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JAPAN TO FUND CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BUBI DISTRICT

The Government of Japan has today extended a grant of USD112,039 (one hundred and twelve thousand and thirty-nine dollars) to World Vision Zimbabwe for the implementation of “The Project for Construction of a Primary School in Bubi District”.

At a signing ceremony at the Embassy of Japan in Harare, the Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda and the Country Director of World Vision Zimbabwe, Mr Edward Brown signed contracts formalising the grant.

The grant is to be used for the construction and furnishing of four standard double classroom blocks as well the construction of ten multi-compartment Blair Latrine toilet block and toilets for teachers at Molo Primary School in rural Matabeleland North Province, 160 kms outside Bulawayo. The 284 pupils are currently learning in three makeshift pole and dagga classroom blocks. It has a staff compliment of 7 teachers who are demotivated due to the unfavourable learning environment. Grade 7 results are pathetically low at the moment. The local community is to assist in the provision of labour, bricks, sand and stone. Construction is due to be completed within one year.

Speaking at the occasion H.E. Mr Fukuda expressed the hope that the improved learning environment will result in the improvement of results.