Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects
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Overview

The government of Japan recognizes the importance of grass-roots development projects that can directly benefit local populations. In this light, the government of Japan has established the grant assistance for grass-roots human security projects (GGP), aside from assistance for national and international governmental organizations. The GGP is intended to respond various development needs in a prompt and proper manner in order to directly support community-based organizations such as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), schools and local governments.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients to the GGP are community-based nonprofit organizations that implement development projects at grass-roots level. Examples include international and local NGOs. Except for extraordinary circumstances (such as post-disaster or - conflict relief), national and international governmental organizations are not eligible for the GGP. Neither individuals nor profit oriented organizations are eligible for the GGP.

Note: Applicant organizations must have financial autonomy and the capacity to open and operate a bank account under a special banking arrangement at a commercial bank designated by the Embassy. Organizations that are unable to meet these requirements are not eligible to apply. These requirements also apply to educational institutes including schools.

Grant Amount

The maximum grant amount per project is **10 million JPY** (approximately **67,114 USD**, depending on the JPY-USD exchange rate set at the beginning of each fiscal year). Any project with budget more than 3 million JPY needs to be audited by an external auditor and such cost can be included in the total budget.

Application Period

November 17, 2026 – January 31, 2027

Priority Areas in Mozambique

Priority areas are the areas that aim to improve Basic Human Needs (BHN) such as **Education**, **Health** and **Water and Sanitation.** Nevertheless, projects in other areas will also be considered. Examples of the past projects include:

- **Education**
  - Construction of classrooms, school latrines, water cisterns, fences; acquisition of desks and chairs; Installation of electricity
- **Health, Water and Sanitation**

- Construction of health facilities (health center, pregnant women's waiting house, SAAJ, etc)
- Construction of boreholes, latrines, and training for water committees

OthersConstruction of small scale irrigation system, waste management

- Gender issues, social welfare, supporting orphanages

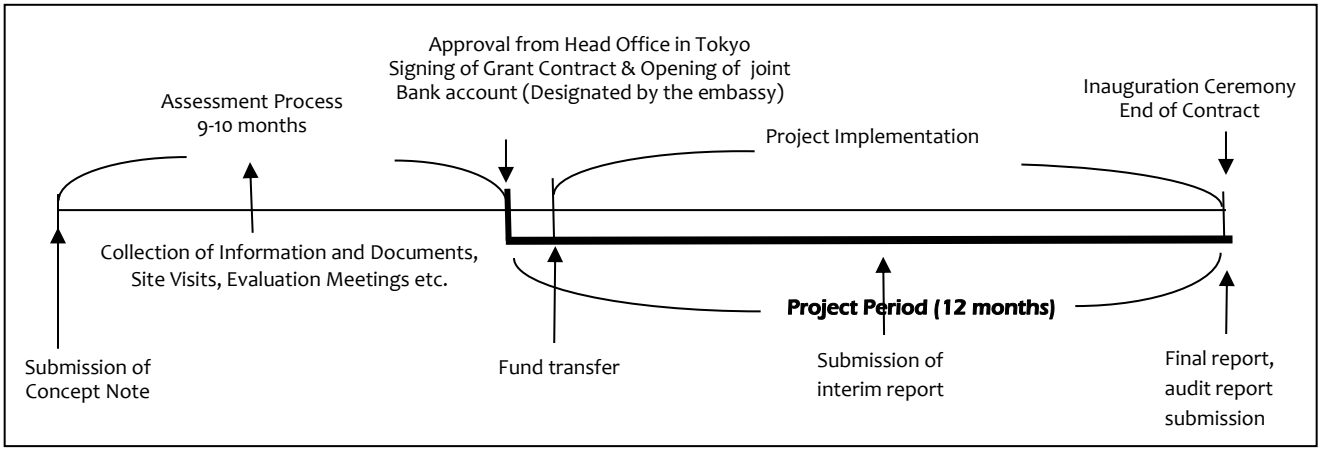
Application Process

To apply, please fill out the attached "Concept Note" together with a copy of organization's registration and send them to the Embassy **no later than January 31st, 2027.** The concept note can be submitted by email (reccomended). Attach the organization's registration document to "Concept note".

No late application will be accepted and the **Embassy will only contact applicants selected for the 2nd round.** The Embassy will not respond to any individual inquiry regarding the selection process or outcome. Those who moved on to the 2nd round will be requested to submit supporting documents. The project assessment process usually takes 9-10months, which includes a site visit by the Embassy.

