



JICA's cooperation with Africa

Towards a vibrant future for Africa and Japan

JICA's cooperation

Connecting Japan and Africa through trust

JICA is one of the world's largest Official Development Assistance (ODA) executing agencies and takes an integrated approach to development cooperation by combining technical cooperation, finance and investment cooperation, and grants. Aspiring for a free, peaceful and prosperous world where people can hope for a better future and explore their diverse potential, JICA, with its partners, takes the lead in forging bonds of trust across the world.



A 60-year journey together with Africa – moving into a new era

JICA has stood with Africa for 60 years since many of its countries achieved their independence in the 1960s onwards, respecting the continent's ownership in its development process. Africa is now growing and moving forward dynamically towards a new era. Based on the past cooperation assets, JICA promotes our cooperation which matches the needs of Africa's future.

Three Characteristics of JICA's Cooperation with Africa

People-focused: our cooperation puts people at the center, aiming to realize human security and to connect people with one another.

Africa's ownership and co-creation: Africa's ownership is the core of JICA's cooperation, and we are creating the future together with Africa.

Utilizing the Japanese experience: we offer Japan's unique experiences and lessons learned from modernization and development.



Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) – ownership and partnership

TICAD is an international conference on African development held once every three years. It is led by the Japanese Government and co-hosted by the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the African Union Commission (AUC), and the World Bank. TICAD has respect for Africa's ownership and promotes international partnerships as its guiding principles.

JICA, as the Japanese government's agency implementing development cooperation, sets the TICAD process as a policy framework for its cooperation with Africa and actively supports the process.

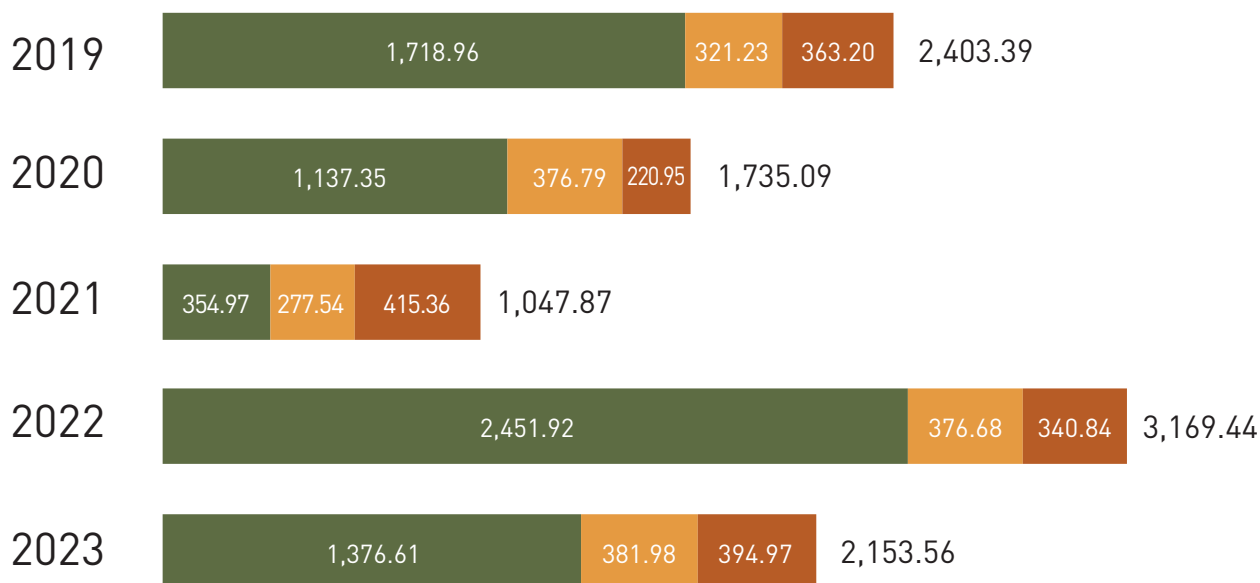
TICAD9 is scheduled to take place over three days, from August 20 to 22, 2025.



TICAD8 took place in 2022

Overview of JICA's Cooperation in Africa

Fiscal Year-Based Achievements (Unit: 100 million yen)



Finance and investment cooperation (ODA Loans)

Grants

Technical cooperation

* 49 Sub-Saharan African countries and 5 North African countries.

* Finance and investment cooperation: total commitment accounts of ODA Loan and Private-Sector Investment Finance.

* Grants: aggregated amount of Grants committed through concluding of respective Grant Agreements.

* Technical Cooperation: expenses include Technical Assistance expenses managed under the Finance and Investment Account budget, Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development (SATREPS), JICA Partnership Program (JPP), and Emergency Disaster Relief, but exclude administration costs.

Contribution to Agenda 2063

JICA accords the greatest importance on Africa's ownership and helps realize continent-wide initiatives led by Africa, such as Agenda 2063.

