



South Asia

Revealing the Hidden Potential of the Indian Ocean-Rim Economic Region

Director General's Message

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Regional Issues

- Approximately one-third of the world's poor, who survive on less than \$1.25 a day, live in South Asia.
- Ending poverty in South Asia requires dynamic and quality growth that takes human security into account and gives consideration to the development of the overall Indian Ocean-Rim Economic Region.

Fiscal 2014 Initiatives

- JICA promoted economic corridor development that boosts the economic activities of the private sector, including the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project (India) and the Bay of Bengal Industrial Growth Belt Initiative (Bangladesh).
- JICA implemented peacebuilding and reconstruction initiatives, including providing support for female police officers in Afghanistan and strengthening community mediation capacity in Nepal.
- JICA also provided support for strengthening public health in individual countries to facilitate inclusive development.

Future Cooperation

- The Indian Ocean-Rim Economic Region, centered on South Asia and with a population of 1.6 billion, is expected to become the core of global economic growth. Together with support for quality growth in individual countries, JICA will promote cooperation that will contribute to the enhancement of connectivity within South Asia and also between South Asia and other regions.
- JICA will continue providing humanitarian aid and support for reconstruction in the aftermath of the earthquake that hit Nepal in April 2015.

pick up
A look at
programs by
numbers

23.72 million persons

This is the number of people who have gained access to safe drinking water through water supply development projects implemented with JICA support in South Asian countries since 1999. JICA is providing extensive support not just for facilities development with financial aid, but also through technical cooperation for the maintenance and management of water supply facilities, establishment of fee-charging systems, and education in public health and sanitation for local communities.

Bangladesh: Computer training at the Women Technical Training Center, Dhaka. JICA Volunteers provide support at the Center. (Photo by Mika Tanimoto)