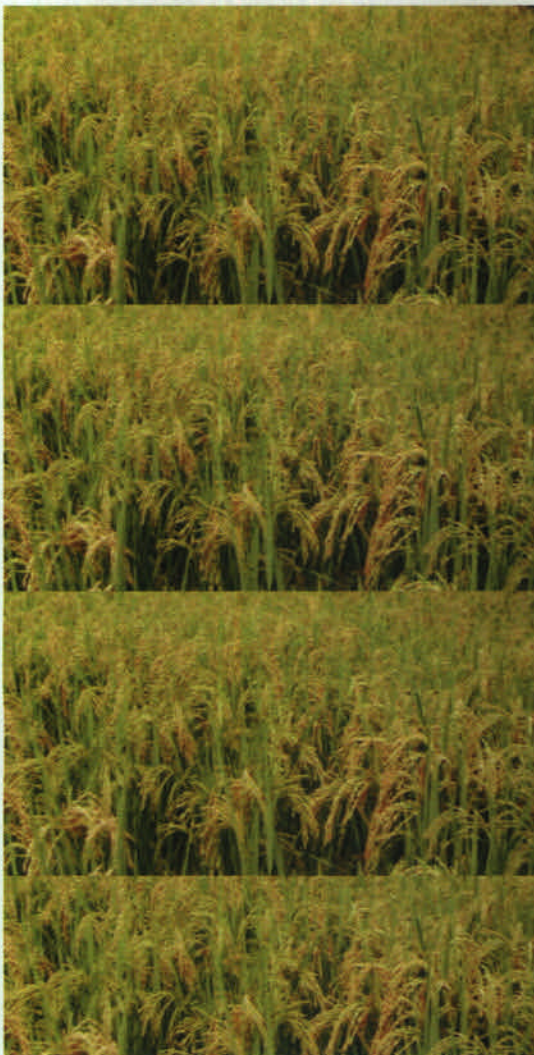




# Japan's ODA in the Agriculture Sector

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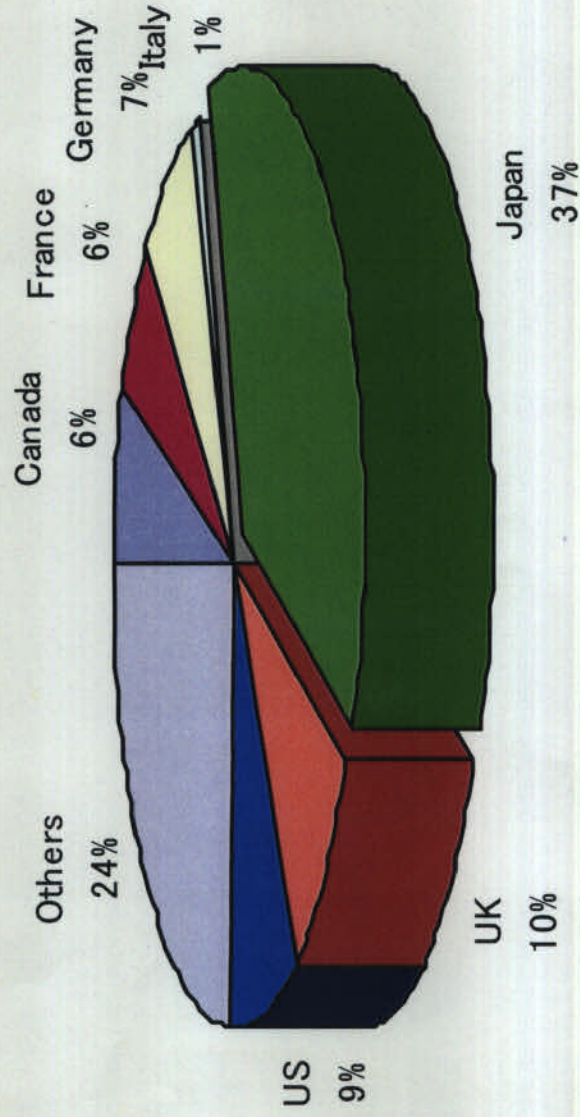
1. Focus of Japan's support
2. Ratio of bilateral ODA by OECD
3. NERICA-New Rice for Africa-

# Japan's support to agricultural & rural development

- **Raising agricultural productivity** (e.g. support to policy-making, capacity development, microfinance, technology, infrastructure such as irrigation and rural road, organization of farmers)
- **Linking production with markets** (e.g. support to market facilities, distribution systems, IT, roads)
- **Developing agribusiness** (e.g. support to policy-making, production technology and know-how, networking)
- **Promoting sustainable development** (e.g. policy-making, environmental protection, forestation)

