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Japan Supports Maternity Health in Kotido District

The Embassy of Japan will commission a newly constructed and fully furnished maternity ward at Rengen Health Centre III in Kotido District on Thursday 11th March 2021. “The Project for the Construction of a Maternity Ward at Rengen Health Centre III in Kotido District” was signed between the Embassy of Japan and Rengen Health Centre III on 1st March 2018 with a total grant of USD 105,862 equivalent to over 358 million Ug. Shs.

The Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda, H. E. Fukuzawa Hidemoto, will officiate the commissioning of the project to the beneficiaries.

In 2016, the average number of monthly deliveries stood at 55 in Rengen Health Centre III. However, due to the lack of maternity ward, expectant mothers and their delivery were treated in the general ward sharing the space with other patients. This environment put mothers and newborn babies under the risk of having infectious disease.

As a response to this challenge, the Embassy of Japan supported Rengen Health Centre to construct a maternity ward with medical furniture, equipment and solar PV system, a latrine block with washroom and a placenta pit.

The support is part of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to fund community development projects which uplift the life of people at the grassroots level. So far, a total of 267 projects have been funded under the scheme since its initiation in Uganda in 1992.

Japan, steadily promoting ownership of and partnership with African countries through Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) process, is committed to assisting the countries’ efforts for boosting economic growth, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and consolidating peace and good governance in Africa.

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