

A photograph with a blue color cast showing three people working on a construction project. On the left, a man wearing a bucket hat and sunglasses is looking down. In the center, a woman is using a shovel to mix concrete. On the right, another woman in a patterned dress and headwrap is holding a large, curved object, possibly a piece of rebar or a mold. They are standing on a dirt ground with a cloudy sky in the background.

Can you  
make a  
difference?

Get involved with  
Jersey Overseas Aid.



## Opportunities with Jersey Overseas Aid, the Island's International Development Agency

Despite its size, Jersey plays a significant role on the international stage. Literally millions of individuals around the world have benefited from projects led, and delivered by, Jersey residents. From Rwanda to Mongolia, Ghana to Bangladesh, Jersey has made a real difference.

### And you could too...

Jersey Overseas Aid, Jersey's official publicly-funded relief and development agency, offers opportunities throughout the year for Islanders to get involved in international development and contribute to worthwhile projects abroad. Our Volunteer Programme are open to everyone and have been a core element of our work since 1972. Through our different bursary programmes professionals, young people or career-changers can access financial support to exchange and share knowledge whilst learning new skills and experiencing new cultures. JOA's paid internship offers the rare opportunity for a Jersey resident to gain practical experience overseas. In 2021 JOA joined the United Nations' Junior Professional Officer scheme – an international programme providing young people, sponsored by their respective governments, an extraordinary opportunity to embark on a career within the UN system.

Jersey's overseas aid work not only represents the best of our caring, outward-looking Island; it actively contributes to the strength and vibrancy of our own community. This brochure outlines the many ways in which Jersey residents can get involved in this rewarding and effective work. Further information can be found on our website [www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)

"It has been a fantastic few days working hard with the local community. Very tiring but totally rewarding, exchanging skills and experience. It's very overwhelming but seeing the progress we've made and seeing how other dams have helped other communities is a massive reward."

JOA Volunteer,  
Kenya 2022







# Small Island, **BIG IMPACT**

## – Our Volunteering Projects

**For more than 50 years Jersey residents, in collaboration with local charities and communities, have delivered projects that improve lives in some of the poorest countries in the world. The projects are designed with both sustainability in mind and in a way that sees volunteers offer real value.**

Jersey volunteers have helped to bring clean water to those without, built classrooms, orphanages and clinics where there have been none, and provided one-to-one care for those who have no one. For many it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, bringing with it a sense of achievement, life-long friendships and extraordinary memories.

The projects require no prior experience, and - unlike many organised overseas volunteer programmes - offer good value for money that achieve realistic and need-orientated goals. Projects are typically two to three weeks, and made up of around 12 individuals led by an experienced leader. Each participant contributes a modest amount towards their own travel expenses and JOA funds the additional costs of travel, plus insurance, medical kits, vaccinations, food and accommodation. JOA also funds all the materials and supplies necessary in order to complete the projects.

Conditions can be challenging and there are few creature comforts, but being part of an Overseas Aid project team is a highly rewarding experience. We ask very little in return but all potential team members will need to be interviewed and, in addition to being physically fit, we ask all participants to remember they are Jersey ambassadors when they are abroad.

We typically run two or three trips every year. To find out more about which projects are happening this year or to see images of previous years, visit our website [www.joa.je/get-involved/volunteering/](http://www.joa.je/get-involved/volunteering/)

Leading a Volunteer Project adds an additional sense of achievement, not to mention a higher level of responsibility and organisation. We are always on the lookout for experienced team leaders - if you feel you could lead a project, please get in touch at [enquiries@joa.je](mailto:enquiries@joa.je)

JOA's Volunteer Programme serves to raise awareness in Jersey of global development issues. Many trips have led to lasting links with communities all over the world, and several local charities were born from the experience of volunteering abroad. More than 1,000 islanders have been involved in the delivery of over 100 projects in some of the world's poorest communities.



**"Just do it! An incredible experience. Such a great deal to learn; from the local people, the project and how charities provide aid, to the team you work alongside. JOA makes real, achievable and long lasting change to people around the world and raises awareness in a unique and powerful way. Trips of a lifetime!"**

**JOA Volunteer,**  
Rwanda 2017







## Having a Go – JOA's Volunteering Bursary

Volunteering for a charity abroad is one of the most rewarding things one can do – not to mention one of the best ways to really get to know another country. However, working for nothing isn't free. JOA's Volunteering Bursaries provide a modest contribution towards your living costs while you give up your time for others.

JOA provides grants of £1,000 for Jersey residents to volunteer abroad. Whether it's part of a bigger trip or a dedicated mercy mission, a working holiday or a taster of a new career, if you're helping others we can help you. You'll need to be working with a recognised organisation for a minimum of two weeks, and doing something that demonstrably helps those less fortunate than ourselves. Teaching and conservation work count too!

