How can Japan support recurrent cost in education?

Which countries? What programs? Who?

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1. Which countries? Utilize FTI mechanism

- Criteria of FTI endorsement
 - a poverty reduction strategy or equivalent, and
 - a sound education sector plan with indicative framework, endorsed by in-country donors
- 32 countries endorsed
- Exit strategy: Study needed
- Support to CSOs engagement in monitoring and budget/aid money tracking.

FTI Indicative Framework

<u>Suggested benchmarks</u> (not targets) drawn from analysis of successful countries. Crucial for long-term sustainability of MDG progress.

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Indicators

- Government spending on education about 20% of budget
- Spending on pimary education about 50% of education budget
- 3) Teacher salary about 3.5 times GDP per capita
- 4) Pupil-teacher ratio about 40:1
- Non-teacher salary spending 33% of recurrent spending
- 6) Average repetition rate 10% or lower
- Annual hours of instruction 850 or more

Source: FTI Secretariat (2007)

2. With what aid programs? Expand budget support type grant aid and earmark them to basic education

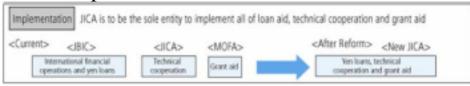
Grant Aid budget in FY 2007

Modality	Name of the Schemes	FY2007	Share
		budget in	in
		Billion	Grant
		Yen	Aid
Project Support	Grant Aid for General Projects which include school		
	construction, Emergency Grant Aid, Food Aid, Grant Aid	143.6	88%
	for Grassroots Human Security Projects, etc.		
Budget Support	Grant Aid for Conflict Prevention and Peace		
	Building(BY12.8), Grant Aid for Sector Programs(BY5),	20.0	12%
	Grant Aid for Poverty Reduction Strategy (BYO.6)		
Total		163.6	100

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3. Who?

Streamline grant aid delivery mechanism, more power to JICA



Source: Japan's Official Development Assistance White Paper 2006, MOFA

To strengthen complementarily among project, technical cooperation and budget support, all the grant aid programs including budget support type aid should be planned and implemented by new JICA.

Lastly,

- "Classrooms do not teach. Teachers do."
- UNESCO estimates that by 2015, 18 million new teachers will be needed globally –4 million in Africa alone.