

# Triangular Co-operation: What Do We Know About It? \*

## What is Triangular Co-operation?

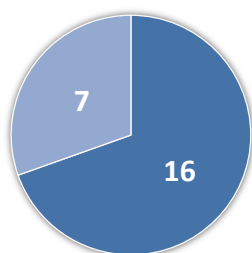
In a broad sense, triangular co-operation may be understood as a type of development co-operation involving three partners. We focus on partnerships between **DAC Donors** and **Providers of South-South Co-operation** to implement development co-operation programmes/projects in **Beneficiary Countries**.

## Who is Involved in Triangular Co-operation?

### DAC Donors Participating in Triangular Co-operation

(Projects in negotiation, in implementation or completed)

- Yes: BEL, CAN, DNK, FIN, FRA, DEU, ITA, JPN, LUX, NOR, ESP, SWE, CHE, GBR, USA, EC
- No: AUS, AUT, GRC, IRL, NLD, NZL, PRT



### Examples of Providers of SSC Participating in Triangular Co-operation with DAC Donors

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Africa         | Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa, Tunisia                          |
| Asia           | India, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam |
| Eastern Europe | Russia  |
| Latin America  | Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico                            |

On a multilateral level, triangular co-operation is promoted by the United Nations, in particular by the UNDP Special Unit for South-South Co-operation and the UN ECOSOC Development Co-operation Forum. Most recently, it was also discussed by countries participating in the Heiligendamm Dialogue Process.

## Why are Countries Engaging in Triangular Co-operation?

Triangular co-operation combines the strengths of DAC donors and providers of South-South co-operation to promote development at beneficiary countries. It may also favour:

- Developing the capacity of developing countries as providers of development co-operation;
- Strengthening relations between DAC donors and providers of South-South co-operation;
- Strengthening relations among Southern partners, enhancing regional integration.

**Policy Statements** – Japan and Spain integrated objectives for triangular co-operation in their development co-operation policies.

Other DAC donors include triangular co-operation in their strategies for fostering regional co-operation.

## Where are Countries Promoting Triangular Co-operation?

In most cases, **providers of South-South co-operation** participate in triangular co-operation with countries from their region. However, there are also examples of projects across continents. *E.g.* Brazilian co-operation with lusophone countries in Africa and Asia; Malaysian and Philippine co-operation with Kenya, and Vietnamese co-operation with Madagascar.

**DAC donors** do not seem to concentrate their support on specific regions. For instance, Japan has been engaged in triangular initiatives in Asia, Africa and Latin America; Canada and Germany participate in projects mainly in Africa and Latin America.

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## Triangular Co-operation Projects

| Supporting Partners                                 | Project  | Beneficiary Countries               |
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| <b>AGRICULTURE</b>                                  |  |                                     |
| Argentina<br>Brazil<br>Canada<br>Spain              | Pro Huerta Project   | Haiti                               |
| Brazil<br>France                                    | Training in Agriculture of Conservation  | Mozambique                          |
| Indonesia<br>Japan                                  | Agricultural assistance  | Madagascar                          |
| Japan<br>Vietnam                                    | Rice Production project  | Madagascar                          |
| <b>EDUCATION</b>                                    |  |                                     |
| Egypt<br>Norway<br>Japan<br>Malaysia<br>Philippines | Training courses in the field of nursery   | African countries                   |
|   | Strengthening of Mathematics and Sciences in Secondary Education (SMASSE)  | Kenya                               |
| <b>FISHING</b>                                      |  |                                     |
| Brazil<br>France                                    | Training in the area of fish-farming   | Cameroon                            |
| Japan<br>Mexico                                     | Aquaculture  | Honduras                            |
| Japan<br>Morocco                                    | Co-operation projects with JICA in the area of fishery   | African countries                   |
| Japan<br>Tunisia                                    | Training of trainers for Fisheries Development (2006 – 2008)   | Gabon                               |
| Japan<br>Tunisia                                    | Experts in fishery techniques, navigation and shipbuilding mechanics to vocational training center (2002 – 2004) | Mauritania                          |
| <b>FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE</b>                     |  |                                     |
| Colombia<br>UN World Food Programme                 | Donation to UNWFP to support triangular co-operation projects  | Haiti                               |
| <b>FORESTRY</b>                                     |  |                                     |
| Brazil<br>Spain                                     | Reforestation of the Mapou River Basin   | Haiti                               |
| <b>GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY</b>                 |  |                                     |
| Brazil<br>Germany                                   | Institutional Strengthening of INNOQ (Metrology and Quality Control)   | Mozambique                          |
| Brazil<br>Norway                                    | Promotion of institutional / public administration strengthening   | Angola                              |
| Brazil<br>Norway                                    | Promotion of institutional / public administration strengthening   | Guinea-Bissau                       |
| Brazil<br>Spain                                     | Institutional Strengthening of the Office of the Attorney General  | Uruguay                             |
| Brazil<br>United States                             | Strengthening of the National Popular Assembly of Guinea-Bissau  | Guinea Bissau                       |
| Canada<br>South Africa                              | The Public Sector Training and Development Project in Countries Emerging from Conflict                           | Burundi<br>Rwanda<br>Southern Sudan |
| France<br>Mexico                                    | Criminal Investigation and Forensic Medicine   | Haiti                               |

