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Japan and NWERO sign a project to supply water to 9 primary schools in Juba.

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Joint Press Release

Juba – The Embassy of Japan in South Sudan and National Women Empowerment & Rehabilitation Organization (NWERO) have made an announcement for launch of “the Project for Supply Community Based Schools with Clean and Safe Drinking Water,” at Malakia Primary School, Juba. The signed notes for the project were exchanged between H.E Kiya Masahiko, Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan, and Mrs. Editha Meling Kenyi, Executive Director of NWERO.

The funds have been made available through Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-Root Human Security Projects (GGP), awarded annually to a few competitive NGOs working on community infrastructure such as healthcare facilities and sport equipment. NWERO is one of the two recipients of the Japanese grant this year for the plan to install nine boreholes in nine primary schools in Juba city with a view to provide clean drinking water to pupils’ learning environment. The water supply project will be completed in a year from the signing date.

In an effort to alleviate the sufferings of people in lack of wants and fear, the government of Japan reaches out to community-based organizations that empower people to live a peaceful and dignified life. The borehole project reduces shortage of clean and safe drinking water for pupils and encourages them to focus on their studies. The project also encompasses overall improvement of hygiene and sanitation in the communities around schools which otherwise are at the mercy of annual cholera outbreak during the rainy season. Overall, the project aims to free the minds of students and community members from lack of day-to-day conveniences so they can fully engage in school work that builds their future.

Ambassador Kiya of Japan said, “It is important to have access to clean and safe water in order to stay healthy. I want to emphasize that Japan will continue to support the people of South Sudan through water projects. I will continue working hard with you so that clean and safe drinking water should be more available in Juba”.

NWERO expresses gratitude on behalf of the beneficiaries of Japan’s response to its appeal. NWERO Chairperson, Board of trustees: Mr Silas Jojo Soro said, “NWERO was established



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mainly as a response to people suffering and with hope to bring back peace and happy life to them. In relation to our goals and work, this project is extremely important because pupils and communities around schools will have access to clean and safe drinking water. In addition, clean and safe water reduces risk of contracting water-borne illnesses since abundant clean borehole water will raise high level of hygiene and sanitation for the better health standard”.

The NWERO representative concluded his speech by expressing his sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous support they received from the Government of Japan through their Embassy in Juba.

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