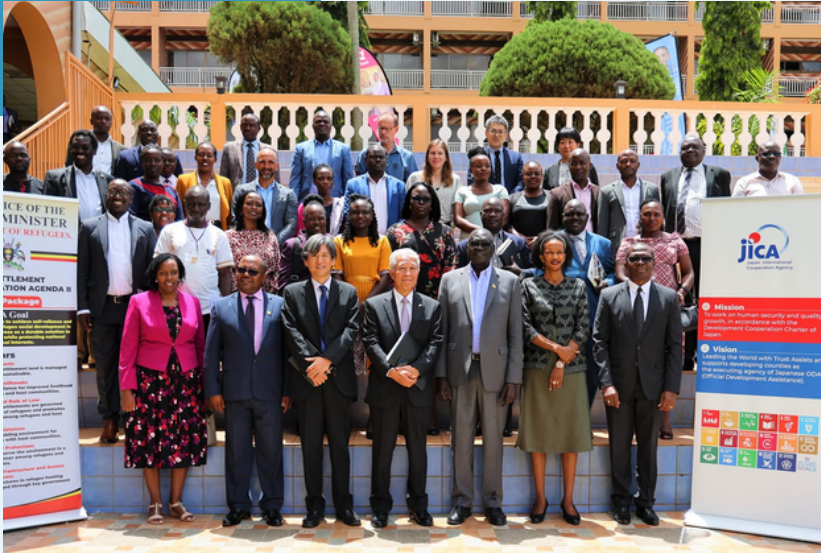


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Launch of STA II 2022-2027

Office of the Prime Minister with support from JICA Uganda, in the presence of development partners, launched the Settlement Transformation Agenda (STA).

The STA is a government resource mobilisation tool for social and economic development among refugees and host communities.

Participants: United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Uganda Country Representative, representative from UNICEF Uganda, implementing and operating partners, MDAs, Ambassadors of Sweden and Japan and local government representatives. ([Links](#))



Goal

To achieve self-reliance and local settlement for refugees and to promote social development in the refugee-hosting areas as a durable solution to refugees' problems while protecting national and local interests.

6 STA Pillars

1. Land Management

To ensure that settlement land is managed in a way that is efficient and sustainable.

2. Sustainable livelihoods

To foster self-reliance for improved livelihoods for refugees and host communities.

3. Peaceful co-existence

To create an enabling environment for refugees to live in safety, harmony and dignity with host communities.

4. Governance & rule of law

To ensure that settlements are governed in a way that respects the rights and obligations of refugees and promotes the rule of law among refugees and host communities.

5. Environmental Protection

To protect, conserve and sustainably use the natural environment in and around refugee settlements and refugee hosting and refugee-affected areas in Uganda.

6. Community infrastructure and access to social services

To progressively enhance economic and social infrastructure in refugee hosting and affected areas.

IMPROVEMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL IN KAMPALA CITY

In addition to on-going efforts to improve traffic flow in Kampala (like the Kampala Flyover Project), JICA continues to demonstrate unlimited efforts to peg out the challenges of traffic congestion. JICA extended a grant aid worth approx. USD 0.84million, to facilitate the construction of a traffic control center, and improve 27 traffic junctions by a smart signalization system called 'MODERATO'. The first project in the EAC region that adopts technology infrastructure for more safe, efficient, and sustainable transport service delivery.



ESVP DR. JUNICHI YAMADA VISITS JICA'S PROJECTS

Executive Senior Vice President (ESVP) Dr. Yamada Junichi, in March, came to observe JICA activities in Uganda and also have dialogue with the government regarding JICA's present and future support to Uganda. He was impressed by the commendable ongoing works on the Kampala Flyover, and inspired by Japanese technology and excellent maintenance of the iconic Nile Bridge. Uganda on a tour to observe JICA's projects in Agriculture and Infrastructure. He is impressed by the commendable ongoing works on the Kampala Flyover, and inspired by Japanese technology and excellent maintenance of the iconic Nile Bridge.



Visit to the Flyover & Nile Bridge



Visit to the PRiDe project & rice tasting

PROJECT FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE CLOSURES



In response to the urgent need for Uganda to sustainably own, operate and maintain road equipment, in 2021, JICA dispatched an expert team from Japan to work with MoWT, to implement the "project for capacity development for improvement of road construction and maintenance." This technical cooperation extended assistance for capacity development for MoWT personnel (TOT Training for both Mechanical and civil engineers) – policy making, budget planning, road construction and maintenance systems, that would facilitate smooth operations of a mechanical workshop, and improve maintenance of road construction equipment in a timely manner, for proper road maintenance service. Projects ended on 20th April, 2023.



ICT Industry Promotion Project



In May this year, JICA together with the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance launched a four year ICT INDUSTRY PROMOTION PROJECT. This technical cooperation project's overall goal is to strengthen the ecosystem for promoting ICT industry in Uganda with a purpose of establishing a growth model of priority sub-sector of Uganda ICT Industry. At the end of the four years, the project is expected to have achieved the following outcomes Policy Support, Providing training opportunity to young people to become ICT engineers, Support ICT companies in Uganda to expand their business, Support trained ICT engineers to launch their own startup

Technical Institute graduates 842 students

St. Joseph's Technical Institute, Kisubi, where JICA Volunteer Ms. Shibata assumes her duties as ICT tutor, last week, held their 4th Graduation Ceremony for 842 students in different fields.

The Senior Representative Mr. Fukuhara Ichiro in his speech recognized three volunteers, Ms. Shibata and others who are currently working in different vocational institutions.

Mr. Fukuhara congratulated graduands and advised them to practice skills acquired to impact their communities. He also emphasized our collaboration and friendship with vocational institutions.

The Chairman board of governors, who is also former Principal of Nakawa Vocational Training College and #KCCP Ex-participant appreciated Japan's contribution to vocational skills development.



JICA, partners visit settlements



JICA joined the Refugee Humanitarian Partners' group on a joint mission led by UNCR to observe the situation of Refugees in Adjumani and Lamwo, as Uganda prepares to co-convene the GRF in December.

New Volunteers!



New volunteers Ms. Yamazaki Ruuna and Mr. Nakamura Nobutaka are in Uganda to work for 2 years. They were oriented for one month before being dispatched to their assigned locations.

Unity is strength!



Clad in traditional wear from different regions in Uganda, we joined the rest of the continent to celebrate Africa Day 2023.

JICA, PARTNERS CELEBRATE WOMEN'S DAY WITH URBAN REFUGEES & HOST COMMUNITY

JICA Uganda together with Soltilo Bright Stars FC, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Uganda, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Youth Sports Uganda (YSU) and International Rescue Committee (IRC) held a football class and exhibitonn in Kampala to celebrate the International Women's Day with urban refugees and host community membes .



Patient Safety Training in Mubende Hospital

The JICA Chief Representative Mr. Inoue Yoichi observed Mubende Regional Referral Hospital health staff undergo a four-day patient safety training using the 5S-CQI (KAIZEN)-TQM concept.

The training is one of the activities under the 5-year MOH-JICA project for Patient Safety Establishment, which is meant to enhance the quality of patient and staff safety in the 18 Regional Referral hospitals in Uganda.

This, in the long run, will contribute to the improvement of quality of health care services.



Developments:

Portfolio review

Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development held a portfolio review workshop for JICA on 27th April 2023. The dialogue offers an opportunity for both JICA and the Government of Uganda to discuss the progress of projects supported by JICA. It is also a platform for jointly finding solutions to the challenges that the projects may be facing. In attendance was the Embassy of Japan as well as representatives from Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that are implementing the different projects.



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