy] By utilizing its knowledge and experience, Japan will provide assistance which aims to improve the quality of life of local residents. The assistance will focus on capacity building of public institutions, especially in the fields of education, healthcare, and public services.</p>						
Economic and Social Development of Education and Health Sector etc.	Japan's Assistance Program	Project Name	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	SDGs	Note
	Civilian Stabilisation Programmes at the Regional Level	Grant Aid for Economic and Social Development Programme	GA	—	—					1.00	3	
		Issue-Based Training in the Field of Health and Education	TR	—	—						3,4	
		Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the Field of Health and Education	GGP	—	—					0.32	3,4,10	

Legend: [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, [TR] = Third-country Training, [ICT] = In-Country Training, [STC] = Science and Technology Cooperation on Global Issues, [JPP] = JICA Partnership Program, [x-TA] = Technical Assistance implemented by organizations other than MOFA and JICA, [PCP-TIC] = Private Companies Proposed-Technical Cooperation, [GA] = Grant Aid, [GAF] = Grant Aid for Fishery, [FA] = Food Aid, [CGA] = Cultural Grant Assistance, [CCGP] = Grant Assistance for Cultural Grassroots Projects, [EGA] = Emergency Grant Aid, [GANP] = Grant Aid for Japanese NGOs Projects, [GGP] = Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, [LA] = Loan Aid (ODA Loan), [BIS] = Basic Information 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  
[Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)] 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, Innovation 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