

Mombasa Airport Improvement Project



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Outline of Loan Agreement

Loan Amount / Disbursed Amount	9,010 million yen / 9,010 million yen
Loan Agreement	March 1990
Terms & Conditions	Interest rate 2.5%p.a. Repayment period 30 years (Grace period 10 years)
Final Disbursement Date	March 1997

Project Outline

The project involved the rehabilitation of deteriorated runways and taxiways at Mombasa airport in order to secure safety in operations, and the expansion of airport facilities including the passenger terminal building, in order to meet increases in passenger numbers.

Results and Evaluation

Mombasa is located in eastern Kenya and is home to many international tourist attractions. The airport was constructed in 1979 using a Japan's ODA loan and has contributed to promoting tourism in this country.

This project involved rehabilitation work, including emergency repairs to the runway, and expansion of airport facilities to meet increases in passenger traffic, based on the results of a JBIC Special Assistance for Project Formation (SAPROF) study, for the airport safety issues had been raised due to runway deterioration. The project was completed in October 1996 and passenger traffic on both international and domestic flights had increased to 810,000 in 1997 against the initially forecast 580,000 (1988). However, growth has been sluggish since then due to the impact of the economic downturn and security concerns in Kenya. In addition, although cargo volumes more than doubled during 1995-97, they have since taken a downward turn.

It is hoped that tourist numbers can be recovered at an early time via economic growth and improved national security, in order that the forecast effects of this project can be brought to bear.

The focus is now on efforts to devise comprehensive measures for the cracks that developed in areas of the runways after the torrential rains of 1997, and rendering improvements to the operation and maintenance system for the airport facilities.