

**JICA's Peacebuilding Programme**  
**- Bridge towards Peacebuilding by Local Government -**

**1. Background and objectives of the symposium**

Africa has made considerable progress in resolving armed conflicts in Africa during the last decade. Moreover, conflict-affected countries have taken initiatives to reconstruct their state and societies. However, there still remain challenges, as there are those countries which face risk of relapse into conflict and instability. In such countries, the challenges facing the government are enormous, including delivering public services to people. The needs and expectation of the people are far greater than the capacity to meet them.

In order to support such African countries, JICA has implemented a wide range of cooperation projects contributing to community recovery through direct support and capacity development of local government. These efforts have contributed to mitigation of factors of conflicts such as regional disparity and insufficient public services, and preventing conflict from arising and resuming.

In this symposium, JICA would like to share the lessons learned from JICA's activities on capacity development of local government in conflict affected situations from the viewpoint of peacebuilding, with audiences, especially people from Africa. The seminar will focus on on-going projects in northern part of Uganda and Sierra Leone, and Darfur region of Sudan.

**2. The objectives of the symposium are:**

- To introduce JICA's activity on peacebuilding,
- To share the insights on how JICA's projects contributed to peacebuilding through capacity development of local government in northern part of Uganda, Sierra Leone and Sudan, and
- To share lesson learned from JICA's experience in the field.

**3. Key questions to be addressed will include:**

- How significant is the capacity development of local government for sustainable peacebuilding ,
- How JICA's projects were planned and implemented to develop the capacity of local government in northern part of Uganda, Sierra Leone and Darfur region of Sudan, and
- What are the challenges of capacity development of local government in conflict-affected situations

**4. Speakers**

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