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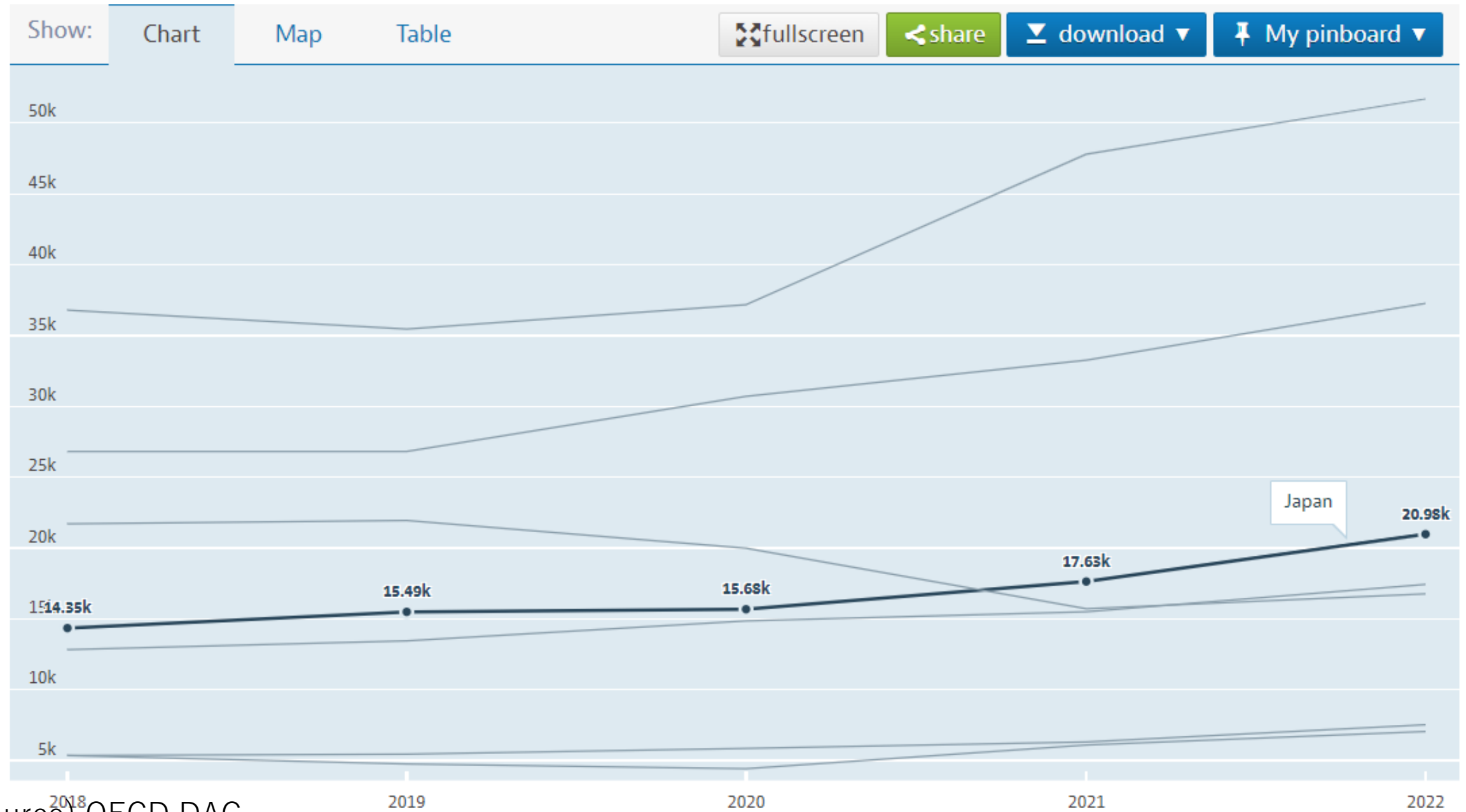
Changing the perspective of development cooperation: A Japanese point of view

