

Background

- Middle East peace process is one of the central issues in the Middle East and North African region, and its solution is vital for the regional stability.
- Following the “Arab Spring,” instability of neighboring countries of Palestine and stagnation of the peace process have resulted in serious economic situations in Palestine as shown in aggravated inflation and unemployment rate of the youth.
- The humanitarian situation in Gaza has become dire due to the deteriorating situation since the terror attacks on Israel by Hamas and others on October 7, 2023.

● Japan supports a two-state solution whereby Israel and a future independent Palestinian state coexist and prosper together. On this basis, Japan has been extending assistance to the Palestinians focusing on 3 pillars; ① political approach to the two sides, ② assistance for Palestinians' state-building efforts, and ③ confidence building measures between the two sides.

● Japan's assistance amounts to **2.8 billion US dollars** in total since 1993. From October 2023 onwards, Japan has been providing approximately **410 million US dollars** of humanitarian aid and supplies for the Palestinian people, including those in the Gaza Strip.

Basic Aid Policy

Peace building
through
promoting
economic &
social self-
reliance

Stability and betterment of people's
livelihood

e.g. improving basic life infrastructure;
support for socially vulnerable people
(refugees, women, children etc.)

Reinforcement of governmental
administrative capacity

e.g. support for improving fiscal situation
and public services

Promotion of sustainable economic
growth

e.g. agricultural development; promotion of
small-and medium-sized enterprises; support
for tourism development

Japan's unique initiatives

● “Corridor for Peace and Prosperity” Initiative

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

(2) As a flagship project of this initiative, the four sides are working towards the establishment of the Jericho Agricultural Industrial Park (JAIP), which is expected to lead to the development of Palestinian private sector. As of September 2025, 17 factories are operating. Most of the plots for Phase 1 are under contract, and the development of Phase 2 is urgently needed.

(3) In August 2021, Palestinian Prosperity Business Center has newly opened inside JAIP to enhance Palestinian ICT sector and incubation.

(4) Since 2016, Japan has provided 1.235 billion yen for the protection of mosaic floor and the development of exhibition facilities of the Great Bath at Hisham's Palace, Jericho. In addition, Japan is dispatching experts and receiving trainees in the field of archaeological site protection and tourism marketing, and promotion.

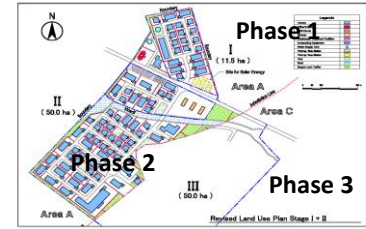


Image of Jericho Agro-Industrial Park



A Workshop



JAIP Administrative Building



Minister Motegi's visit to JAIP

● “Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD)”

(1) Since 2009, Japan launched a multilateral cooperation framework with other East Asian countries with successful experience in economic development in order to utilize their knowledge, best practice and economic power for the development of Palestine’s institutions and human resources. In collaboration with Indonesia and Malaysia, Japan has offered training courses for Palestinians in the fields of agriculture, finance, and small- and middle-sized enterprise support.

(2) In February 2013, Conference on Cooperation among East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD) was held in Tokyo, aiming to pursue the possibility of further increasing the cooperation among East Asian countries. Since then, the Ministerial Meetings were held four time.

(3) From 2019 onwards, business matching events for Palestinian companies were held with the participation of Indonesian, Vietnamese, and Malaysian companies. Recently, seven Palestinian companies participated in a food exhibition in Indonesia in November 2022, and Palestinian companies exhibited at Foodex Japan 2023 in Tokyo in March 2023.



CEAPAD4 (July 2025, Malaysia))



Business meetings between Indonesian companies and Palestinian companies

Various assistances

● Support for Palestine in response to the situation in Gaza since October 7, 2023.

1. Humanitarian aid

(1) By the end of March 2025, Japan had implemented humanitarian aid worth approximately USD 230 million, in sectors such as food, water, health and medical care through international organizations such as UNRWA, WFP, WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, ICRC, IFRC, and OCHA as well as through Japanese NGOs.

(2) In FY2025 (April 2025 to March 2026), Japan newly decided to provide approximately USD 10 million in assistance, including food aid and health sector support. Added on that, Japan further provided additional assistance of approximately USD 170 million, in assistance for Palestine including Gaza, through the supplementary budget for FY2025.

2. Providing in-kind assistance and other efforts

(1) In 2023, JICA(Japan International Cooperation Agency) sent two rounds of humanitarian aid (tents, blankets, medical supplies, etc.) to Gaza through Egypt in cooperation with Egypt and Palestinian Red Crescent Societies. In May 2024, JICA provided food assistance to Gaza. In March 2025, JICA conducted food and meal kit distribution in Gaza.

(2) Japan decided to make in-kind contributions(blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheets and sleeping mats) to UNRWA based on its request under International Peace Cooperation Law.



● In-kind assistance through JICA (tents in Gaza)



● Food Assistance through Japan's ODA (Gaza strip)



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3. Supporting Palestinian People through Egypt

In March 2024, Japan decided to implement “the Grant Aid Project for Medical Emergency Support to the Hospitals Affected by the Situation in the Gaza strip”, amounting to approximately USD 8.3 million to Egypt through WHO.

● Assistance to the Palestine refugees

(1) Japan has extended assistance to Palestine refugees through the JICA program since 2016. This project is to enhance *self-reliance* and *empowering refugees* to engage proactively in improving their life in the camp. In 2020, Japan also decided to extend approximately USD 910 million. This sum will be used to implement the “Camp Improvement Plan(CIP)” established within the framework of the said project.

(2) Japan's assistance for Palestine refugees through UNRWA so far amounts to more than USD 1 billion in total. In FY2025, Japan decided to provide approximately USD 35 million to support Palestine refugees in Palestine, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon through health/ medical care and assistance for vulnerable group etc.



● Camp residents discussing problems of camps and their solutions



● The registered Palestine refugees : approx. 6 million 2024, UNRWA