

**Handover Ceremony of Japanese-Funded**  
**“The Project for Livelihoods Support for Orphaned and Vulnerable**  
**Children in Murehwa District”**



On 9 February 2013, the Japanese Ambassador to Zimbabwe, H.E. Mr Yonezo Fukuda commissioned “The Project for Livelihoods Support for Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Murewa District”. The project, funded by the Embassy of Japan in March 2011, in the amount of forty-nine thousand and ninety-one dollars (USD49,091), was implemented by the Centre for Community Development in Zimbabwe.

The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children, particularly of orphan headed households in Ward 8 of Murewa District. Under the project, two nutrition gardens and a fowl run were established. In addition, two boreholes were sunk adjacent to the gardens, one of which is in close to a school. School children will have access to the borehole water, therefore improving their health and sanitation conditions.

The project was funded under a scheme known as Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects which has been successfully used to implement a wide range of projects with a direct impact on marginalised communities. It was established to assist reputable NGOs and local authorities in responding to various development challenges.

Speaking at the function in Murewa, H.E. Ambassador Fukuda expressed the hope that the gardens and fowl run will improve the nutritional status and household food security of beneficiary households. The responsibility of the community for the sustainable use of these facilities was also emphasised.