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Japan's 17 million USD Pledge at the Oslo Conference For Urgent Humanitarian Needs Has Now Started Its Implementation In South Sudan

Juba, South Sudan, 2 June 2014 - The Government of Japan has completed all the administrative procedures and is ready to disburse all the pledged contributions made at the Humanitarian Conference in Oslo on 20 May 2014 by mid-June. The pledge amounting up to 17 million USD was announced by Mr. Akio Shirota, Ambassador of Japan to Norway at the Conference in Oslo for the deteriorated humanitarian situation since mid-December 2013 in South Sudan.

“Peace is imperative so that aid agencies could reach people in need. We highly welcome the ceasefire agreement on 9 May and commitments made by the Government of South Sudan at Oslo Conference for ensuring unhindered humanitarian access. And urge the government of South Sudan to prioritize delivery of social service to people in need. This is very crucial moment for humanitarian response, especially for food security in South Sudan,” said Mr. Takeshi Akamatsu, Ambassador of Japan.

This contribution helps Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) of South Sudan as well as South Sudanese refugees outside the country who have been forced to leave their home since the conflict erupted last December. In order to save their lives and address their basic human needs, Japan provides assistance such as food, health and water and sanitation through International Organizations and Japanese NGOs (detailed below).

Japan's humanitarian assistance to South Sudan since last December now totals 42 million USD. All the assistance announced by Japan will have been disbursed shortly and implemented in a timely manner in accordance with South Sudan Crisis Response Plan (CRP) issued by Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).

Contribution Details

(1) Assistance through International Organization(12 milion USD)

For IDPs:

- WFP 3.5 million USD (food assistance),
- UNICEF 1.5 million USD (water and sanitation),
- IOM 1.2 million USD (shelter),
- ICRC 1 million USD (health, medical etc),
- OCHA 0.3 million USD (coordination)

For South Sudanese Refugees (Uganda & Ethiopia):

- UNHCR 4.5 million USD (shelter and etc)

(2) Assistance through “Japan Platform(alliance of Japanese NGOs for the Humanitarian Assistance)

- Up to 5 million USD

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