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JAPANESE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Today, the Embassy of Japan in Zimbabwe agreed to put further support for Musasa Project, as 'The Follow-up Expenses of the Project for Construction of a Counseling and Care Centre for Survivors of Gender Based Violence'.

The Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Yonezo Fukuda and the Director of Musasa Project, Ms. Netty Musanhu, formalised the grants. USD 13,145 will be disbursed under the scheme of the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects.

Musasa Project is a local NGO providing counseling services, including legal matters, and introducing shelters/specialists for those who need protection against domestic violence.

This additional support, following the previous contribution in December 2011, will be used for the complement of the construction of their Counseling and Care Centre in Harare.

At the signing ceremony, the Ambassador referred to the positive contribution of Musasa Project towards tackling domestic violence. To mitigate economic burden caused by soaring material prices also allowed this further assistance.

Mr. Fukuda expressed his hope that 'more people who are suffering from domestic violence could receive better counseling services' by the completion of this project in the near future.

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