



Middle East and Europe

Regional Stability and Medium- to Long-Term Growth



Director General's Message

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Regional Issues

- Civil conflicts and extremist violence in the Middle East and Northern Africa have made the region more fragile and unstable.
- Youth unemployment and economic disparity are the major sources of the instability in the region, and the situation remains unsettled. From a human security perspective, assistance for peace and regional stability are needed.
- Stability in the Eastern European region is also geopolitically significant.

Fiscal 2014 Initiatives

- As assistance for Syrian refugees, JICA provided water supply networks and financial support to the governments and communities that accepted the refugees.
- For mid- and long-term regional stability, JICA launched new projects that include a sewage network in Iraq, airport expansion in Egypt, and flood control in Tunisia, all aimed at pursuing Higher Quality Growth.
- Based on the situation in Ukraine, JICA provided emergency financial assistance to Ukraine.

Future Cooperation

- For Middle Eastern countries, JICA will provide assistance to Syrian refugees, post-conflict reconstruction, redressing of economic disparities, and human resources development, based on the policy statement by Prime Minister Abe in January 2015 that promised a new support package of \$2.5 billion for the Middle East.
- For Ukraine and other Eastern European countries, JICA will continue support in environmental improvement, governance, and health care.
- As new initiatives, JICA will promote cost-sharing technical cooperation for the Gulf countries, and will accelerate collaboration with emerging donor countries.



About **8** million persons

Turkey has absorbed more than 1.7 million refugees from Syria, the highest number in the world, since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria. JICA contributes to the improvement of the living environment in the southeastern districts of Turkey for a total of 8 million people, both Syrian refugees and Turkish residents, through the ODA Loan for infrastructure to local governments.

Jordan: Built through cooperation from Japan, the Electric Power Training Center is providing third country training programs for engineers in Jordan and from neighboring countries. (Photo by Shinichi Kuno)