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JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HANDS OVER WATER POINTS IN CHIVI DISTRICT

The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda, today handed over boreholes to the local community in Chivi District, where the Embassy supported a project for the drilling of a total of ten new boreholes and the rehabilitation of an additional ten boreholes.

This was made possible by a grant of one hundred and seventeen thousand, one hundred and ninety dollars (USD117,190) that the Embassy extended to its cooperating partner, CAFOD in March last year for the implementation of its project entitled, “The Project for Supplying Safe Water in Chivi District”, combined with a strong component of water point management and WASH.

The Embassy of Japan has been actively supporting the provision of safe drinking water throughout the country, particularly in the drier southern districts of the country in view of the ever present threat of the outbreak of water-borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid.

Last month, the Embassy extended a grant to a local NGO, Shurugwi Partners for the implementation of a similar project at 8 clinics and 5 schools in Shurugwi Province.

Speaking at the occasion, H.E. Mr Fukuda underlined the importance of the local community’s participation in the repair and maintenance of facilities adding that “these boreholes now belong to you, the community, and their upkeep is entirely your responsibility”.