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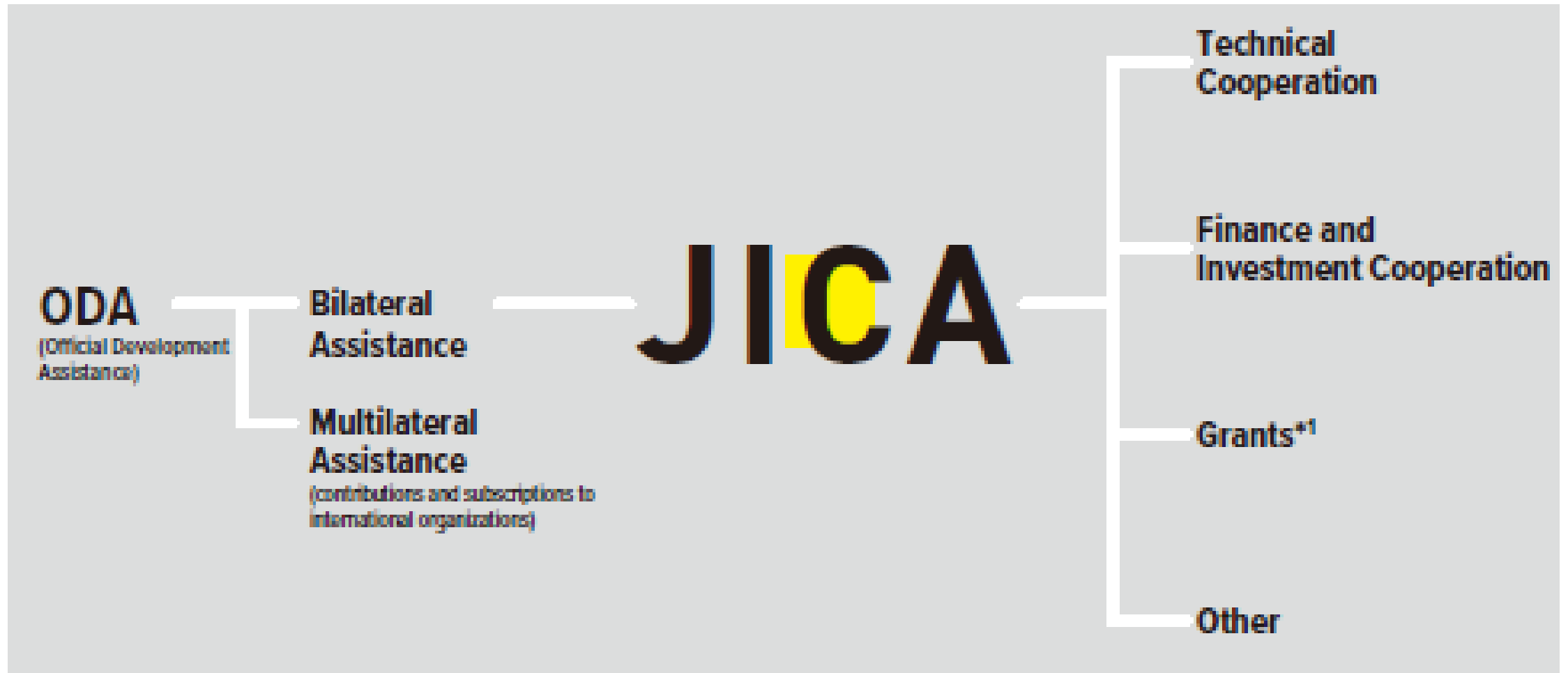
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JICA in Japanese ODA



Policy framework: The Government & JICA

[GOJ] Development Cooperation Charter

Endorsed by the Cabinet in February 2015

[GOJ] Medium-term Objectives (five years)

Established by the competent ministers and relevant instructions given to JICA

[JICA] Medium-term Plan (five years)

Prepared by JICA and authorized by the competent ministers

[JICA] Annual Plan (one year)

