Our Contributions to SDGs

With a philosophy of “No one will be left behind,” the United Nations established the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with 17 Goals as important guidelines for the international community to eradicate poverty by 2030 and achieve a sustainable society.

In addition to the TICAD process, JICA has been conducting various activities to achieve the SDGs.

JICA’s Initiatives in Africa

Progress and achievements in activities for “Investment for the Future of Africa”


The Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) was held in Africa (Nairobi, Kenya) for the first time in August 2016. (All the previous conferences had taken place in Japan.) The Nairobi Declaration adopted in that memorable TICAD VI emphasized that structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization, resilient health systems for quality of life and social stability for shared prosperity were the key issues to tackle new challenges that Africa had been facing since TICAD VI.

For these challenges, the Government of Japan committed in TICAD VI to invest for the future of Africa by supporting quality infrastructure, building a resilient health system and consolidating peace and stability from 2016 to 2018.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been taking various actions and demonstrating steady results for the future of Africa, with a view to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

1. Quality Africa
   Promoting structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization

2. Resilient Africa
   Promoting resilient health systems for quality of life

3. Stable Africa
   Promoting social stability for shared prosperity

JICA Country Offices in Africa

Offices in 30 countries

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2. Benin Office
3. Botswana Office
4. Burundi Office
5. Cameroon Office
6. Côte d’Ivoire Office
7. Democratic Republic of the Congo Office
8. Djibouti Office
9. Egypt Office
10. Ethiopia Office
11. Gabon Office
12. Ghana Office
13. Kenya Office
14. Madagascar Office
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1 Quality Africa

Promoting structural economic transformation through economic diversification and industrialization

- Strengthen connectivity by promoting quality infrastructure investment
- Promote private sector activities through human resource development and productivity improvement

Human Resource Development for Business and Industry

JICA seeks to help develop human resources with practical skills for African industries that also meet the needs of Japanese companies. This includes training programs for mathematics and science teachers, support for vocational training and higher education and KAIZEN initiatives in manufacturing industry and business sectors. In addition, JICA also offers opportunities for young Africans to study at master’s courses in Japan and experience internship in Japanese enterprises through the ABE Initiative (African Business Education Initiative for Youth), and it is leading up to these young Africans, after they return to their countries, with the objective of fostering human resources who can drive Japanese companies expanding business in Africa.

Time: 2022-2024

- Progress: Reached 344 participants (JICA part, excluding those invited by other organizations.)
  - Including participants invited by the Association of Overseas Technical Cooperation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTC) and other institutions.

Target: Total of 50,000 people

Program: Implemented training programs and business cooperation projects (Human Resource Development Center at 125 locations)

- "Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia"

Target: Training capacity-building for about 50,000 people for business and Industry

Progress: Trained 15,080 people

Target: Invited 2,000 participants to Japan through the ABE Initiative

Progress: Invited 8,100 participants

Target: More than 1,000 participants through the ABE Initiative

Progress: Reached 1,100 participants

Promotion of KAIZEN initiative

JICA disseminates KAIZEN initiative throughout Africa with the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) Planning and Coordinating Agency, and improves quality and productivity by utilizing the expertise of Japanese companies.

Time: 2023-2025

- Progress: The project on Capacity Building for Adoption of KAIZEN implemented in Ethiopia from 2020 to 2024, demonstrated productivity per unit time increased by an average of 12.1%. Similar projects are ongoing in Egypt, Tanzania, Ghana, Cameroon, Kenya, Tanzania, and Zambia. JICA has also launched the Africa KAIZEN Initiative in collaboration with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency in 2023 to disseminate KAIZEN throughout Africa.

Program: KAIZEN for Quality, Productivity Improvement and Competitiveness Enhancement (Technical Cooperation)

Target: Promote KAIZEN initiative throughout Africa to improve productivity by 10%

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Major Projects:
- Ethiopia: Project on Capacity Development for KAIZEN Implementation for Quality, Productivity Improvement and Competitiveness Enhancement (Technical Cooperation)
- Ghana: National KAIZEN Project (Technical Cooperation)
- Zambia: National KAIZEN Project (Technical Cooperation)

Financing to Assist the African Private Sector

JICA seeks to encourage African private companies to make investments under the Enhanced Private Sector Assistance for Africa (EPASA) Initiative, announced jointly by the government of Japan and African Development Bank (AfDB) in 2006 to support the African private sector.

