

Signing Ceremony of Four New Grassroots Projects

On the 17th and 18th of March 2021, the signing ceremony of four new Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security (GGP) projects was held at the Ambassador's residence in Harare.

1. The Project for Mine Clearance in Mashonaland Central Province

A grant of US\$ 644,651 has been provided for a project to clear landmines in Rushinga District, Mashonaland Central Province. It will be carried out by an international NGO, The HALO Trust. The project is expected to clear landmines from approximately 156,000 m² of land around villages. It is the seventh time that Japan has supported landmine clearance in Zimbabwe through The HALO Trust. The Programme Manager at The HALO Trust, Mr Sam Fricker, expressed his appreciation for the continuous support from the government and people of Japan. He said that the project would enable the local communities to utilise their land, such as for farming and herding livestock, and increase their prosperity.

2. The Project for Construction of Multipurpose Skill Training Centre for Orphans and Vulnerable Youth in Harare

Through this project, a multipurpose skill training centre will be constructed in Dzivarasekwa, Harare. A grant of US\$ 90,909 has been provided for this project, which will be implemented by a local NGO, Dzikwa Trust Fund. Each year, the new centre is expected to provide over 3,500 orphans and vulnerable youth with various types of training and counseling for their economic empowerment. The Chairperson of Dzikwa Trust Fund, Ms Marah Hativagone, said that it would allow the organisation to reach out to more people in the community, and help to change negative social attitudes towards orphans, girls and young women.

3. The Project for Construction of Educational Facility and Borehole for HIV Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Harare

This project will provide new classroom blocks, a solar-powered borehole, and school furniture for Chiedza Child Care Centre in Harare South. It will be funded with a grant of US\$ 90,877, and will be implemented by Chiedza Child Care Centre, a local NGO. The Centre provides access to education for children who could not go to school due to poverty, but currently it does not have adequate classrooms, and the learners and teachers conduct their lessons in the storeroom and garage. The Executive Director of Chiedza Child Care Centre, Ms Spiwe Chakawa, said that the new facilities would allow the Centre to provide quality education in a conducive environment, and accept more children who cannot attend school.

4. The Project for Construction of School Buildings at Muvande Primary School in Seke District

Through this project, Muvande Primary School in Seke District will gain new classroom blocks, ablution blocks, a teachers' house, a solar powered borehole, and new school furniture. A local NGO, Nhaka Foundation, will carry out the project with funding of US\$ 90,905. At the moment, there are insufficient classrooms at Muvande Primary School, and the children and teachers have to use old farm buildings for their lessons. The Director of Nhaka Foundation, Mr Garikai Makokoro, expressed his appreciation for this second GGP grant that his organisation has received. He said that it would provide a much-improved educational environment, and the children's health

would also improve through a nutrition garden which will be established at the school.

The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Satoshi Tanaka, said that everyone deserves to have equal economic, social and cultural rights and an adequate standard of living, and he expected these four projects to make a significant step towards not only providing basic needs, but also making society more equal and inclusive.



The HALO Trust signing



Dzikwa Trust signing



Chiedza Child Care Centre signing



Nhaka Foundation signing



Group Photo 1



Group Photo 2