To download an application form please visit [www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)





## Deploying our Expertise – JOA's Professional Bursary

Transferring knowledge and providing technical assistance is one of the most efficient forms of aid. It can also greatly benefit the individual who is sharing their skills in a new context - deepening proficiency, adding new perspectives and experience, and providing a great sense of professional satisfaction.

JOA's Professional Bursary Programme enables Jersey residents with relevant skills to spend time overseas utilising their expertise to help communities and organisations in need of professional assistance. We provide funding of up to £10,000 for extended placements abroad, sometimes partnering with employers who realise this is a great way to develop staff as well as to give something back.

Maybe you're a social worker who could help traumatised Syrian refugee children, an accountant who can get a Nepali charity's financial management in order, or an IT expert who can take an East African social enterprise to a new level, we'd love to hear from you. More details can be found on the website ([www.joa.je](http://www.joa.je)), but if you have an idea please contact us and we'll discuss whether we can support it.







## Jersey International Development Network

The Jersey International Development Network brings together Islanders with an interest in international development or humanitarian aid. We discuss current crises, debate the latest trends, and hear from leading actors in the sector. The network provides an opportunity to learn more about how overseas aid works and how Jersey is making a difference on the international stage. It's also a chance to join the dots of our philanthropic island, bringing together interested actors from charities, finance, government, philanthropy and the private sector.

The network aims to meet every three months and subscribing is open to all. Please visit the JOA website to register and find out more.





# United Nations JPO Programme

Jersey Overseas Aid joined the United Nations' Junior Professional Officer scheme in 2021. The international programme provides young professionals, sponsored by their respective governments, an extraordinary opportunity to embark on a career within the UN system and to contribute at the frontline of an ongoing humanitarian emergency. 2021 saw Jersey support two young islanders, Faye Coggins and Johnny Rebours, into the scheme.

Faye was deployed to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, as an Associate Programme Officer. The Rohingya people have faced decades of systematic discrimination, statelessness and targeted violence in Myanmar. Such persecution has been forcing Rohingya women, girls, boys and men into Bangladesh for many years and today an estimated 1.2 million Rohingya reside in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Johnny relocated to Lebanon where he joined the UNHCR field office in Tyre as Associate Protection Officer. Hosting around 850,000 registered Syrian refugees, Lebanon is temporary home to the highest number of refugees per capita anywhere in the world. In addition, Lebanon also hosts nearly 200,000 refugees from Palestine, and nearly 16,000 refugees from other countries of origin including Iraq, Sudan, and Ethiopia.



"The JPO programme is a mutually beneficial recruitment stream bringing in new talent and ideas to the organisation, offering young professionals a unique opportunity to serve the most vulnerable, and strengthening partnerships between donor countries and the organisation. We are very excited to have Jersey join this flagship programme and sponsor two passionate and dedicated colleagues where they are needed most, in field locations and emergency operations," said UNHCR's Director of Human Resources, Catty Bennett Sattler.

Jersey became the 19th member of the UNHCR JPO scheme, alongside Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the USA.



'Faye Coggins, left, Associate Programme Officer'



'Johnny Rebours, Associate Protection Officer'



BANGLADESH  
UNHCR/Pablo Amos  
Kutupalong refugee camp, Bangladesh.



LEBANON  
UNHCR/Diego Ibarra  
Winter descends on Syrian refugees in informal settlements, Lebanon.





## JOA's Programme Associate scheme – A Stepping-Stone to a Career in International Development

**Whilst a career in international development can be incredibly rewarding, getting your first job can be hard. This exciting programme – run in partnership with leading UK charities – gives someone from Jersey the chance to spend eighteen months learning the ropes with the professionals, including six months on assignment in a developing country.**

The main goal is to equip the successful candidate with the skills and experience necessary to enable them to take frontline roles with international relief and development organisations.

Our Programme Associate spends six months in JOA's office in St Helier, before transferring to the partner's UK headquarters where they will have an opportunity to work in a number of departments across the organisation. Full support will be provided throughout the programme and a mentor will be appointed who will oversee learning. They will then be ready for their first field posting, in one of the charity's overseas projects.

No age limit applies, and career-changers are welcome – we look to recruit individuals who are serious about embarking on a fulfilling but demanding new path, including being prepared to spend significant time in challenging places.

Details about JOA's Programme Associate scheme, including blogs from current and past Associates, can be found on the website.



