



JICA's cooperation with Africa

- Energizing both Africa and Japan -

Characteristics of JICA's Cooperation with Africa and Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD)

Africa continues to grow, driven by its large and expanding youth population, while Japan's population rapidly ages and declines. Africa's population is projected to account for one quarter of the global population by 2054, and the continent's immense potential is attracting increasing global attention. Strengthening economic and social engagement with Africa, and working together to address shared challenges, are also vital for Japan's own future development.

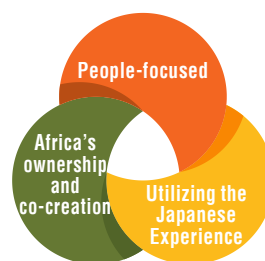
JICA has stood with Africa for over 60 years since many African countries gained independence in the 1960s, while respecting Africa's ownership of its development process. By leveraging the TICAD framework and building on the experience and assets accumulated through past cooperation, JICA will further promote cooperation that responds to Africa's evolving needs in this new era.

Three Characteristics of JICA's cooperation with Africa

People-focused: our cooperation is focused on people, 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.



Video: JICA's cooperation in Africa

◆◆ The Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) ◆◆

The Ninth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 9) was held in Yokohama from August 20 to 22, 2025, with the participation of representatives from 49 African countries, including 33 heads of state or government. Under the theme of "Co-create Innovative Solutions with Africa," discussions focused on the areas of economy, society, and peace and stability. The Government of Japan announced that it would accelerate its efforts in seven areas: (1) promoting investment in Africa; (2) promoting the mobilization of private capital; (3) strengthening industrial cooperation, including use of AI and DX and strengthening the resilience of mineral resource supply chains; (4) enhancing connectivity within and beyond Africa; (5) strengthening health policies; (6) human resource development and exchanges focused on youth and women; and (7) progressing efforts toward peace and stability in Africa. Japan also released "Japan's Contributions for TICAD 9," comprising 120 action items.

