

Japan's assistance to the Palestinians (Fact sheet)

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Japan supports a two-state solution whereby Israel and a future independent Palestinian State will coexist and prosper together. From this point of view, Japan has been assisting the Palestinian people centering on 4 pillars, which are humanitarian aid, assistance for the state-building efforts, confidence building, and enhancing economic self-sustainability. Japan's assistance exceeds **1.19 billion US dollars** in total since 1993.

Japan extended assistance that amounts to around **100 million US dollars** in fiscal year 2010, in line with what Prime Minister Kan pledged at his meeting with Prime Minister Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority in Tokyo on 24th November 2010. Prime Ministers Kan and Fayyad confirmed the importance of continuing the following mid- and long-term efforts for the Palestinian state building.

1 "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" Initiative

(1) "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" Initiative is a Japan's mid-and long-term effort to support coexistence and co-prosperity of the Israelis and Palestinians. It aims to promote economic and social development in Jericho and the Jordan Valley area through the regional cooperation among the Palestinians, Israelis, Jordanians and Japanese.

(2) In order to realize this initiative, the following efforts to establish the Jericho Agricultural Industrial Park (JAIP) by the end of 2012 are currently under way.

(a) Land reclamation and Road Pavement: In October 2010, the connection road from Jericho city to the Park was completed and the ground breaking ceremony for the land reclamation works for the JAIP site was held.

(b) Electricity: The first solar photovoltaic power plant in the West Bank will be installed by February 2012.

(c) Sewage treatment plant: Construction of Jericho's first sewage treatment plant with a resource-circulative system will be inaugurated soon.

(d) Water: the project to equip the Jericho city and the JAIP with water-supply networks will be implemented soon.

(3) After selecting the developer of the JAIP, potential investors to open their business in JAIP will be called on.



Image of Jericho
Agro-Industrial Park



Inauguration ceremony of the
connection road to the Park

2 Assistance for building of the future Palestinian state

Japan extended technical cooperation for capacity building focusing on the following Seven Priority Areas.

(1) Small and Medium Enterprise Support

A technical cooperation project is ongoing for institutional strengthening of relevant organizations involved in establishing the Jericho Agro-Industrial Park of the “Corridor for Peace and Prosperity” initiative.

(2) Agriculture

A tech. cooperation project, “Improved Extension for Value-Added Agriculture in the Jordan River Rift Valley” is ongoing.

(3) Tourism

A tech. cooperation project for Sustainable Tourism Development in Jericho through public-private partnership is ongoing.

(4) Local Governance

A Japanese expert is being dispatched to the Ministry of Local Governance to advise on integrating local governance unit.

(5) Improvement of Public Financial Management

Assistance to the Ministry of Finance for capacity development to improve collecting property tax (providing and funding training for revaluating property value) is currently implemented.

(6) Water Resource Development and Waste Water Treatment

“Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Project for the Jericho Sanitation Project” will be started in November 2011 to prepare for the opening of the city’s first sewage treatment plant.

(7) Maternal and Child Health

Further spreading the use of “maternity and child health handbook”, which has been produced in the ongoing technical cooperation project, “the Project for Improving Maternal and Child Health Reproductive Health in Palestine,” is being planned.

3 Assistance for improving financial conditions

In light of the severe fiscal condition of the Palestinian Authority, Japan has been extending non-project grant assistance since 2007 every year to enhance PA’s economic and social development efforts: in the amount of **US\$30 mil** in fiscal year 2010; and **US\$11mil** in FY2011.

4 Vitalizing private sector in the Palestinian territories

(1) Private Sector Job Creating Program for the Palestinian Territories

In coordination with the EU, Japan decided to implement a project for vitalizing business activities and expanding job opportunities in the West Bank and Gaza, which amounts to **US\$8.58 mil**. It will contribute to funding investments on equipment and facilities of private businesses in the West Bank and Gaza.

(2) Japanese-Palestinian private sector exchange

Following JETRO exhibition in November 2009 and the visit of Mr. Hayashi, Chairman and CEO of JETRO to the West Bank in July 2010, JETRO dispatched a food industry expert to provide marketing advice to Palestinian companies and assisting them to exhibit at the FOODEX.



Demonstration of purifying water by using products made by a Japanese company
(July 2010, Visit of Mr. Hayashi, Chairman of JETRO)

5 Co-operation with East Asian Countries for Assistance to the Palestinians

- (1) A Japan-Indonesia Joint study mission was dispatched to the West Bank in February 2011.
- (2) New training courses to the Palestinians in agriculture, health and SMEs sectors is being considered.
- (3) PA officials will visit Indonesia and Malaysia in summer 2011 to further discuss about this assistance.



Japan-Indonesia Joint study mission

6 Assistance to Gaza strip

- (1) Project for Clearance of UXOS, Rubble Removal
Japan supports the project for removal of rubble and explosive ordinance disposal as a part of assistance for the reconstruction of Gaza after the raids in Dec 2008 – Jan 2009.



Clearance of UXOS and Rubble Removal



UXOS demined and destroyed

- (2) Project for Income Generation and Support for Socially Vulnerable People in the Gaza strip

Japan decided to support socially vulnerable people in the Gaza strip through UNDP (around **US\$4.88 mil**).

7 Assistance to the Palestinian refugee

Japan has extended assistance to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and the Palestinian territories through UNRWA. In the fiscal year 2010, Japan extended around **US\$20mil** to UNRWA.

A school constructed through Japanese ODA (Baq'a Refugee Camp in Jordan)



UNRWA manages around 690 schools in the West Bank, Gaza strip, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Jordan.

A refugee camp

Around 4.7 million registered Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.



8 Humanitarian Assistance (Food aid)

Japan extended food aid through WFP to Palestinians whose living condition is severe in the Palestinian territories (around **US\$2.87 mil**).

Food aid distribution site
Hemp sacks provided by Japanese ODA are reused for food aid packages.

