

Cross-Cutting Issue

Promoting Gender Mainstreaming: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Africa

Status Quo and Challenges

In Africa, women are particularly suffering from unpaid domestic and care works, lack of access to education and health services, lack of resources and opportunities for economic activities, limited participation in politics and decision-making, and the prevalence of Gender-based Violence (domestic violence, sexual violence, FGM, child marriage, etc.).

Direction of activities towards TICAD-8

Promote the cooperation that aims for gender equality and women's empowerment as its primary target and the cooperation that gender equality and women's empowerment are not its primary target while it still integrates gender perspectives. Also promote gender mainstreaming in JICA's existing other programs.

Society Protecting Lives Strengthening resilient and inclusive health and medical system

- ✓ Mainstreaming gender-responsive approaches in health and medical system including COVID-19 responses (maternal and child health, nutrition improvement, UHC)
- ✓ Addressing women's needs in water and sanitation etc.

+

Promoting gender-responsive COVID-19 response

Strong African Regional Economy Regional integration and business climate

- ✓ Economic empowerment of women and support for female entrepreneurs
- ✓ Promoting agriculture, forestry, and fisheries in which men and women work together and benefit from each other's efforts
- ✓ Accelerating women's empowerment through infrastructure investment, etc.

Society Protecting Livelihoods Building sustainable social infrastructure

- ✓ Promoting education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) for girls
- ✓ Addressing Women's Needs in Decent Work
- ✓ Enhancing women's participation in addressing global issues, etc.

Peaceful and Secure Society Building Peace and Strengthening Good Governance as the basis of Resilient Society

- ✓ Preventing Gender-based Violence (GBV) and promoting protection and rehabilitation/social-reintegration of survivors, including capacity development of the police
- ✓ Mainstreaming gender-responsive approach in peacebuilding, etc.

+

Promoting a collaboration with partner governments and stakeholders

Contributing SDGs



JICA's Efforts to Date



Girls' Education: "School for All" project in Niger to reduce the dropout rate and improve the advancement rate of girls, by implementing extracurricular repair and awareness-raising activities to change the mindset of local communities and residents.



Maternal and child health: Training of midwives in Sudan for safe births assist, and contributing the social advancement of rural women by increasing government-employed midwives.



Responding to Gender-Based Violence (GBV): Event celebrating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women in 2021, supported by the advisor for protection and rehabilitation/reintegration of GBV survivors.



Agriculture: Integrating gender awareness training into livelihood improvement activities for Ugandan farmers to improve women's knowledge and skills, review traditional gender roles, and promote cooperation within families.



Water Supply & Peacebuilding: Conducting water supply project in Uganda to promote resettlement of internally displaced people, with encouraging women's participation for the maintenance of water supply facilities.



Business and Entrepreneurship: Conducting a training program for strengthening African women's leadership, entrepreneurial and business management skills, and promoting exchanges and networks between Japanese and African women entrepreneurs.