

Handover Ceremony of Japan-funded Grassroots Project “The Project for Construction of a Multipurpose Skill Training Centre for Orphans and Vulnerable Youth in Harare”

On 26 November 2021, Ambassador Tanaka officially opened a new Multipurpose Skill Training Centre for orphans and vulnerable youth in Dzivarasekwa, Harare. The project was completed through funding from Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) programme, and was implemented by a local NGO, Dzikwa Trust Fund. The purpose of the Centre is to provide vocational training for orphans, vulnerable children, youth and their guardians in the area, and it has been equipped with new sewing machines.

Dzivarasekwa is a high-density suburb where most people do not have stable jobs, so many try to make a living by selling different items on the street. Children live under very difficult circumstances because their guardians are economically poor. At the same time, incidents of GBV (gender- based violence) and sexual abuse frequently occur.

The Centre will provide vocational training courses, including career development, entrepreneurship, sewing, and making detergents, to allow vulnerable youth to become economically independent. In addition, women and girls will receive training on empowerment such as women’s rights, prevention of GBV, as well as negotiation and presentation skills.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Ambassador Tanaka commended Dzikwa Trust Fund for its commitment to children and youth empowerment in Dzivarasekwa. He congratulated all the stakeholders on the completion of the new Centre.



Newly-built Multipurpose Skill Training Centre.



Ambassador Tanaka and Dzikwa trust staff.



Ribbon cutting.



Dzikwa staff explain the functions of the new Center.



One of the new sewing machines.



Restroom facilities in the Centre.



Traditional dance performance by children.



Choral performance by children.