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| France<br>Mexico  | Police Training and Reequipping   | Haiti                                     |
| Germany<br>Tunisia  | Setting up the Audit commission of Mauritania by training 30 magistrates in Tunisia and appointing Tunisian experts and consultants for institutional support | Mauritania                                |
| Japan<br>South Africa   | Police training and capacity building   | Democratic Republic of Congo              |
| Japan<br>Thailand   | Capacity building of drug law enforcement   | Cambodia<br>Lao PDR<br>Myanmar<br>Vietnam |
| South Africa<br>Sweden  | Police Co-operation : Capacity Development in Rwanda, and sometimes in South Africa   | Rwanda                                    |
| <b>HEALTH</b>   |   |   |
| Brazil<br>Canada  | Triangular programs and actions in the area of health (immunization)  | Haiti                                     |
| Brazil<br>Japan   | Human Resources Development Program for Josina Machel Hospital  | Angola                                    |
| Brazil<br>Japan   | Improvement of Children's Health Services.  | Madagascar                                |
| Brazil<br>Spain   | Water Resources and Sanitation  | Bolivia                                   |
| Brazil<br>United Kingdom  | Support for the control of HIV  | Peru                                      |
| Brazil<br>United States   | Support for the program of prevention and control of malaria  | São Tomé and Príncipe                     |
| Italy<br>Tunisia  | Short and medium term professional training in the health sector  | Niger                                     |
| Japan<br>Mexico   | Integrated Management of Plagues  | Nicaragua                                 |
| Japan<br>Sri Lanka  | Asia-Africa Knowledge Co-Creation Project: share experience of hospital management  | African Countries                         |
| <b>HUMANITARIAN AID</b>   |   |   |
| Egypt<br>Food and Agriculture Organization                          | Sending Egyptian experts to Africa and delivering humanitarian assistance   | African countries                         |
| Japan<br>Mexico   | Disasters' Prevention – The Taishin Project: Improvement of earthquake-proof popular housing  | El Salvador                               |
| Japan<br>Mexico   | Environment and Disasters' Prevention   | Guatemala                                 |
| <b>INDUSTRY</b>   |   |   |
| Chile<br>Finland  | Long-term technical assistance to develop small and medium-sized furniture production   | Nicaragua                                 |
| Colombia<br>Japan   | Share expertise in the designing and maintenance of monitoring systems and automation of industrial processes   | South and Central American countries      |
| Colombia<br>Spain   | Land planning, protected areas and institutional strengthening  | Haiti                                     |
| Japan<br>Mexico   | Industry and Manufacturing  | Paraguay                                  |
| <b>MULTISECTOR/CROSS-CUTTING / GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</b> |   |   |
| Brazil<br>Germany   | Technological Center for the Environment  | Paraguay                                  |

