

Japan handed over the safe water facilities through the Project for Supplying Safe Water at Educational Institutions in Makonde District

On 31 October 2017, the Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Mr Toshiyuki Iwado, today officially handed over new boreholes and a piped water scheme to ten schools in Makonde. These were provided through the Project for Supplying Safe Water at Educational Institutions in Makonde District. The Government of Japan extended a grant of over USD 90,000 to a local NGO, Farm Community Trust of Zimbabwe (FCTZ), for this project in March 2016.

Through this project, the schools and surrounding communities, with a total of around 6,000 people, now have access to clean drinking water at school. Nine of the ten schools (seven primary schools and two secondary schools) have new boreholes. The other school, Matoranjera Primary School, is now receiving water piped from a borehole situated at a nearby clinic.

Previously, the children and staff at the school would get their drinking water from distant and unsafe sources. As a result, many of the children would become ill with diseases such as diarrhoea and bilharzia. They would also spend a long time fetching water, taking time from their schoolwork.

Speaking to the children and members of the community at the handover ceremony held at Tendera Primary School, Ambassador Iwado expressed his hope that with clean water now available right at their schools, they would be healthier and study harder.



Students came to the newly established borehole for clean water. Speech by the Ambassador



Group photo in front of the sign post indicating the assistance from Japan. Right next to Ambassador Iwado is Hon. Webster Shamu, Minister of State for Mashonaland West Province.



Students gathered at the ceremony



After the implementation of the Project, the clean borehole was established. livestock



Before the Implementation of the Project. Children was sharing the borehole with