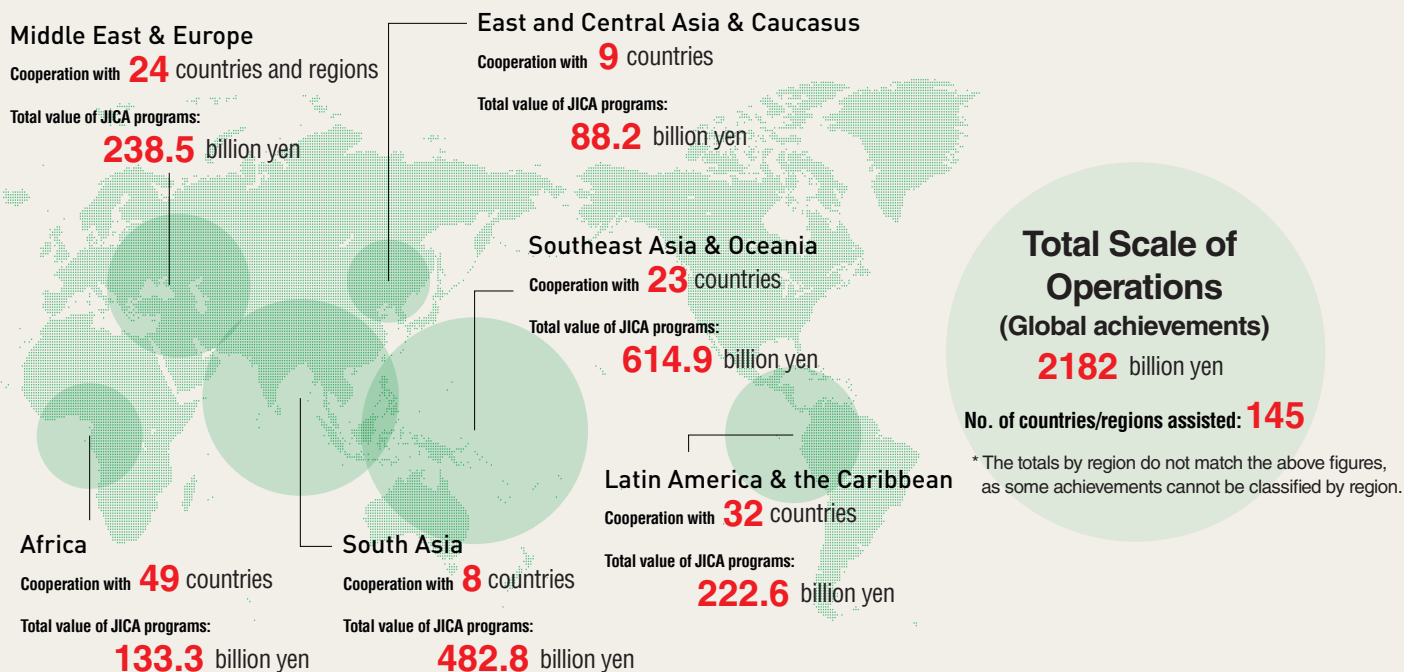


Photo: Cabinet Public Affairs Office, Cabinet Secretariat

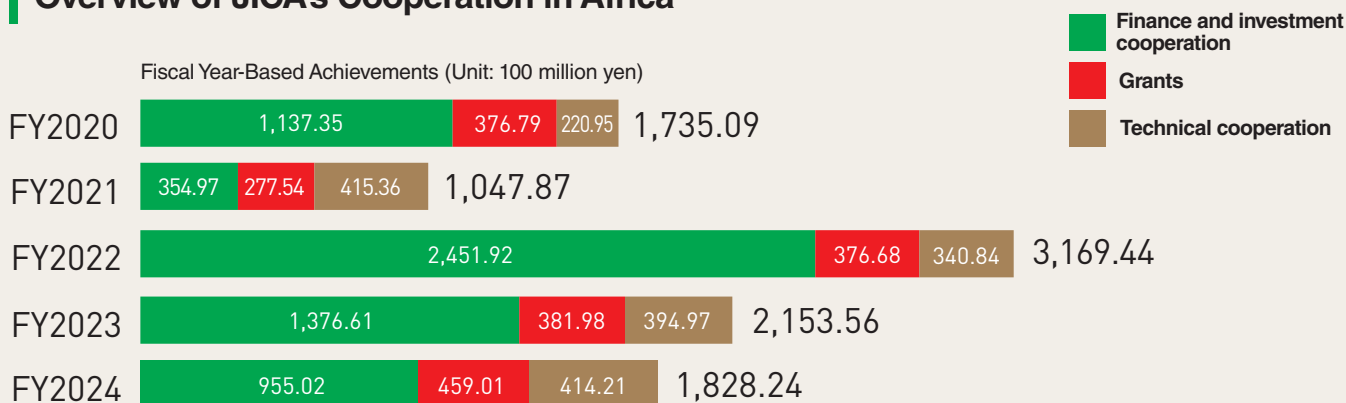
Overview of JICA's Cooperation in Africa

Scale of Operation (by region)

* North Africa is included in the Middle East and Europe
 * All project amounts shown on the map are actual results for FY2024.
 However, achievements that cannot be classified by region are not included.



Overview of JICA's Cooperation in Africa



* 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 supports 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

Economy

Finance



Sixth phase of the Enhanced Private Sector Assistance for Africa (EPSA 6)

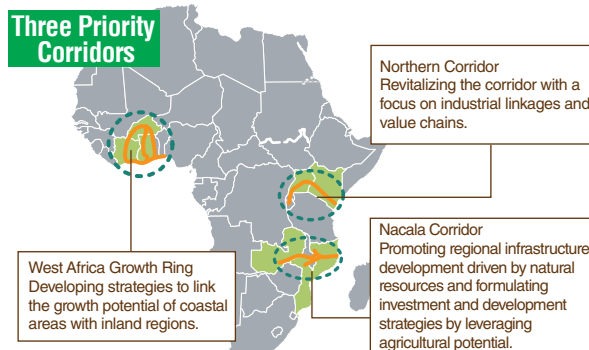
Japan, JICA, and the African Development Bank will support private sector development through up to \$5.5 billion in financial cooperation from 2026 to 2028.



