

Japan Funds Three Grassroots Projects to Improve Human Security for Vulnerable People

The Government of Japan has decided to fund three projects to improve the human security of vulnerable groups in Zimbabwe through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) programme.

The three grassroots projects are in the fields of gender, education, and agriculture. They will be carried out in different parts of the country, including Mutoko, Chiredzi and Hwange districts. The agreements for the projects were signed on 12th November 2025 between H.E. Mr Shinichi Yamanaka, Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, and representatives of the three implementing NGOs. The description of each project is as follows.

【Nyahunure Community Network】

The Project for the Construction of a Shelter for Gender-based Violence Survivors in Mutoko District, Mashonaland East Province, will be implemented by Nyahunure Community Network, with funding of approximately US\$ 66,600. Mutoko district has suffered from high occurrence of Gender-based Violence (GBV), yet the district has no shelter available, even though there is a dire need for protection and support, especially for women and children. This project will capacitate the recipient organisation to shelter approximately a thousand (1,000) GBV survivors and provide a necessary support for them to build stability and independence away from their perpetrators.

【Christian Care】

The Project for the Construction of a School Building and an Ablution Block at Chitope Primary School in Chiredzi District, Masvingo Province, will be carried out by Christian Care, with approximately US\$ 72,646 provided. At present, Chitope Primary School does not have an adequate number of classrooms nor toilet facility. Students from Grades five (5) to seven (7) have no choice but to study under a tree on rotation. The funds will support the construction of one (1) additional classroom block and a new toilet block. This will greatly benefit the school children, allowing them to have lessons in a conducive environment. In addition, the school will introduce morning/afternoon system, and an extra hundred and fifty (150) enrolments are anticipated.

【Sabona Trust】

The Project for the Development of Irrigation Facilities to Support Small-Scale Farmers in Hwange District, Matabeleland North Province will be conducted by Sabona Trust, with approximately US\$48,054 provided in funding. This project's focus is particularly on two villages, namely Chiguswi and Masikili, where residents do not have access to enough water. In Hwange District, around seventy-three (73) % of the population faces food shortage, yet without fences, they cannot grow vegetables due to the nature of the area. By supporting a set-up of two community gardens with fences, around 300 households will benefit and will be able to have better water and food security.

At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Yamanaka expressed the significance of the GGP programme. He further expressed hope that the three projects would make a positive impact in the respective communities. Ambassador Yamanaka also emphasised the importance of the commitment of each organisation to implement their projects fully and thoroughly, for the benefit of the communities. He added that this would open more possibilities and hopes for future generations of Zimbabwe.

The Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects is a scheme which provides support to improve basic human needs, such as education, health, food and nutrition security, water,

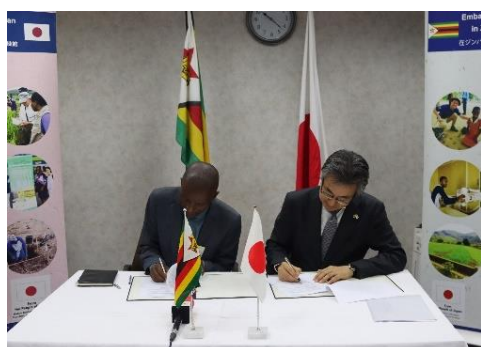
sanitation, and hygiene. It was launched in Zimbabwe in 1989, and 159 projects have been implemented so far, with funding totalling over US\$16 million.

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(Annex) Pictures from the Signing Ceremony



Speech from Ambassador Yamanaka



Signing of contracts with Nyahunure Community Organization, Christian Care, and Sabona Trust



Ambassador Yamanaka and representatives from each organisation