

Japan provides US\$ 2.7 million support to drought-affected communities through WFP

Japan has pledged to provide further support, through WFP, to communities severely affected by the drought in Zimbabwe. The US\$ 2.7 million support will provide food assistance while the communities build productive assets, such as weir dams and nutrition gardens, in Mount Darwin and Kwekwe districts. It will also provide nutritious meals to pregnant women at maternity waiting homes around the country and support school feeding programmes in Mount Darwin.

This builds on previous contributions that Japan has made earlier this year, including funding of US\$ 500,000, also to assist drought-affected communities in Mount Darwin, and US\$ 300,000 to support victims of Cyclone Idai.

On 30 October, 2019, the signing ceremony of the new project took place in Mount Darwin, at Majerejere nutrition garden, one of the assets created through funding from Japan to provide the community with nutritious vegetables and make them more resilient to climate change.

Ambassador Iwado emphasized that communities need to become more resilient, so that they are able to cope with climate change in the future. He was glad that the productive assets created through the projects would enable the communities to do this.

Mr Eddie Rowe, Country Representative of WFP, thanked Japan for its contribution in a time of great need.

(Please see pictures below.)



Garden of nutritious vegetables.



Tree planting ceremony.
(PHOTO: WFP Zimbabwe/Tatenda Macheka)



Handover for previous support in Mount Darwin.
(PHOTO: WFP Zimbabwe/Tatenda Macheka)



Exchange of notes for new US\$ 2.7 million support.
(PHOTO: WFP Zimbabwe/Tatenda Macheka)



Majerejere Nutrition Garden sign showing support from Japan.



Water reservoir with life-giving water.



Food assistance provided to community members who build assets.



Distributing food among local community members.



The food assistance for the month.
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