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| Cuba<br>Spain   | Biodiversity stocktaking of National Park La Visite   | Haiti  |
| <b>MULTISECTOR/CROSS-CUTTING / MULTISECTOR EDUCATION / TRAINING</b>                     |   |  |
| Brazil<br>Japan   | Professional Training Program   | Angola   |
| Chile<br>United States  | Program for staff of the Ecuadorian Internal Revenue Service to visit and learn best practices from the Chilean Internal Revenue Service.   | Ecuador  |
| Chile<br>United States  | Scholarships for Latin American students to pursue a graduate degree in a Chilean university  | Bolivia<br>Ecuador<br>Paraguay<br>Peru<br>Countries from Central America and the Caribbean                                     |
| European Commission<br>Singapore  | Training in areas such as finance, trade promotion, World Trade Organisation matters and information technology. Since 2004, a total of 114 officials have been trained             | Cambodia<br>Lao PDR<br>Viet Nam  |
| Japan<br>Thailand<br>International Organisations: Colombo Plan, UNDP, UNFPA, and UNICEF | Trilateral Co-operation for annual training programmes: Thai International Postgraduate Programme (TIPP), Annual International Training Courses (AITC), and Annual Training Courses | More than 50 countries in South Asia, Middle-East, Commonwealth of Independent States, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean |
| <b>OTHER SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES</b>   |   |  |
| Brazil<br>United Kingdom  | Technical co-operation agreement for social protection work   | Ghana  |
| <b>POPULATION POLICIES / PROGRAMMES AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH</b>                         |   |  |
| Brazil<br>Germany   | AIDS-fighting in Latin America and the Caribbean (e.g. Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay)  | Latin American countries   |
| France<br>Tunisia   | Training courses in Reproductive Health - A two-year term project - infant and maternal mortality   | Nigeria  |
| <b>TOURISM</b>  |   |  |
| Colombia<br>Germany   | Community-based rural tourism   | Costa Rica   |
| <b>TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS AND TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT</b>                        |   |  |
| Canada<br>Tunisia   | Establishment of a trade and export promotion structure   | Niger  |
| <b>TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>  |   |  |
| Brazil<br>Italy   | Urban Mobility: Rationalize urban planning activities in given municipalities, improve urban mass transport infrastructure and modernization of traffic control.                    | Mozambique   |
| <b>WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION</b>  |   |  |
| Brazil<br>Japan   | Improvement of Water Services and Sanitation in the Zambezia Province   | Mozambique   |
| Germany<br>Mexico   | Municipalities' Solid Waste Integral Management   | Guatemala  |
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| Japan<br>Mexico   | Development of national strategy and framework of reference (priority areas, action lines and involved actors) for solid waste management.  | Guatemala  |

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| Japan<br>Tunisia              | Water waste management (3 year program)  | Irak                                   |
| Mexico<br>Spain               | Potable water and sanitation   | Haiti                                  |
| <b>GENERAL</b>                |  |  |
| Argentina<br>Italy            | Area of technical assistance, professional training and health   | Latin American and Caribbean countries |
| Argentina<br>Japan            | The Partnership Programme for Joint Co-operation   | Latin American countries               |
| Asia and Africa<br>Japan      | TICAD - Tokyo International Conference on African Development  | African countries                      |
| Belgium<br>Egypt              | Fund to Egyptian experts working in Africa   | African countries                      |
| Brazil<br>Germany             | Triangular schemes for fostering South-South Co-operation  | Haiti                                  |
| Brazil<br>Japan               | Triangular schemes for fostering South-South Co-operation  | Haiti                                  |
| Brazil<br>United Kingdom      | Triangular schemes for fostering South-South Co-operation  | Haiti                                  |
| Brazil<br>United States       | Triangular schemes for fostering South-South Co-operation  | Haiti                                  |
| Chile<br>Germany              | Fund for triangular co-operation aiming to share the Chilean development experience with other Latin American countries (Examples: consumer protection (El Salvador), promoting local economies (Paraguay) or land use planning (Colombia))  | Latin American countries               |
| Egypt<br>Japan                | Annual training programmes since 1985, benefiting 2200 trainees  | African countries                      |
| Luxemburg<br>Tunisia          | Setting up of a Malian Solidarity Fund in 2004-2006 (sending Tunisian experts)   | Mali                                   |
| South Africa<br>Sweden        | Tripartite Co-operation and Regional Programmes: Sweden has contributed funds to the African Renaissance Fund. Sweden also supports a number of regional initiatives in which South Africa takes part.   | African Countries                      |
| South Africa<br>United States | U.S./South Africa Tri-lateral Assistance: a mechanism for the South African Government to utilize its expertise to provide needed services in other African countries. Furthermore, it provides a means for the SAG to enhance its capacity to deliver foreign assistance and improves inter- and intra-ministerial SAD co-operation | African countries                      |
| World Bank<br>Many examples   | South-South Experience Exchange Facility (Multi-Donor Trust Fund) - IDA countries eligible   | IDA countries                          |

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