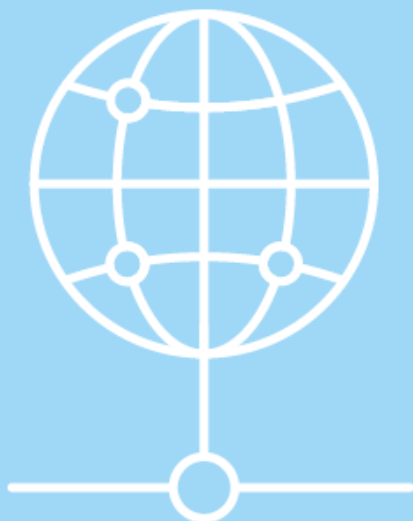
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JICA 5th Medium-term Plan (2022-2026)

Operational Focus Areas

- (1) Realize Free and Open Indo-Pacific and demonstrate leadership in the international community
- (2) Cultivate future leaders responsible for the development of their countries
- (3) Strengthen initiatives for climate change and environmental issues
- (4) Contribute to revitalizing Japan's economy and society, and promoting understanding for cultural diversity within Japan

Scale of Operations by Region



Notes)

•The figures show the total value of JICA programs in each region, including Technical Cooperation (Training Participants, Experts, Study Teams, Provision of Equipment, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers [JOCVs], Other volunteers, and Other costs), Finance and Investment Cooperation (commitment amount), and Grants (newly concluded G/As) in fiscal 2021.

•Figures exclude JICA's cooperation for multiple countries or multiple regions and international organizations.

Southeast Asia and Pacific

Cooperation with

21 countries

Total value of JICA programs

¥**361.0** billion

East Asia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus

Cooperation with

10 countries

Total value of JICA programs

¥**42.7** billion

South Asia

Cooperation with

8 countries

Total value of JICA programs

¥**680.4** billion

Latin America and the Caribbean

Cooperation with

29 countries

Total value of JICA programs

¥**122.2** billion

Africa

Cooperation with

49 countries

Total value of JICA programs

¥**100.1** billion

Middle East and Europe

Cooperation with

22 countries and regions

Total value of JICA programs

¥**137.1** billion

Today's world

- **Multiple crisis**

- Pandemic
- Climate change
- Debt stress
- Geopolitical element: e.g., Ukraine, supply chain, food and energy prices → World being divided again?

- **Changing the landscape of international development and giving rise to different arguments**

- Collaboration between **ODA** (Official Development Assistance, **OOF** (Other Official Flow) and **PF** (Private Flow)
- Emerging actors
- **SDGs**: Mid-year toward 2030

What has changed and what has not changed

[What has changed]

- **Not always remain poor countries**
- **Changing mindset of developing countries**
- **Changing relationship between developing countries and donors**
- **Development needs diversified**
- Recent world context, e.g. [de]globalization, digital

[What has not changed]

- **Poverty and inequality still persist:** The World Bank (2022): Around 2 billion (1991) → around 650 million (2019)
- **Humanitarian crisis and refugees** exist
- **Conflicts**
- **Huge financial gap:** both hard and soft aspects
- **Knowledge gap**

Required things in international development in the recent context

- **Need for updating of perception on developing countries**
- **The pursuit of "getting the basics right"**
 - **Holistic and long-term perspectives**
 - **Respond to the needs** of developing countries **in the right way and at the right time.**
 - **To be humble. Listen to the voice. Not be prescriptive.**
 - **Distinguish** between (i) what is needed, (ii) what is demanded locally, and (iii) what is feasible.
 - **Present various options for their policy formulation and implementation**
 - **Hybrid approach: Addressing what has changed and what has not changed**

Case of JICA

Vision

Leading the world with trust

JICA, with its partners, will take the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world, aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potentials.

Actions

1

Commitment:

Commit ourselves with pride and passion to achieving our mission and vision.

2

Gemba:

Dive into the field ("gemba") and work together with the people.

3

Strategy:

Think and act strategically with broad and long-term perspectives.

4

Co-creation:

Bring together diverse wisdom and resources.

5

Innovation:

Innovate to bring about unprecedented impacts.



(Source) JICA Annual Report 2022

Possible complementarities b/w UK and JICA development cooperation under shared goals

Case of JICA

- Strong orientation toward **implementation**
- **Various instruments**
- **Long tradition of practices of listening to the voices**
- Development experiences as **Non-Western country**
- **Research**