Time Frame

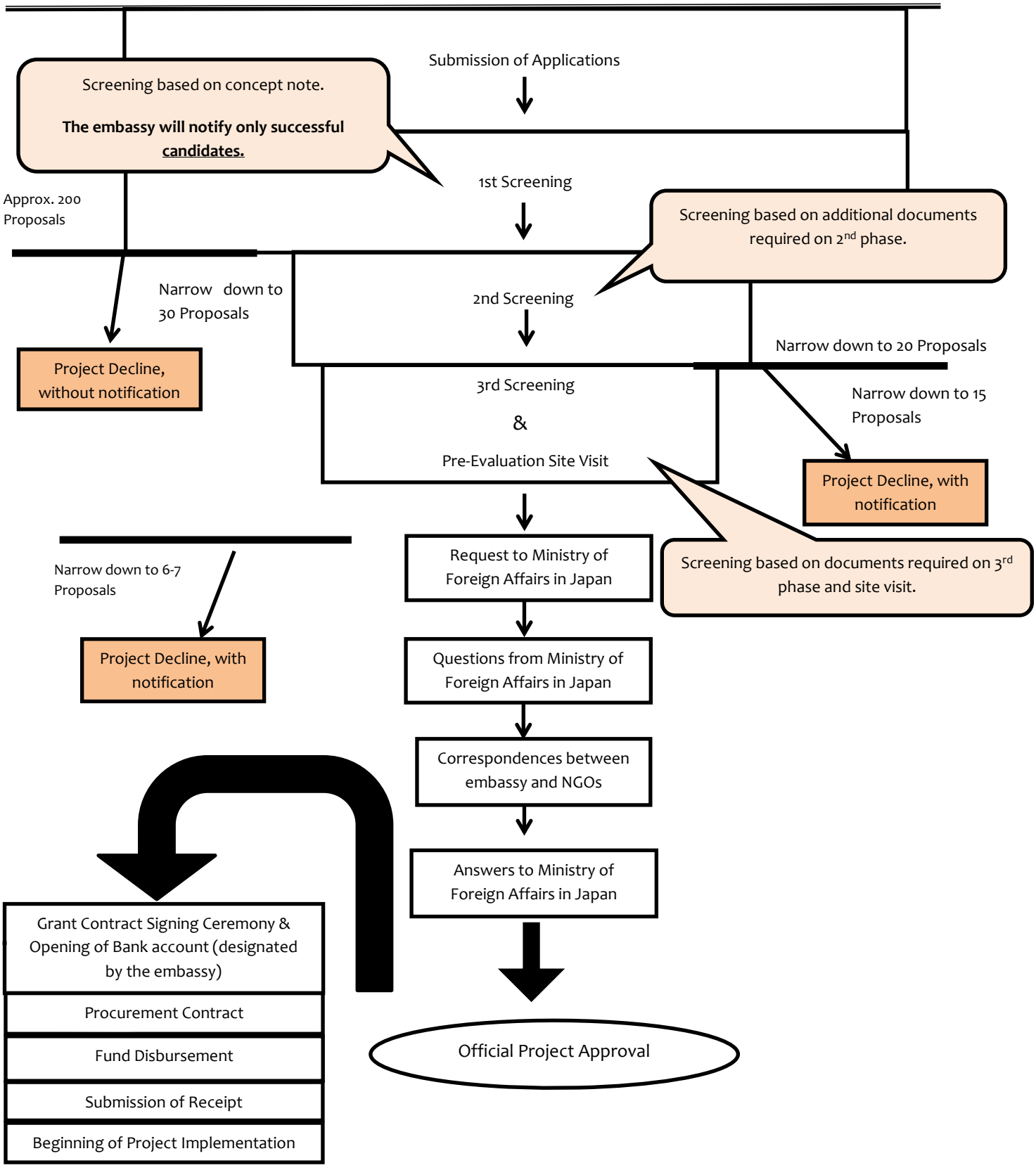
The approved project has to be completed **within 1 year (maximum)** from the grant contract signing date. The implementing organizations will be required to submit monthly progress reports, an interim report and a final report. During the implementation of a project the Embassy of Japan will make an interim and final monitoring visits. An external audit report is also required upon the completion of the project.



Public Relations

- The Recipient of the Grant is required to place at the completed building of the project a memorial plate (placa) and stick Japanese flag stickers to each project equipment, stipulating that the funding was made by the Government of Japan.
- If there is some event, the Recipient of the Grant is expected to make PR that the project is funded by the Government of Japan.
- Inauguration ceremony is expected to be held by the Recipient of the Grant with participation of representatives of Japanese Government, Mozambican Government and community members after the completion of the project.