Time: 2022-2024

Target: Provided assistance of approximately USD 2.1 billion

- Progress: Provided assistance of approximately USD 2.1 billion

Program: Activity: ODA Loans

African Development Bank: Private Sector Assistance Loan (AFDB Loan)

Program: Activity: ODA Loans

Promotion of Market-Oriented Agriculture and Establishment of a Food Value Chain

JICA seeks to expand the market-oriented Smallholder Agriculture Entrepreneurship & Promotion (SHIP) approach, which has substantially boosted the livelihood of smallholders in Kenya, to all African countries. JICA also promotes public-private initiatives for the establishment of food value chains.

Time: 2022-2024

- Target: Expanding the SHIP approach into 26 countries

Program: Expanding the SHIP approach into 26 countries

- Government-to-Government (G2G) / Technical Cooperation

Program: Targeting 10,000 farmers and 100 smallholder enterprises, the project has been implemented in 23 countries, including Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Burundi, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Target: Provides training to 2,000 technical staff

Program: Provides training to 2,000 technical staff

Target: Provides training to 10,000 small-scale farmers

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Urban Development

Promotes sustainable urban development from the urban level. This includes the formulation of urban development and transportation plans utilizing Japanese technologies.

Time: 2022-2024

Target: Formulation of master plans for sustainable urban development in five cities

Program: Developed master plans for the following five cities: "Montreal (Canada), Antananarivo (Madagascar), Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Beijing (China), and Jakarta (Indonesia)."
Support for Entrepreneurs and Job Creation

Support entrepreneurs and job creation of women and youths with other international organizations.

**Target:** Launch Japan-Africa Business Women Exchange Program

**Progress:** Since February 2016, JICA has invited business women and government officials from several African countries to Japan every year for the exchange program with Japanese female entrepreneurs in collaboration with the City of Yokohama.

**Target:** Provide microfinance for women entrepreneurs

**Progress:** Signed a last agreement with the Ugandan government in February 2017 to provide a Japanese ODA loan for the Women Entrepreneurship Development Project, co-financed by the World Bank and other institutions.

**Target:** Facilitate job creation and economic growth in North Africa through the EIC-MENA Fund

**Progress:** Signed an agreement for equity participation in the EIC Middle East and North Africa Fund, I.P., in collaboration with International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Improving Connectivity and Regional Economic Integration through Corridor Development

Accelerate trade expansion by promoting Corridor Development Approach, which comprehensively integrates industrial development, social sector development and economic infrastructure development along economic corridors. Encourage public-private partnership from master planning stage to project implementation stage.

**Target:** Connect the five priority economic corridors

**Progress:** Provided ODA loans of approximately JPY 32 billion and ODA grant aid of approximately JPY 30 billion since 2012 to develop transportation and power infrastructure for the five priority corridors.

**Target:** Support developing 10 strategic master plans for urban planning, transportation and infrastructure development

**Progress:** Provided at 10 locations (see map)

**Target:** Provide capacity building for 300 customs officers in 10 countries to operate bonded areas

**Progress:** Provided in 10 countries (trained) 1,253 officers of personnel.

Power Development

Develop renewable energy such as geothermal power generation, support African Power Pool Infrastructural and institutional and power linkages, development of distribution lines, etc., and develop human resources for managing and maintaining electric power systems.

**Target:** Provide financial support of 208 billion yen (USD 2 billion) for low-carbon energy supply and efficient use of energy

**Progress:** Provided support of JPY 285.2 billion.

Kenya: Olkaria Geothermal Power Plant Development and Rehabilitation Project (ODA Loan)

Uganda: Combined Cycle Power Plant Development at Mapimi (ODA Loan)

Photo: Electricity of Mombasa

Ethiopia: The Project for Formulating Master Plan on Development of Geothermal Energy in Ethiopia (Technical Cooperation)

OSBP (One Stop Border Post)

Provided assistance at 14 locations.

**Target:** Establishing a single entry/exit point for exports and imports at 14 locations.

**Progress:** Established 14 locations (as of March 2016)

**Target:** Promote the establishment of a single entry point

**Progress:** Established 14 locations (as of March 2016)
2 Resilient Africa
Promoting resilient health systems for quality of life

- Strengthen the capacity of responding, preventing, and preparing for public health crises
- Promote UHC in Africa

Promotion of Universal Health Coverage (UHC)

JICA promotes Universal Health Coverage (UHC), through financial and technical cooperation, by training health service workers and strengthening services delivery systems including health financing. JICA also promotes maternal and child health, reproductive health, and measures for infectious and non-infectious diseases to achieve UHC.

