



Middle East and Europe

Supporting Inclusive Growth for Regional Stability



Director General's Message

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Regional Issues

- ➔ Problems such as poverty, economic disparity, and unemployment, which caused the Arab Spring, remain unsolved.
- ➔ Assistance caring for marginalized youth, women, and farmers and incorporating a human security perspective is needed.
- ➔ Stability in Eastern Europe, especially geopolitically important Ukraine, remains a significant issue.

Fiscal 2015 Initiatives

- ➔ In order to help bring stability to the Middle East and North Africa, JICA provided assistance for Syrian refugees and their host communities and supported economic reforms and agricultural development.
- ➔ To support mid- and long-term "quality growth," JICA implemented projects in electric power, airport, and water supply and sewerage sectors.
- ➔ For stability in Ukraine, JICA provided assistance in sewerage treatment plant modernization, financial management, and governance.

Future Cooperation

- ➔ Given that Japan pledged assistance to the Middle East totaling \$6 billion at the G7 Ise-Shima Summit in May 2016, JICA will steadily deliver development cooperation that supports Syrian refugees, facilitates post-conflict reconstruction, redresses economic disparities, and develops human resources.
- ➔ JICA will support infrastructure development and planning in Iran, the economic sanctions on which were lifted in January 2016.
- ➔ For Eastern Europe, JICA will continue with its cooperation in such sectors as environmental improvement, governance, and health.

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A look at
programs by
numbers

About **1.7** million people

Some 1.7 million people fled the conflict in Syria to Jordan and Lebanon. This figure is equivalent to 10–20% of the population of the two countries, putting tremendous pressure on the employment situation and the delivery of education, water, and other public services. JICA focuses on access to water, school education, and employment to help improve the living environment for both Syrian refugees and local residents.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Children from two formerly conflicting ethnic groups now sit side by side peacefully drawing pictures at a kindergarten in the Project for Confidence-Building through Rural Development. (Photo by Shinichi Kuno)