Impact Investing for Development of Emerging Africa (IDEA)

Co-creating with diverse partners, including development finance institutions and private financial institutions, to mobilize \$1.5 billion in public and private impact investments by TICAD 10.

Strengthening regional integration and connectivity



Three Priority Corridors

(Northern Corridor, Nacala Corridor, and West Africa Growth Ring)

Focusing on key transport corridors that serve as the backbone of national and regional economic activity, strengthening connectivity across Africa through both hard and soft infrastructure, thereby promoting regional integration.

Addressing Urbanization and Promoting Sustainable Cities

10 master plans for urban planning and urban transport to realize livable cities.

Promoting Accessible Clean Energy

Supporting the development of the African Power Pool, a continent-wide international power transmission network, through cooperation with the West African Power Pool (WAPP) and the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP). In addition, 250 professionals in power system operation and market management will be trained.



Promoting the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Total of 9,000 customs and related agencies and private sector will be trained through cooperation with the World Customs Organization (WCO) and other partners. Collaborating with the AfCFTA Secretariat under a Memorandum of Cooperation on trade facilitation, regional value chain development, capacity building, and the sharing of knowledge and experience from ASEAN and Japan.

Industrial and Business Development and Human Resource Development



African Business Education Initiative for Youth (ABE Initiative) 4.0

Opportunities will be provided for African youth to earn a master's degree at Japanese universities and participate in internships with Japanese companies with the aim of training 3,000 individuals over six years starting in 2025.

Strengthening Food Security



Africa Food Security Initiative

Supporting the production of food sufficient for 250 million people, nutritional improvement for 92,000 individuals, and increasing the incomes of 120,000 small-scale farmers. Doubling rice production in Africa to 56 million tons by 2030 through the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD) initiative (TICAD8).

Utilizing DX and AI



AI Transformation in Africa

Promoting the platformization of African AI Centers of Excellence and training 500 AI core professionals.

Strengthening Industrial Ecosystems

The Kaizen approach will be promoted among 3,000 local companies and 460 African startups will be supported. 45,000 industrial professionals will be developed through the Africa Kaizen Initiative (AKI) and NINJA programs.

Other areas

Developing 200 professionals in debt management to ensure sustainable development finance. Supporting sustainable mining development through the KIZUNA Network.

JICA Country Offices in Africa



Disclaimer: This map is for illustrative purposes and does not imply the expression of any opinion on the part of JICA concerning the legal status of any country or territory or concerning the delimitation of frontiers or boundaries.

① Angola Office	⑧ Djibouti Office	⑬ Morocco Office	⑳ South Africa Office
② Benin Office	⑨ Egypt Office	⑭ Mozambique Office	㉑ South Sudan Office
③ Botswana Office	⑩ Ethiopia Office	⑮ Namibia Office	㉒ Sudan Office
④ Burkina Faso Office	⑪ Gabon Office	⑯ Niger Office	㉓ Tanzania Office
⑤ Cameroon Office	⑫ Ghana Office	㉀ Nigeria Office	㉔ Tunisia Office
⑥ Cote d'Ivoire Office	⑬ Kenya Office	㉁ Rwanda Office	㉕ Uganda Office
⑦ Democratic Republic of the Congo Office	⑭ Madagascar Office	㉂ Senegal Office	㉖ Zambia Office
	⑮ Malawi Office	㉃ Sierra Leone Office	㉗ Zimbabwe Office

JICA website
Africa Plaza



JICA Africa Department
Official facebook account
Africa Plaza (Japanese)



JICA Magazine
July 2025



**Japan International Cooperation Agency
Africa Department**

Nibancho Center Building, 5-25 Niban-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-8012
TEL: 81-3-5226-6660 (661, 662 and 663) (main line) Website: <https://www.jica.go.jp>