



# Africa

## Toward Promoting Industry and Building Resilient Society in Africa

### Director General's Message

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### Regional Issues

→ Africa's economy is mostly dependent on commodities such as mineral resources. Manufacturing and other industrial sectors are still lagging behind. Africa's society faces vulnerabilities, including Ebola outbreaks, civil war, and terrorism. Promoting new industries, transforming economic structures, creating employment, and strengthening social resilience are essential for sustainable and inclusive growth in Africa.

### Fiscal 2014 Initiatives

→ The Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) in 2013 set the following three pillars in its Action Plan: "Robust and Sustainable Economy," "Inclusive and Resilient Society," and "Peace and Stability." To achieve the goals set with these pillars, JICA provided support for infrastructure development and development of human resources for industry, agriculture, education, health, and other areas in the social sector, and also promoted peacebuilding.

### Future Cooperation

→ In addition to the initiatives to achieve the TICAD V goals, JICA is reviewing approaches toward TICAD VI, to be held in Africa in 2016, with respect to Africa's initiatives, such as the African Union's long-term vision, "Agenda 2063."  
→ JICA also plans to provide support to reduce social vulnerability, exposed by recent events such as the Ebola outbreak and falling crude oil prices.

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A look at  
programs by  
numbers

**50** million people

Support provided through the Coalition for African Rice Development (CARD), in which JICA plays a leading role, has lifted Africa's annual rice production from 14 million tons in 2007 to 22 million tons in 2013, an increase of 8 million tons. This is equivalent to the amount of rice needed for annual consumption by 5% of Africa's population — about 50 million people — and is making an important contribution to improving nutrition in Africa.

Ghana: A JICA volunteer (school health) giving guidance on Ebola prevention at the market. (Photo by Takeshi Kuno)