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Japan Provides 3 billion 370 million Uganda Shillings to Strengthen the Emergency and Disaster prevention systems in Uganda

On May 5th, H.E. SASAYAMA Takuya, the Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda, will officially hand over second-hand emergency vehicles that have arrived from Japan, at the Ministry of Health in the presence of Hon. Dr. Jane Ruth Aceng, the Minister of Health and the representative of the Uganda Police Force.

The total grant for these two projects funded under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) amounts to US\$ 936,095, equivalent to over 3 billion 370 million Uganda Shillings. This contribution will enhance Uganda's emergency medical and disaster response capacity by providing much-needed ambulances and fire trucks to various cities and districts.

GGP is a scheme administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-based development projects and was initiated in 1992. Now, the total number of projects supported under the GGP scheme has reached 296 covering all parts of Uganda.

The details of the projects are as follows:

1) Handover ceremony for The Project for the Provision of Second-hand Ambulances in 2 Cities and 15 Districts in Uganda, total amount of the grant US\$ 415,335.

Through this project, the Ministry of Health will receive 17 second-hand ambulances from Japan with the help of GGP funding. These vehicles will be allocated to 2 cities and 15 districts improving emergency medical response in Oyam, Mbale city, Nebbi, Apac, Luuka, Masindi, Lira, Mityana, Ibanda, Bushenyi, Lyantonde, Kabale, Paliisa, Hoima, Busia and Buikwe.

2) Handover ceremony for The Project for Provision of Second-hand Ambulances and Fire Trucks in 2 Cities and 11 Districts, total amount of the grant US\$ 520,760.

This project will provide the Ministry of Health with six second-hand ambulances, while the Uganda Police will receive seven second-hand fire trucks. These emergency vehicles will be

distributed across 2 cities and 11 districts, strengthening disaster response and medical emergency services in Kampala, Lira City, Gomba, Rakai, Luuka, Rwampara, Kapchorwa, Mpigi, Tororo, Luweero, Bundibugyo, Iganga, and Kiryandongo.