

The Project for Improving Natural Disaster Response and Climate Change Adaptation Capacity for Vulnerable People in Kasese District

1. Project Detail

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| Organization | Save the Children Japan |
| Amount of funding | US\$ 391,636 |
| Signatory | Mariko Fuwa, Project Manager |
| Name of the project | The Project for Improving Natural Disaster Response and Climate Change Adaptation Capacity for Vulnerable People in Kasese District |
| Location of the project | Kasese District |
| Items funded through this project | Early Warning Systems, First aid kits, Workshops and Trainings |
| Date of Grant Signing | 18 February 2015 |

Kasese district has been suffering from constant floods since May 2013 which have perished 13 people and displaced over 16,000 people. In Karusandara Sub-County, where the majority of people are engaged in small-scale farming and have been suffering from droughts in recent years. Every time the flood hit this area, massive damage was caused to livestock and crops. Villagers lack the preparation of food stocks thus they have to reduce the number of meals from two to one per day. Some children's schooling was interrupted as they had to help their families' transport of furniture from flooded homes to temporary shelters and also have to work to supplement income for the family.

This project aims to empower the key actors of the disaster management in the grassroots level such as village disaster management committees (VDMC) and the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) clubs in schools. They will assess vulnerabilities in disaster management and will come up with short to long term DRR action plans. The project puts particular emphasis on the importance of child-centered risk assessment. The subsequent action after setting up the action plan is to develop a contingency plan which contains evacuation and rescue systems and structures to reduce material and human damages from natural hazards like flash floods. Successful disaster risk reduction activities require elevated level of awareness and active engagement from the entire village population. Thus, VDMC will conduct a variety of activities, such as public events and evacuation drills, to bring substantial benefit to the entire population of 15,000.

2. Grant Contract Ceremony

The Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H. E. Junzo Fujita, signed the grant contract with Ms. Mariko Fuwa, Project Manager of Save the Children Japan, on 18 February 2015 at the Embassy of Japan.

Press Release