As part of its efforts, JICA has strengthened partnerships with the African Union Development Agency-NEPAD (AUDA-NEPAD), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, and other African Union (AU) organizations. Through these partnerships, JICA supports regional integration through infrastructure and economic integration (including the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) and the promotion of the AfCFTA), the acceleration of industrial development, collaboration with the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), and cooperation with the Pan African University (PAU), among others.



JICA President Tanaka and AUDA-NEPAD CEO Bekele-Thomas. JICA collaborates with AUDA-NEPAD in various areas, including regional integration, Kaizen, nutrition, health, and research.



JICA President Tanaka and AfCFTA Secretary-General Mene. JICA collaborates with the AfCFTA Secretariat in areas such as value chain development and trade facilitation, as well as by sharing ASEAN's experiences.



Economy

Building a resilient intra-African economy by promoting private-sector development, agricultural development, the green economy, and regional economic integration.

* Unless otherwise specified, the following achievements are as of December 2024.

[Finance]

Fifth phase of the Enhanced Private Sector Assistance for Africa (EPSA 5)

Activity

- Up to USD 5 billion in support for the private sector through a co-financing framework with the African Development Bank (TICAD 8).

Achievements

→ Projects totaling approximately USD 2.9 billion have been approved as of March 2025.

[Human Resource Development]

Training for 300,000 people, ABE Initiative 3.0

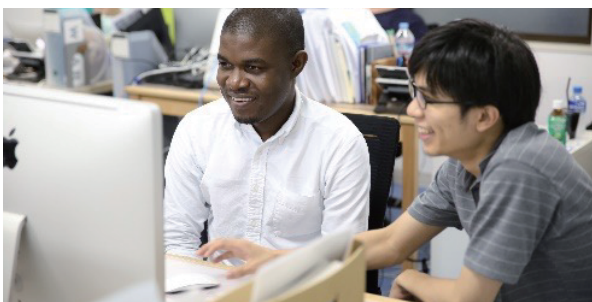
(Industrial human resource development for African youth)

Activity

- Cultivating more than 300,000 people in a wide range of fields including industry, health, medicine, agriculture, and judiciary over three years from 2022 (TICAD8).
- Develop 3,000 industrial human resources under ABE Initiative 3.0 over six years from 2019 (TICAD7).

Achievements

→ Training has been provided to approximately 291,000 people as of August 2024.
→ 3,000 people (including 1,326 people supported by JICA) have been developed under ABE Initiative 3.0 as of July 2024.



[Business / Start-up]

Africa Kaizen Initiative

Activity

- Improve productivity by 30% thorough promotion of Kaizen Initiative throughout Africa (TICAD6).
- Develop 58,000 industrial human resources through Kaizen and other initiatives (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ Productivity increased by 64% in companies that received Kaizen guidance.
→ JICA has developed 27,135 industrial human resources.

Project NINJA (Next Innovation with Japan)

Activity

- Support local businesses including more than 360 African start-ups through Project NINJA (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ Supported 759 local businesses in Africa.

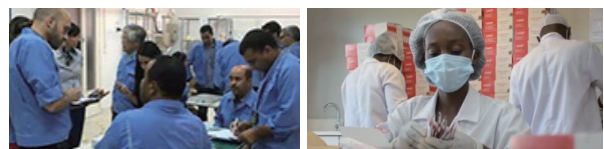
Home Grown Solutions (HGS) Accelerator Programme

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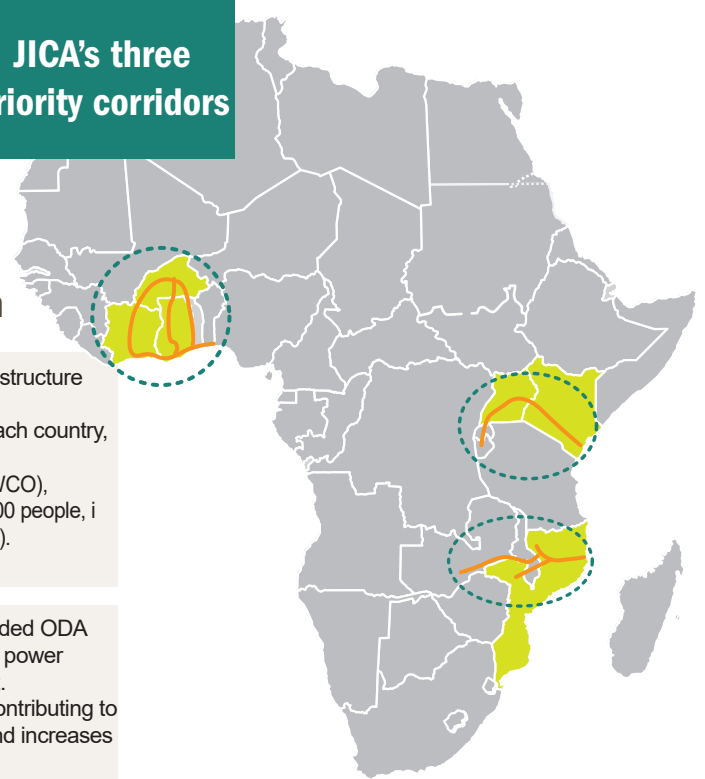
- Amid the spread of COVID-19, support for local healthcare companies in Africa was launched in 2020 in collaboration with AUDA-NEPAD. Over the past four years, 36 companies have been supported.

