

Japan's Assistance to the Middle East and North Africa Region

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Contributions to Middle East Peace Process

Aim at peace building through promoting the economic and social independence of Palestinians, implementing various projects for:

- A) Stabilizing and improving people's livelihood
- B) Enhancing governmental administrative capacity
- C) Promoting sustainable economic growth

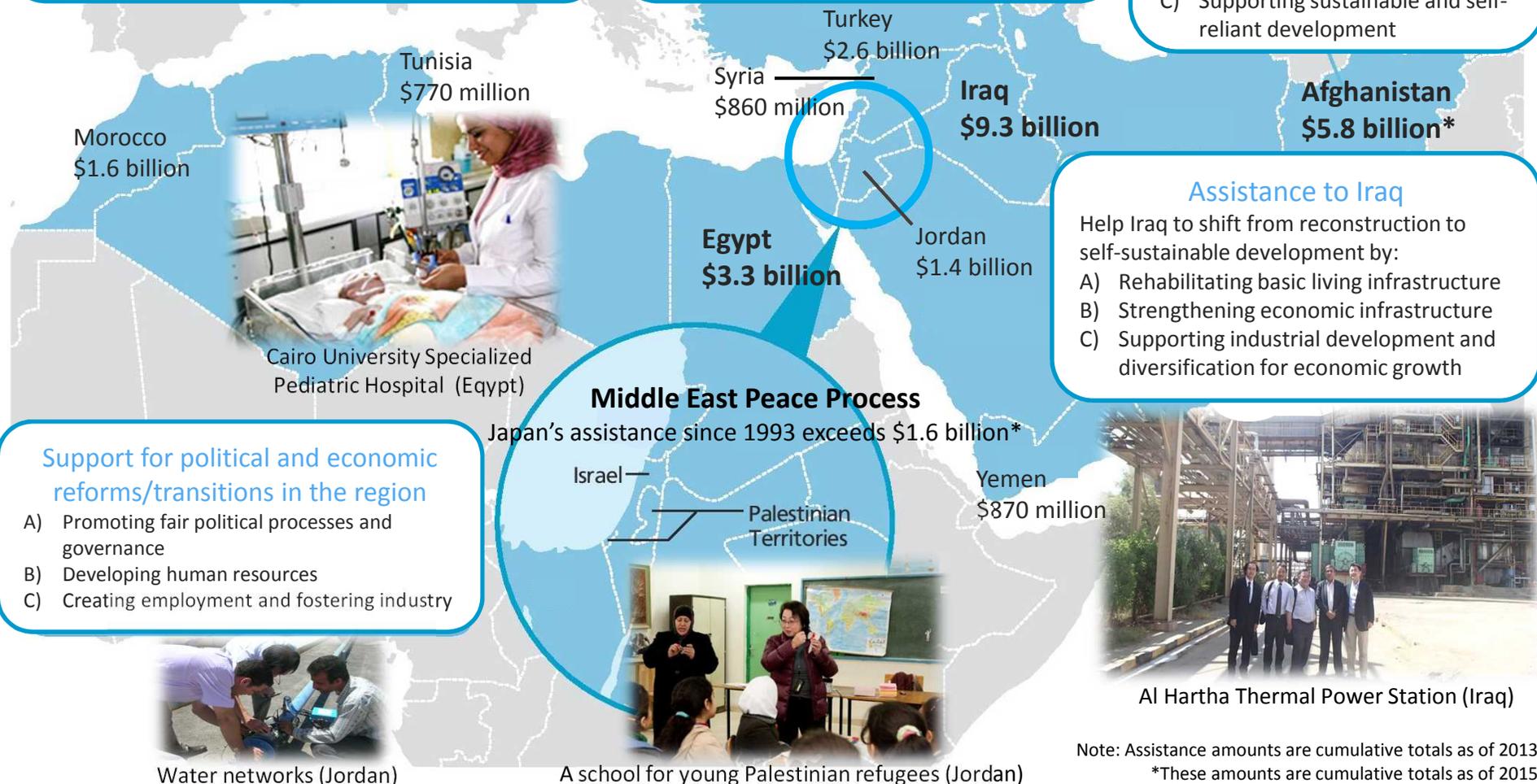
Response to the Syrian Crisis

- A) Supporting refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)
- B) Reducing the burden on Syria's neighboring countries that are hosting refugees
- C) Providing support to the areas in Syria which are difficult for international aid to reach

Assistance to Afghanistan

Support to prevent Afghanistan from slipping back to a terrorism hotbed by:

- A) Enhancing security capability
- B) Reintegrating armed opposition groups back into society
- C) Supporting sustainable and self-reliant development



Assistance to Iraq

Help Iraq to shift from reconstruction to self-sustainable development by:

- A) Rehabilitating basic living infrastructure
- B) Strengthening economic infrastructure
- C) Supporting industrial development and diversification for economic growth

Support for political and economic reforms/transitions in the region

- A) Promoting fair political processes and governance
- B) Developing human resources
- C) Creating employment and fostering industry

Al Hartha Thermal Power Station (Iraq)

Note: Assistance amounts are cumulative totals as of 2013
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Water networks (Jordan)

A school for young Palestinian refugees (Jordan)

Japan's Commitment toward Stability in the Middle East



*"Let us just imagine how much potential you could unleash in Egypt, in the region, once your society has restored stability and again ensure the path towards growth. The Government of Japan will carry out a new assistance package of **\$2.5 billion** in non-military fields, including humanitarian assistance and infrastructure development, intended for the entire region."*

Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, Cairo, January 17, 2015

Iraq and Syria

- **Japan has contributed over \$1.1 billion to address the Syrian crisis since 2011.** The assistance includes:
 - A) Providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Syria and Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Iraq in the areas of health, education and food
 - B) Improving infrastructure in local communities in Turkey affected by Syrian refugees
 - C) Stabilizing the economic and fiscal situation of Jordan
- **Japan has extended \$7.2 billion of grant and loan programs** in the water, health, electricity, oil and gas sectors for reconstruction and development of Iraq since 2003. As part of that, **Japan has provided humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq in the amount of \$125 million** since armed insurgents identified as ISIL attacked in 2014.

Middle East Peace Process

- **Japan's assistance since 1993 exceeds \$1.6 billion.**
- Japan aims at **peace building through promoting the economic and social independence of Palestinians**, implementing various projects for
 - A) Stabilizing and improving people's livelihood
 - B) Enhancing governmental administrative capacity
 - C) Promoting sustainable economic growth
- Japan's unique initiatives:
 - "Corridor for Peace and Prosperity" Initiative**
The flagship project of the initiative is to establish the Jericho Agricultural Industrial Park(JAIP), which is expected to lead to the development of the Palestinian private sector.
 - "Conference of Cooperation among the East Asian Countries for Palestinian Development (CEAPAD)"**
This initiative aims to enhance Palestinian institutions and human resources by sharing and utilizing the knowledge and expertise of East Asian countries.

Japan's Response to the Refugee Crisis in 2015

- To deal with the crisis of Syrian and Iraqi refugees and IDPs, **Japan is carrying out assistance of \$810 million in 2015 (almost triple, the amount from the previous year).**
- **Japan will also support non-EU member states** which are facing an influx of the refugees from the Middle East and other parts of the world, **starting with the provision of emergency humanitarian assistance for Serbia and Macedonia.**