

## < Introduction of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects Scheme >

The Government of Japan offers a financial assistance scheme called “Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)” for development projects designed to meet the diverse basic human needs of the people in developing countries since FY1989. This GGP scheme supports projects implemented by non-profit organizations such as NGOs, educational and medical institutes, who are eligible to receive foreign funds under the concerned law of the Government of India. The GGP has acquired an excellent reputation worldwide for providing timely support to the development projects, which directly benefit the local communities at the grassroots level.

### **Eligible Application for the GGP Scheme**

GGP applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

1. One of the following organizations:
  - International, National, or Local NGO
  - Hospital or Medical Institute
  - Educational Institute
  - Community-Based Organization (CBO)
2. Registered organization under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976
3. Registered organization under the relevant registration acts including national and state acts, such as below:
  - The Society Registration Act, 1860
  - Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920
  - Religious Endowments Act, 1863
  - Indian Trust Act, 1882
  - Section 25 of the Indian Companies Act, 1956
4. Minimum 2 years of direct/related experience in the proposed field of activity
5. Not blacklisted or court-listed (having a pending case with a court) by the state/central government

### **Priority Areas of GGP**

The Followings are the major priority areas of the GGP

1. Basic Health Care
2. Primary Education and Adult Literacy
3. Poverty Alleviation
4. Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation
5. Women’s Empowerment
6. Child Welfare including Support for Street Children and Elimination of Child Labor
7. Support for Persons with Disabilities
8. Preservation of Environment