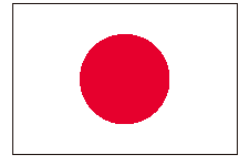


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Japan Provides a Children's Ward and an Ambulance in Kasese District

The Embassy of Japan will commission a newly constructed Children's Ward and an Ambulance in St. Paul Health Centre IV in Kasese District on Thursday 18th February 2021.

1. "The Project for the Construction of a Children's Ward in St. Paul Health Centre IV in Kasese District" was signed between the Embassy of Japan and the school on 1st March 2018 with a total grant of 86,760 USD equivalent to over 310 million Ug. Shs. The grant was used for the construction of a children's ward, Pit latrine and provision of a set of medical equipment.
2. "The Project for Supplying an Ambulance at St. Paul Health Centre IV in Kasese District" was signed on 10th March 2020 with a total grant of 19,888 USD equivalent to over 70 million Ug Shs. The grant was used to facelift, transport, and register the donated ambulance.

The Head of Economic Cooperation of Embassy of Japan to Uganda, Mr. KITAMURA Yoshinori will officiate in the commissioning of the projects to the beneficiaries.

St. Paul Health Centre IV is located in Kasese District and was established in 1989 by South Rwenzori Diocese, Church of Uganda. They provide medical services to over 101,000 people and is the largest medical facility in Kasese Town which provides surgical operations and blood transfusion. They have a maternity ward which was constructed through the GGP scheme in 2012. Since the completion of the project, the number of delivery cases increased by 36% from 2012 to 2016, consequently increasing the need for a children's ward which forced the management to improvise children's ward that was meant to be a study room, and it accommodated averagely 100 children every month ranging in age from one day-old to 12 year-olds. Moreover, Kasese District suffers from heavy rain and frequent floods due to climate change on top of the usual rainy season which increases the number of malaria and pneumonia cases, floods worsen hygiene conditions which increases cases of contaminated water related diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and diarrhea among children. During such periods, they receive over 200 children who come to the facility seeking for medical service. Furthermore, they have over 19 newborn babies every month who are premature or born with complications and yet there was only an improvised small space for neonatal care due to no neonatal care unit available at the facility at that time. The

Embassy of Japan 1). Constructed a children's ward, a latrine block, and installed medical equipment in order to provide safe medical services to 1,200 children and; 2) supplied an ambulance in order to avert the identified health challenges in Kasese District.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community development projects to uplift the life of people at the grassroots. So far, a total of 261 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

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