Achievements

→ As of mid-2024, projects have been conducted in over 30 countries, serving more than 13 million patients through the HGS and creating new jobs for approximately 1,380 people.



JICA's three priority corridors



[Regional Integration]

Corridor Development / Trade Facilitation

Activity

- Promote the three priority corridors and quality infrastructure investment (TICAD6).
- Promote regional integration in collaboration with each country, AUDA-NEPAD and other stakeholders (TICAD5).
- In cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO), support human resource development for more than 600 people, including the development of qualified trainers (TICAD8).

Achievements

- In the three priority corridor areas, Japan has provided ODA loans totaling 445.5 billion yen for 26 transport and power projects, contributing to infrastructure development.
- Developed 14 One Stop Border Posts (OSBPs), contributing to significant reductions in customs clearance time and increases in trade volume.
- Annual freight traffic has grown by 5% in the Northern Corridor and by 9 to 12% in the West Africa Growth Ring.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, a total of 584 qualified trainers have been developed, including 383 supported by JICA.

[Agriculture]

Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) Smallholder Horticulture Empowerment & Promotion (SHEP)

Activity

- Double rice production (56 million tons) by 2030 and provide capacity building for 150,000 people through CARD (TICAD8).
- Support 66,000 people's shift to agriculture for "earning" through SHEP (TICAD8).

Achievements

- Developed 144,454 human resources for CARD.
- JICA has implemented SHEP-related projects in 36 countries, supporting 77,920 people.



[Others]

Africa Power Pool and Debt Management Support

Activity

- Support operation and maintenance of the Africa Power Pool, etc. (TICAD8)
- Provide capacity building for debt management in 30 countries (TICAD8).

Achievements

- Currently implementing technical cooperation projects on power pools in Western and Southern Africa.
- JICA has provided debt management training to 54 countries.



JICA's major initiatives in Africa

Society

Protecting the lives and livelihoods of Africa's people and building sustainable social infrastructure through cooperation in health and medical system, nutrition, education, quality employment, safe water and the environment.

* as of December 2024

[Health]

Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

Activity

- Cooperate in the promotion of UHC and the development and strengthening of the healthcare security system. Expand healthcare services for 1.5 million people through the development of healthcare facilities and capacity building for 35,000 healthcare professionals (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ Trained 38,062 healthcare professionals and expanded healthcare services for 2.26 million people.



[Education]

School for All / Concept for the Japan-Africa University Network

Activity

- Provide quality education to 9 million people through the School for All.
- Provide capacity building through the Japan-Africa university network and develop 5,000 highly skilled people and accepting African students through network between Japanese and African universities (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ Provided quality education to 12.04 million children.
→ Developed 3,261 highly skilled people through E-JUST (Egypt) and JKUAT (Kenya).



[Environment]

African Clean Cities Platform (ACCP)

Activity

- On the ACCP with expanded members of 108 cities from 42 African countries, improve public health benefiting 30 million people and assist human resource development of 1,000 people (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ On the ACCP with expanded members of 196 cities from 47 countries, improved public health benefiting 36.66 million people and assisted human resource development of 1,606 people.



Peace and Stability

Realizing peaceful and fair societies in which people can live with safety and security through support by building resilient states and societies and equitable governance.

* as of December 2024

Consolidation of Democracy and Promotion of the Rule of Law

Activity

- Build capacity of 4,600 people in the judicial and administrative sectors including anti-corruption measures.

Achievements

→ Developed 3,332 people through a capacity building program for strengthening governance.



Community Empowerment

Activity

- Provide coordinated humanitarian assistance and development assistance to 1.5 million refugees and displaced persons and their host communities (TICAD8).

Achievements

→ In 9 countries, including Uganda and Zambia, JICA has provided support to host communities accommodating approximately 1.6 million refugees and displaced persons.



[Sharing Japan's Development Experience]

Under the partnership with Japanese universities and companies, JICA shares with African partners the experiences and lessons accumulated from Japan's own modernization and development cooperation over many years.

JICA Chair

JICA implements the "JICA Chair (JICA Program for Japanese Studies)," which provides future leaders of developing countries with opportunities to engage in Japanese studies and learn from Japan's development experiences, taking into account its historical and cultural background.



Japanese-style education

In Japanese schools, students develop autonomy and cooperation through "Tokkatsu" (special activities), such as day duty, cleaning, class meetings, and club activities. Since 2018, JICA has been promoting this style of "Japanese-style education" in Egypt.



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1 Angola Office	8 Djibouti Office	16 Morocco Office	24 South Africa Office
2 Benin Office	9 Egypt Office	17 Mozambique Office	25 South Sudan Office
3 Botswana Office	10 Ethiopia Office	18 Namibia Office	26 Sudan Office
4 Burkina Faso Office	11 Gabon Office	19 Niger Office	27 Tanzania Office
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