Flow Chart


Submission of Applications
Screening based on concept note.
The embassy will notify only successful candidates.
1st Screening
Approx. 200 Proposals
Screening based on additional documents required on 2nd phase.
Narrow down to 30 Proposals
2nd Screening
Project Decline, without notification
Narrow down to 20 Proposals
3rd Screening
&
Pre-Evaluation Site Visit
Narrow down to 15 Proposals
Project Decline, with notification
Screening based on documents required on 3rd phase and site visit.
Narrow down to 6-7 Proposals
Request to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan
Project Decline, with notification
Questions from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan
Correspondences between embassy and NGOs
Answers to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan
Grant Contract Signing Ceremony & Opening of Bank account (designated by the embassy)
Procurement Contract
Fund Disbursement
Submission of Receipt
Beginning of Project Implementation
Official Project Approval

Criteria

During the assessment, two main criteria will be considered: **organizational capacity** and **project effectiveness.**
Please refer to the following table for more detailed criteria for each category.

Organizational Capacity	✓ At least 5 years of project experiences in Mozambique ✓ Similar project experience in the same sector ✓ Sufficient human resources ✓ Stable and sustainable financial resources ✓ Good relations with Local Government Authority (Province; District level) ✓ Financial capacity that covers organization's running/administrative costs, any unforeseen costs and Value Added Tax (VAT)
Project Effectiveness	✓ Sound project designs that properly meet community needs ✓ Expected results that directly benefit local population ✓ Sufficient service provision, adequate technical personnel and budget in the target facility (ex. If the project is aimed to provide medical equipment, the target hospital is required to have capacity to provide adequate medical service and to have competent technical personnel to utilize the equipment.) ✓ Proper monitoring and evaluation systems ✓ Project sustainability and maintenance (including procurement system for spareparts) ✓ Guarrantee for Local government's involvement and monitoring from the beginning of the project implementation (with government's own budget)

Even if your organization does not meet all the above-mentioned criteria, that does not disqualify your eligibility; thus, the embassy encourages you to apply for the funding.

Note:

- **In the case of water supply and irrigation system installation project, the applicant organization is required to submit a result of the study on the source of water of the target area as a supporting document.**
- The grant must be disbursed to a special account of a designated bank by the terms of Embassy of Japan

Items NOT financed

The Embassy **DOES NOT** assist the following items:

- Running/administrative costs (salaries, office rent, telephone/electricity bills, transport, project supervising etc.)
- **Value Added Tax (VAT)**
- Other taxes such as import duties
- Bank commission
- Office equipment (computers, printers, telephones, photocopy machine, cabinets, stationaries, etc.)
- Foods
- Travel and conference allowances
- Land acquisition cost
- Vehicles (except for ambulances, mobile clinics and other special purposes) and Fuel
- Audio visual equipment
- Scholarships
- Domestic animals such as cows, pigs, chickens, and goats
- Agricultural inputs such as seeds and pesticides
- Books for a library (except under certain conditions)
- Vaccination

The Embassy **DOES NOT** fund the following projects.

- Pilot projects
- Computer training (except under certain conditions)
- Cultural and sports events
- Micro-credit projects
- Tertiary education (except community outreach projects)
- Church construction and other religious activities
- Research projects
- Private business oriented projects (e.g. pig and poultry farms, bakery, micro-enterprises)
- Seminars (without hard component e.g. construction of buildings)
- The production of luxury goods that possibly have a harmful influence on the human body, such as liquor and cigarette
- Projects involving political activities

List of Recently Implemented Projects

Province	Sector	Project	Grant Amount	Project Contents
Maputo City	Health	Project for building a women's health center in Zimpeto	USD 70,406	Construction of a block for prevention and diagnosis of cervical cancer in a women's health center and external audit
Inhambane	Health	Construction of a Pregnant Mothers' Waiting House in Maxixe	USD 86,895	Construction of a Pregnant Mothers' Waiting House in the Rural Hospital of Chicuque and external audit in
Sofala	Health	Installation of Digital X-ray system in Beira city	USD 81,937	Acquisition and installation of a digital X-ray system in Catholic University of Mozambiqueand external audit
Zambezia	Education	Construction of libraries in Quelimane City	USD 83,200	Construction of 2 libraries, supply of furniture and external audit
Nampula	Water and Sanitation	Construction of boreholes in Districts of Ilha de Moçambique and Mossuril	USD 93,577	Construction of 5 boreholes, rehabilitation of 5 boreholes, water committee training and external audit
Niassa	Water Supply	Water supply in Mavago Town	USD 83,300	Construction of small scale water supply system (construciton of a borehole, water tower and 8 public taps and pipe instalment) and external audit
Cabo Delgado	Agriculture	Increasing water availability for production improvement	USD 82,882	Construction of small irrigation systems and trainning programs in Macomia and Quissanga Districts, external audit

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