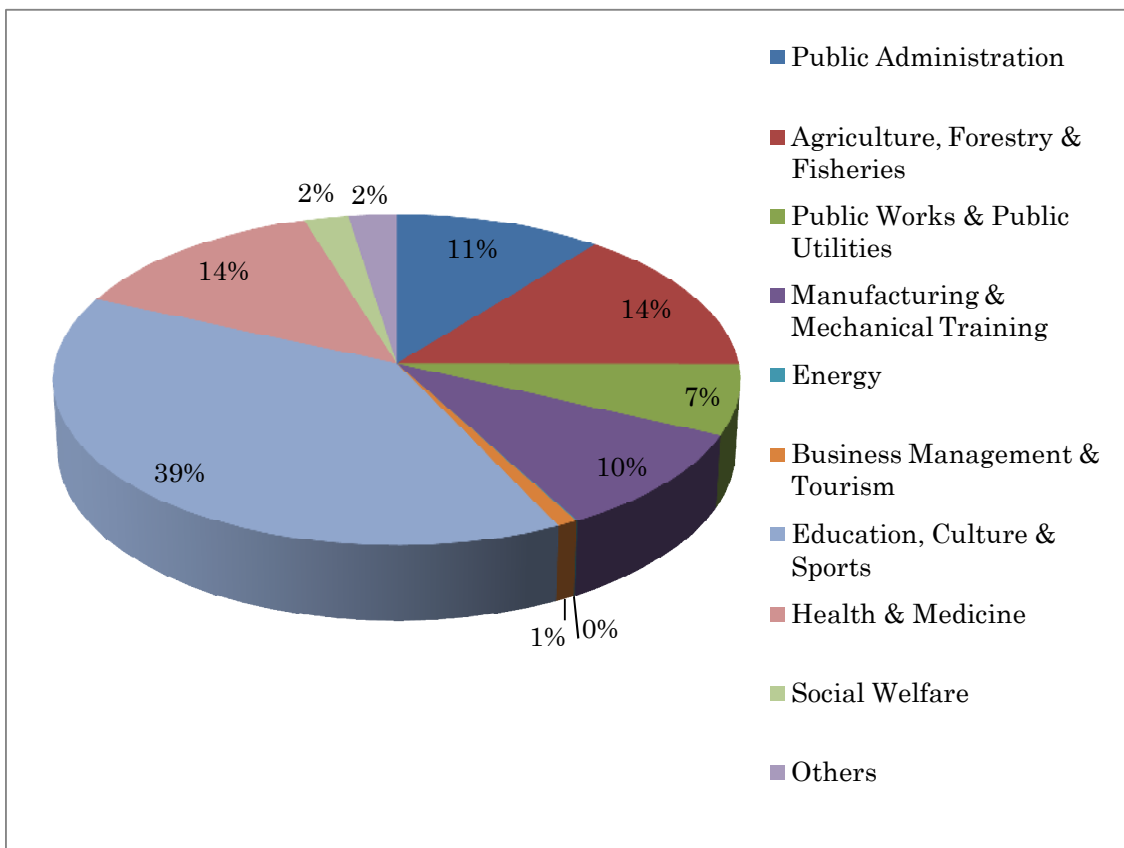


1. Introduction on Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) Program

The JOCV program is JICA’s main volunteer program aimed at supporting activities by young Japanese citizens in their 20’s and 30’s who aspire to cooperate in the social and economic development of developing countries for their regular term of 2 years.

Recruitment campaigns take place twice a year for the areas of cooperation spanning about 120 technical fields in 9 sectors, including agriculture, forestry & fisheries, public works, manufacturing & mechanical maintenance, energy, management & marketing, education, culture & sports, health & medicine, social welfare and public administration. As of March 2013, 1,757 volunteers were serving in 71 countries in the world, with the cumulative total of 38,300 volunteers assigned in 88 countries since the program was inaugurated in 1965.



Proportion of Total Numbers of Volunteers by Sectors (by JFY 2012)

2. Activities of JOCVs in Timor-Leste

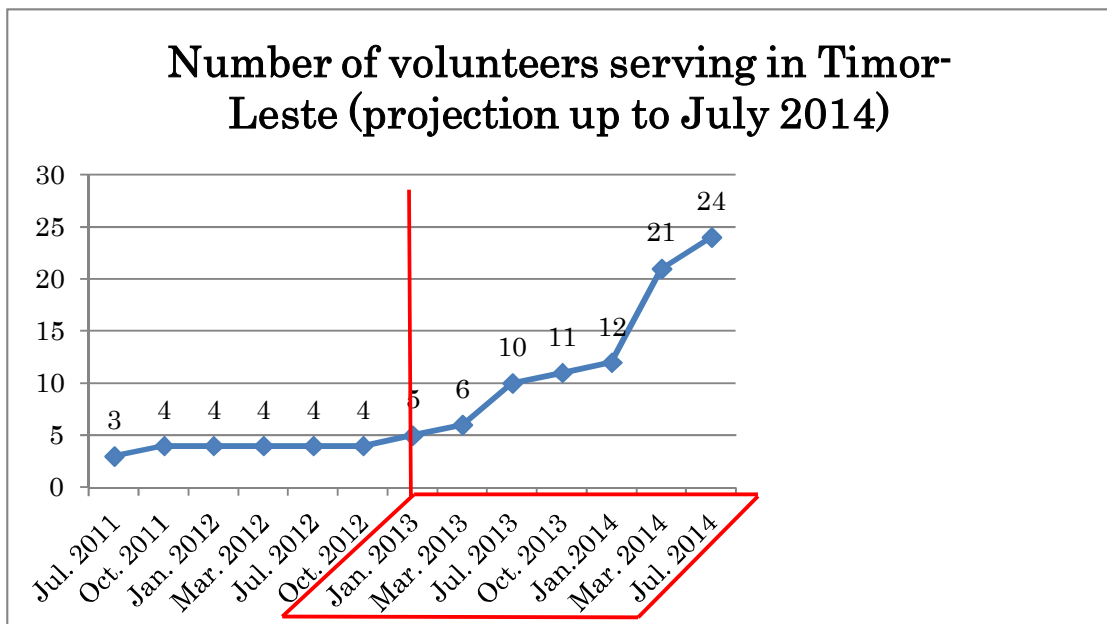
JICA started the JOCV program in Timor-Leste in 2010 with a dispatch of short term volunteers followed by volunteers with a regular 2-year assignment since 2011.



As of February 2014, 12 volunteers are serving in Timor-Leste in the fields of community development, *aikido*, mechanical engineering, computer technology, marketing, nutrition, prosthetics & orthopaedics, photography and pharmacy. The number of volunteers is expected to increase in the coming months.



As manifested in the JOCV slogan "together with the local community," they assimilate themselves in the local life and work together with their local colleagues and community people.



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