

## **Japan Press Release**

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### **Japan Funds Health, Agriculture and Education Projects**

H.E. Junzo Fujita, Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, will sign three contracts today, at the Embassy of Japan, for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totalling over seven hundred fifty million Uganda shillings (US\$ 315,089) with the representatives of the recipient organizations, working in the fields of health, agriculture and education.

In the health sector, Pentecostal Assemblies of God (PAG) Health Unit Lira will receive US\$ 104,812 for the construction of an infectious disease ward and the procurement of an ambulance for pregnant women. After the 20 years of armed conflict in northern Uganda which ended in 2006, social and economic infrastructure in many parts of Lira District has still been under construction. PAG Health Unit Lira, established in 1994 in Lira District, has been struggling to treat tuberculosis (TB) patients. The absence of a proper infectious disease ward to admit TB patients has resulted in other patients being treated together with the TB patients in the same wards. This exposes the other patients to a high possibility of also being infected with TB. In addition, there are a limited number of vehicles at the health unit, which cannot provide pregnant women with swift and safe transport in emergencies. Therefore, this project will construct an infectious disease ward to provide better medical services, especially for approximately 60 TB patients every year and to provide proper medical services to more TB outpatients. This will also result in preventing other 2,000 patients who have been treated together with TB patients from being infected with TB. This project will also provide an ambulance at the health unit to provide safer and faster transport services to about 500 pregnant women every year and to other emergency patients.

In the agricultural sector, Mesopotamia Notre Dame Rural Development Association (MENODA) in Kasese District will receive US\$ 101,574 for the construction of a maize storage and the procurement of a maize drier, moisture meter and truck. MENODA, registered in 2008 as a community based organisation, has collaborated with Kasese District Government in order to improve the living standard of farmers in the district. The farmers in this area mainly grow maize, but most of them are very poor as their daily income is under 1 US dollar. This is because of the absence of a proper maize storage which can prevent maize being damaged by mold and bugs. Therefore, this project will construct a maize storage in collaboration with MENODA, from which 10,800 maize farmers are expected to be the beneficiary annually. In addition, by procuring a maize drier, a moisture meter and a truck, they can sell maize of better quality and in bulk at a higher price than before, which will contribute to increasing their income.

In the education sector, Mutanywana Secondary School in Kasese District will receive US\$108,703 for the construction of a girls' dormitory and the procurement of beds, mattresses and shelves. Mutanywana Secondary School, founded in 1981, is located in Kyarumba Sub-County, Kasese District, and has 37 teachers, 235 girl students and 404 boy students. Although the school's existing girls' dormitory can accommodate only 80 students, it is now overcrowded with 98 girl students. In addition, many other girl students wish to use the dormitory since girl students, who have to commute for a long distance, are exposed to many risks to and from school. This has led to the higher dropout rate of girl students, compared to that of boy students. This project will construct a new girls' dormitory where 178 girl students can be accommodated, which will free them from the risks they are exposed during commuting and greatly improve their learning environment.

The GGP is a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-based development projects. Since 1992, the Government of Japan has supported 187 projects so far in Uganda as of 2014.

Japan, steadily promoting ownership of and partnership with African countries through the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process, is committed to achieving Uganda's quality growth, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and consolidation of peace and good governance.

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The grant contract signing ceremony will take place at the Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Embassy of Japan, Kyadondo Road, Nakasero, Kampara, starting at 10:00am, on 2nd December 2014.

Your media house is kindly invited to cover this function.

If you would like further information on the beneficiaries and other project details, we would be happy to provide further information. Thank you.

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**List of invited guests**

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**Pentecostal Assemblies of God (PAG) Health Unit Lira**

Rev. Benjamin Okwir Kicaoroma Administrator/Unit in Charge of PAG Health Unit  
Rev. Simon Peter Emiau General Superintendent of PAG Health Unit  
Dr. Andrew Odur Senior Medical Officer

**Mesopotamia Notre Dame Rural Development Association (MENODA)**

Mr. Balyana Stephen Executive Director  
Mr. Mwalulwa Wilson Chairman  
Mr. Kule Leonsio Program Officer

**Mutanywana Secondary School**

Mr. Mugenyi Joshua Head Teacher  
Mr. Mwalikirwa Charles Treasurer P.T.A/ Member of Board of Governors  
Mr. Thembo Asanairi Deputy Head Teacher Academic