

## **JAPANESE NGO, ADVENTIST RELIEF AGENCY TO ASSIST IN WATER, SANITATION AND HYIEGINE PROJECT IN GOKWE NORTH, MIDLANDS**



Today, ADRA Japan, a Japanese NGO will assist communities in Gokwe North, Midlands with construction of 6 classroom blocks, 10 shallow wells and repairing of 11 shallow wells starting 2013 as part of the three (3) year programme by Japanese NGOs.

There is going to be an improvement in the learning environment of students and teachers by providing new classroom blocks. This will assist in access to safe portable water for humans and their animals. Communities will also use availability of water to tend nutrition gardens thereby improving their nutritional needs as well as cash cropping their produce.

The project starting in 2013 will be made possible by JPY58,246,065. Gokwe North Wards 8, 9, 33 and 34 will benefit from this gesture. This project marks the first year of a three year long intervention to improve the livelihoods of the marginalized communities by Japanese NGOs.

This is not the first time that ADRA Japan has assisted in a Water, Sanitation and HyieGINE Project in Gokwe. In 2001 and in 2010-2011, they also came in to assist community's access safe portable water caused by the drought.

Speaking as this occasion, Mr Masashi Iida, second secretary at Embassy of Japan, commended the Japanese NGO for coming to such communities to make available clean, safe and readily available water as well as improving their learning environments.

He congratulated ADRA Japan in its noble endeavours and encouraged them to continue with such remarkable efforts to improve communities' livelihoods in its three year programme.

During the Cholera outbreak in Kuwadzana District in Harare, ADRA Japan constructed hand washing basins in schools around Kuwadzana to improve on the hand washing hygiene of students and teachers in order to contain the Cholera epidemic.

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