YAP: FY2020

Target: Financial and technical support of JPY 63.7 Billion for the health sector
Program: Provided JPY 63.7 Billion to JICA projects

Target: Train 12,000 health service workers
Program: Trained 118,219 health service workers

Target: Provide intensive support to focal countries of UHC (Kenya, Senegal, Ghana)
Program: Selected Kenya, Senegal and Ghana as focal model countries of UHC.

Target: Increase access to basic health service for approximately 2 million people throughout Africa (3.3 million to be achieved by JICA)
Program: Increased 1,288,370 people (as of March 2024)

Implementable in tandem

Target: Strengthens the cooperation with relevant countries and international organizations based on the “UHC in Africa” Framework for action and the “International Health Partnership for UHC CPII” platform
Program: Held UHC Forum in Tokyo

Target: Implementing the initiative of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health, labour and social security with the World Bank and the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and IFAD

Major Projects

Senegal: Universal Health Coverage Support Program (ODA Loan)
Kenya: Health Sector Policy Loan for Attainment of the Universal Health Coverage (ODA Loan)
Ghana: Project for Improving Continuity of Care for Mothers and Children, through the introduction of combined MCH/Readiness Package (Technical Cooperation)
Sudan: Verification Survey for Improving Maternal and Child Health Utilizing Ultrasound Equipment with Japanese companies (Public-Private Partnership)

Strengthen the Capacity of Responding, Preventing, and Preparing for Public Health Crises

Promote joint activities with other international organizations to develop human resources for controlling infectious diseases in rural areas in order to strengthen the capacity of responding, preventing, and preparing for public health crises.

YAP: FY2021

Target: Provide capacity-building for about 20,000 health specialists and policymakers to control infectious diseases
Program: Trained 13,686 people (as of March 2024)

Implementable in tandem

Target: Uganda: Pilot Survey for Disseminating Full-Automatic Washing and Disinfecting Devices for Medical Instrument to Promote Infection Control with Japanese companies (Public-Private Partnership)

Major Projects

Uganda: Public Health Education Project (ODA Loan)
Ghana: The Project for the Construction of Advanced Research Center for Infectious Diseases at Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (Grant Aid)

Accelerate the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA)

Accelerate the implementation of food and nutrition security policies in about 18 African countries by 2025, in order to improve the nutritional status, which is an urgent need for the African development.

YAP: FY2022

Target: Establish the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA)
Program: Created JICA NETA in the NITA/Planning and Coordinating Agency. Formulation of countrywide strategies are ongoing in 18 countries.*

Major Projects

Uganda: Farmer’s Livelihood Improvement Project (Technical Cooperation)

22 African countries*: Dispatch of approximately 208 nutrition improvement volunteers (from 2015 to 2024) (Technical Cooperation)
Ghana: Preparatory Survey on NOP Business for Nutrition fortified Foods for Mothers with Japanese companies (Public-Private Partnership)

*Virginia, Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Chad, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

JICA’s Support for UHC in Africa

Focus of support

Outcome

Top goals

- Strengthening of primary care, including community
- Improvement in service delivery
- Reduction of the financial risks caused by medical expenses
- Achievement of UHC
- Everyone is able to receive basic health and medical services at an affordable cost.

Scheme

Technical Cooperation
- Technical cooperation projects, loan-exchange, Cooperative Venture, etc.
- Training Program
- Knowledge and skills program, training programs, The Child-Health Program, etc.
- Grant Aid
- Projects to improve health facilities and environment, etc.

ODA Loan
- Repaying of social and long-term infrastructure projects towards UHC

JICA’s Support on building resilient health system for quality of life in order to respond to pandemics including Ebola Virus Diseases. In Africa, JICA promotes the G7 Be-Shima Vision for Global Health. While focusing on the ownership and leadership of each country, JICA also supports human resources for health to cope with infectious diseases, promotes universal health coverage (UHC), and accelerates the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA).

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3 Stable Africa
Promoting social stability for shared prosperity

- Lay the foundations for peace and stability including education and vocational training for youths

**Doubling Rice Production in 10 Years**

Facilitate the National Rice Development Strategy (NRDS) of each country under the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD), founded in 2008. Also, promote the entire value chain, such as extension, production, postharvest handling and marketing, through technical and financial cooperation and research initiatives in collaboration with other development partners.

