

PRESS RELEASE

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JAPAN CONTRIBUTES TO Simukai Child Protection Programme

Japan has today extended a grant of five thousand dollars (USD 5,000) to Simukai Child Protection Programme in support of the latter's "The Project for Construction of a Classroom Block at Simukai Rehabilitation Centre".

The Ambassador of Japan to Zimbabwe, His Excellency Mr Yonezo Fukuda and the Program Manager of Simukai Child Protection Programme, Ms Francisca Barbra Matsanga signed an agreement for the release of the funds. The grant is in addition to the Grant Contract signed on 23 March, 2011, valued at USD 4,982,000.

As the name of the project implies, the grant is to be used for the construction of a classroom block at Simukai Rehabilitation Centre. The centre came as a response to the plight of street children in Sakubva, Mutare who had no gainful employment after being reunited with their families. The centre caters for all the abandoned, neglected, abused children and those that once lived or stayed on the street, by offering an after-school-programme.