**Faye Coggins**  
2019 Programme  
Associate with HelpAge  
International

"I had a fantastic experience on the Jersey Overseas Aid Internship Scheme; it provided me with invaluable experience of development programming from the perspective of a UK NGO and in an overseas context, and gave me the opportunity to build my professional skills in order to launch my career in the sector. I would highly recommend anyone considering a career in international development to apply."



**Doug Statt**  
2020 Programme  
Associate with Send a  
Cow (now Ripple Effect)

"I have been blown away by the experience and enthusiasm of my colleagues at Send a Cow – particularly how they work together to effectively run an international organisation during a global pandemic and how they have adapted to maximise their impact when traditional ways of working became impractical. JOA have also supported me to start a Postgraduate Certificate in Humanitarian Practice. I have really enjoyed getting involved in debates about issues in aid and development work and being able to compare my opinions with those of people from all over the world."





## Get Organised - Supporting Jersey Charities

We may be an island but we are anything but insular. As well as raising funds, Jersey-based charities implement projects all over the developing world. In 2021, for example, JOA donated £2.57 million to Jersey organisations conducting life changing work in some of the poorest countries in the world. We also offer support to increase their effectiveness, building capacity on the island to implement better projects and help others more efficiently.

Perhaps you're looking for grant funding for a project, or maybe you just need some help with your accounts. Perhaps you'd be interested in some training on governance, or safeguarding, or how to do due diligence on the organisations you work with. If you represent a Jersey-registered charity working overseas, please get in touch. We actively want to support you!





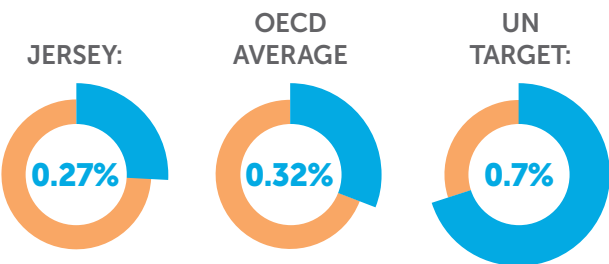
# What is Jersey Overseas Aid?

Established 1968

JOA is an international aid agency funded by the states of Jersey that has been providing life-changing assistance to people in developing countries since 1968. JOA reaches more people every year than live on the Island.

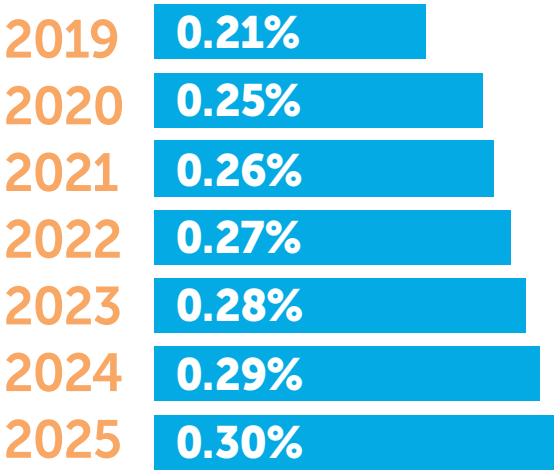
## JOA budget

Since 2021, JOA's budget has been formally tied to Jersey's Gross Value Added (GVA), meaning funding is automatic and proportionate to the Island's economy. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) country average is 0.32%.The UN target is for countries to spend 0.7% in Official Development Assistance (ODA).



## Gross Value Added

Percentage of GVA JOA received / will receive.



GVA is the measure Jersey uses to account for the value of annual economic activity

## JOA has four main funding channels:

### International Development Grants

These are multi-year projects awarded to registered UK and international charities. Jersey concentrates its major development grants on three carefully chosen themes – Dairy for Development, Financial Inclusion and Conservation Livelihoods - selected for their effectiveness in bringing lasting change to the lives of the poor and because they are areas in which Jersey has skills and knowledge that can be shared to add particular value.

### Humanitarian and Emergency Aid

Jersey has been present at nearly every major global emergency since JOA's establishment, responding to hurricanes, droughts, famine, earthquakes, and outbreaks of disease. The Island also supports civilians affected by conflict. Having received humanitarian aid ourselves, we're proud to be in a position to save innocent lives abroad.

### Jersey Overseas Charities

Jersey-based charities actively implement projects all over the developing world, receiving funds from JOA. In addition to the financial support, JOA provides capacity building and training.

### Volunteering and Outreach

Since 1972 Jersey has sent Islanders to volunteer for a few weeks on projects abroad. They bring a personal message that Jersey cares, and in many cases create enduring links between communities in Jersey and developing countries. JOA also awards volunteering and financial bursaries for Jersey residents, runs an Internship Programme and offers work experience.







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