

【Handover Ceremony of Japanese-Funded project "The Project for Improvement of Facilities for Medical Services and Maternal and Child Health in Hwange District"】

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yoshi Tendai Hiraishi officially handed over the facilities which had been improved by “The Project for the Improvement of Facilities for Medical Services and Maternal and Child Health in Hwange District” implemented with the fund of 88,727 USD which was granted by the Government of Japan.

In this project, renovation of the main hospital wards and construction of a toilet block in Lukosi Rural Hospital as well as construction of maternal waiting homes at two health centres have been made by an international NGO called Wild4Life, which works for the improvement of the medical service in Hwange District

At the hand-over ceremony, about 300 community members and officials attended, including the Hon. Mr. Mathema, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs of Matebeleland North, and appreciated the support from Japan.



Hon. Mr. Mathema, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs of Matebeleland North speaking at the occasion



Hon. Mr. Mathema, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs of Matebeleland North (standing centre), Dr. Kuraone, District Medical Officer, Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr. Yoshi Tendai Hiraishi, Chief Nekatambe, Mr.Ndlovu, Wild4Life Programme Manager



Speech given by Dr.Kuraone, Hwange District Medical Officer



Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr. Yoshi Tendai Hiraishi



The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr. Yoshi Tendai Hiraishi and Hon. Mr. Mathema, Minister of State for Provincial Affairs of Matebeleland North cutting the ribbon



Renovated main ward



The Maternal Waiting Home



New toilet block



Sign Post outside the Hospital depicting the support by Japan



Community members gathered at the site (including the pregnant women)