

Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize



We have published our first impact report!

The Japanese government supports researchers and medical professionals who persistently shine a light of hope on healthcare in Africa and bravely combat infectious diseases.

Through this report, we highlight the achievements of past laureates and share our vision for the future of healthcare in Africa.

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Researchers Who Continue to Shine a Light of Hope on Healthcare in Africa
- Their Ongoing Challenges

The Fifth Laureates

Awarded in conjunction with TICAD 9 in August 2025.

Medical Research Category



A researcher who has long worked toward a malaria-free Africa by eradicating malaria

Dr. Abdoulaye Djimdé

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Medical Services Category



Developing and delivering safe, effective, user-friendly and affordable treatments for people affected by neglected diseases

DNDi (Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative)



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What is the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize?

The prize was established by the Japanese government in 2006 with the purpose of honoring those who have made remarkable achievements in medical research and medical services aimed at infectious disease control and the promotion of public health in Africa, following the spirit of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, who passed away while conducting research on yellow fever on the African continent. Through this recognition, the prize aims to contribute to the improvement of health and welfare of the people living in Africa and, ultimately, all humanity.

Prize Details

At the prize ceremony, each laureate in the categories of medical research and medical services receives a certificate of commendation, a trophy, and a cash prize of 100 million yen.

Award Frequency

The award is presented in conjunction with the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), held every three years. The 5th award ceremony will be held in August 2025.

Introduction of Past Laureates

The 1st Laureates



Dr. Brian Greenwood

30 years in Africa: Innovating infectious disease control through malaria research and human resource development

Nationality British

Main Activities

Prevention of diseases such as Ebola virus disease and malaria

The 2nd Laureates



Prof. Peter Piot

Pioneering research on HIV, women's health and global infectious disease and co-discoverer of Ebola virus

Nationality Belgian

Main Activities

Infectious disease control

The 3rd Laureates



Dr. Jean-Jacques
Muyembe-Tamfum

Challenging Ebola virus disease in Congo and leading infectious disease research in Africa

Nationality Congolese

Main Activities

Prevention and treatment of Ebola virus disease

The 4th Laureates



Dr. Salim S.
Abdool Karim



Dr. Quarraisha
Abdool Karim

Pioneering HIV research that led to new approaches to HIV prevention and treatment in Africa

Nationality South African

Main Activities

HIV prevention and treatment



Prof. Miriam K. Were

Pioneering a new path for public health in Kenya through community-based healthcare reform

Nationality Kenyan

Main Activities

Improving community health and welfare



Dr. Alex G. Coutinho

Protecting the future of mothers and children worldwide, creating hope through medical care

Nationality Ugandan

Main Activities

HIV prevention and treatment activities



Dr. Francis Gervase
Omaswa

Training healthcare workers and transforming Africa's health system

Nationality Ugandan

Main Activities

Human resource development and medical education



Guinea Worm Eradication Program

Pursuing the sustainable eradication of Guinea worm disease through community-based efforts

Nationality United States(Headquarters)

Main Activities

Eradication of Guinea Worm disease

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Your generous support helps advance medical research and healthcare efforts in Africa, contributing to the improvement of health and well-being for all humanity. Join us in carrying on Dr. Hideyo Noguchi's spirit into the future.

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