# Bilateral ODA Disbursements in agriculture sector by OECD/DAC countries

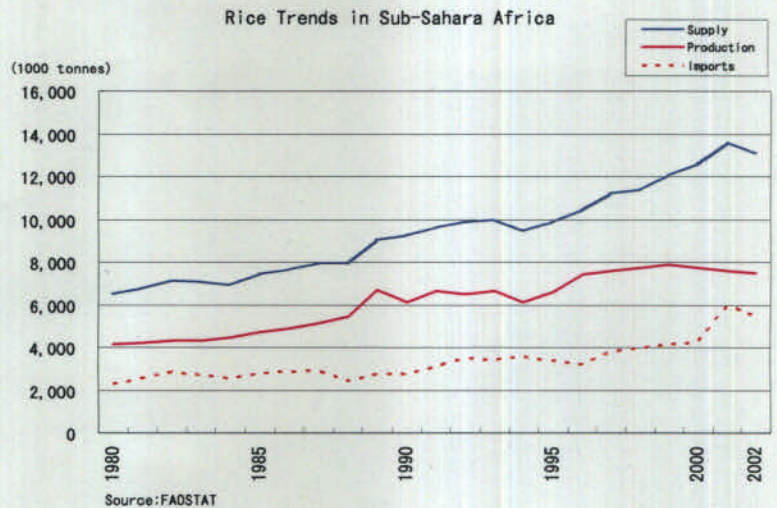
DAC Total : 2,131 million dollars in 2003



Source: DAC documents, 2003  
Note: Excludes food aid

## Promotion of development and dissemination of NERICA (New Rice for Africa)

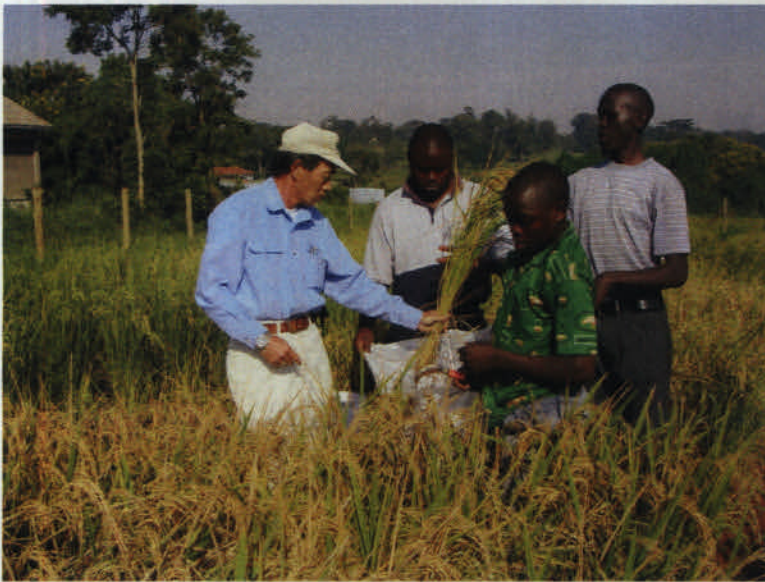
1. In recent years, rice consumption in Sub-Saharan Africa is increasing, much of it being met through imports due to lack of production. Since precious foreign exchange is being used to import rice mostly from Asia, increasing rice production is a pressing need. This also provides an opportunity for poor farmers to earn more income through rice production.



2. Japan has supported development and dissemination of NERICA through contribution to WARDA (West Africa Rice Development Association) and UNDP since 1997. Furthermore, JICA has dispatched the specialists to a number of countries in Sub-Sahara Africa and WARDA. JIRCAS (Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences) and WARDA are conducting the joint research on NERICA.
3. Following are some important factors that contribute to dissemination of NERICA in the developing country.
  - Adequate policy and budget allocation for agriculture based on ownership of the developing countries
  - Development of a seed production and supply system
  - Empowerment and motivating the farmer
  - Comprehensive support from production to the market according to comparative advantage of related organizations and NGOs
4. Japan's action plan to develop and disseminate NERICA will initially focus attention on Uganda and Guinea, which have shown strong commitment to agriculture and NERICA. In order to facilitate seeds production and dissemination of NERICA in Uganda and Guinea, a local forum will be established in these two countries with the participation of the government and other interested parties to discuss concrete plans for their collaboration, dissemination targets and timetables for NERICA dissemination.
5. Success stories on NERICA dissemination in these two countries will be followed by enhanced support to other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa in order to expand the area of NERICA dissemination.



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Dr. Tatsushi TSUBOI, the specialist of rice crop from JICA, teaches farmers cultivation techniques of NERICA in Uganda.



Test operation of a thresher manufactured by training. Dr. Tsuboi is carrying out this training in cooperation with SG2000.