

## **Handover Ceremony of Japan-funded Grassroots Project “The Project for Construction of an Educational Facility and Borehole for HIV Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Harare”**

On 6 April 2023, Ambassador Tanaka officially opened new classrooms and a solar-powered borehole for HIV orphans and vulnerable children in Mbare, Harare. The project received funding of US\$90,000 from Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) programme and was implemented by a local NGO, Chiedza Child Care Centre.

Mbare is a high-density suburb where most people do not have stable jobs, so many people have to make a living by selling different items on the street. Because their guardians are economically disadvantaged, children live in very difficult circumstances and many cannot go to school.

The new classroom blocks will allow Chiedza Child Care Centre to provide an improved educational environment for vulnerable children and youth. In addition, the new borehole will provide clean water for the children and teachers to drink as well as to irrigate the nutrition garden.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Ambassador Tanaka commended Chiedza Child Care Centre for its commitment to vulnerable children in Mbare. He congratulated all the stakeholders on the completion of the new classrooms and the borehole, and expressed his hope that the new facilities would allow the children to profit more from their precious school years.

(see pictures below)



Speech by Ambassador Tanaka



Ribbon cutting ceremony



Poem recitation by a secondary school student



Dance performance by primary school students



New classrooms



Safe room in a classroom block



New desks and chairs



Water tank connected to the new borehole