**2018-2020**

Target: Double rice production in Sub-Saharan Africa to about 28 million tons by 2020

Progress:
- 23,14 million tons (2017, FAO STAT)
- Implementation is underway to achieve the target

**2019-2021**

Target: Transfer techniques of rice cultivation to 50,000 farmers and 2,500 extension workers

Progress: Disseminated the skills to 48,281 farmers and 3,293 extension workers (as of March 2018)
- Implementation is underway to achieve the target

**22 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa**: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia

**Major Projects**

- Ethiopia: The Project for Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems in South-West of Aceh Lake (Grant A)
- Malawi: Project for Enhancing Capacity for Medium Scale Irrigation Scheme Development, Operation and Maintenance (Technical Cooperation)
- Uganda: Promotion of Rice Development Project (Technical Cooperation)

**Quality Education for All**

Provide comprehensive support for African partner countries ranging from curriculum development, teacher training assessment, educational development through community participation, and construction of schools for inclusive and quality education for children.

**2018-2021**

Target: Provide a quality education environment for 28 million children

Progress: Provided to approximately 28 million children

**Major Projects**

- Egypt: Egypt-Egypt Education Partnership: Human Resource Development Project (ODA, Grant)
- Guinea: The project for Construction of primary and secondary schools in urban areas Phase 2 (Grant A)
- Niger: “School for All.” The project on support of educational development through community participation (Technical Cooperation)

**Safe Water and Sanitation**

Improves access to safe water and sanitation in Africa through the Sustainable Hygiene Improvement and Access to Water and Sanitation Empower Africa’s (SHIWA-EA) initiative.

**2018-2021**

Target: Improve access to safe water and sanitation services for about 18 million people

Progress: Improves access and sanitation condition for 11.8 million people

**Major Projects**

- Tanzania: Alassa Water Distribution Plant Construction Project (ODA, Loan)
- Ethiopia: The Project for Improvement of Water Supply in Bahir Dar City (Grant A)
- Mozambique: The Project on Promoting Sustainability in Rural Water Supply, Hygiene and Sanitation in Nacaza Province in the Republic of Mozambique (Technical Cooperation)
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Peace and Stability
Promote peace and stability by countering terrorism as well as vocational training and other opportunities to empower youth and women.

Major Projects
- Sierra Leone: Capacity Development for Comprehensive District Developments in the Northern Region of Sierra Leone (Technical Cooperation)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: The Project for Professionalization of the Police for the Population and Peace (Technical Cooperation)
- Côte d'Ivoire and neighboring countries: Criminal Justice in French Speaking African Countries (Technical Cooperation)
- Maldives: Project for Capacity Development of the Maldivian Coast Guard (Technical Cooperation)

Tackling Climate Change
Strengthen human resources for climate change and disaster prevention and promote sustainable natural resources management. Appropriately conserve and utilize forest resources and reduce vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters.

Major Projects
- TICAD V: Target to reduce deforestation in 34 African countries through the TReES Initiative (JICA is responsible for 26 countries)
  - Progress: Technical cooperation in 30 countries
  - Achievements: Reduction of deforestation in 34 African countries

- TICAD VI: Target to reduce deforestation in 34 African countries through the TReES Initiative (JICA is responsible for 26 countries)
  - Progress: Technical cooperation in 30 countries
  - Achievements: Reduction of deforestation in 34 African countries

Relation Between TICAD V, TICAD VI and TICAD VII

Achievements of JICA’s Assistance for Africa

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Lean Aid (Yen Loans) | Grant Aid | Technical Cooperation

Note: Available with African countries in addition to 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa

Building a Special Partnership of Trust with Africa

TICAD VI in Nairobi symbolically showed strong commitment and ownership of the African Countries for their own development.

The participating countries agreed to make a stride towards diversification and industrialization in the African economy by promoting investments in quality infrastructure and human resources.

They also agreed to promote a resilient health system for all and to seek peace and stability.

JICA has been making efforts to steadily implement various activities, such as the African Business Education (ABE) Initiative for youths, the KAIZEN initiative to improve productivity and quality in the African enterprises and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) to enable all African people to receive quality but affordable health services.

TICAD VII will be held in Yokohama in August 2019. Reflecting the growing engagement of a broad base of stakeholders, it will serve as an open platform for action of inclusive economic growth in African countries, promotion of human security and establishment of peace and stability. JICA, as a long-time partner of trust with Africa, will thus continue to make efforts in collaboration with the private sector, development institutions and others.