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Japan-funded community Na-Bari road rehabilitation project Completed with the official Handover Ceremony

Embassy of Japan, Ministry of Physical Infrastructure (MOPI) of Central Equatoria State, and United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS) remarked the completion of Juba Na-Bari Community Road (Kololo Rd.) rehabilitation project on 21st November. Handover ceremony was conducted on the same day with the attendance of H.E. Mr. Takeshi Akamatsu, Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan, H.E. Mr. Simon Mijok Mijak, Deputy Minister of Transport, Roads and Bridges, H.E. Mr. Toby Lanzer, Deputy Special Representative of Secretary-General, UNMISS, H.E. Mr. Christopher Sarafino, Mayor of Juba City, Colonel Harutoshi Tsuchiya, Commander of Japanese Contingent to UNMISS, and Mr. Atsushi Hanatani, Chief Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) South Sudan.

“The Project for the Rehabilitation of Juba Na-Bari Community Road”(1,041,330USD) is the community-based infrastructure project funded by the Government of Japan as a Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Project (GGP)* and jointly implemented by MOPI and UNMISS Japanese Contingent Engineer Company with special technical advisory support from JICA.

Na Bari community had been suffering from heavy rain and flood due to its topography on lowland and lack of drainage system, which caused extensive damages to the roads and houses while limiting the mobility of people and affecting the local community with water-borne diseases, thus hindering their economic productivities and opportunities for livelihood improvement. The Project was designed to tackle those challenges by rehabilitating 1.7km of Na-Bari road with improved drainage system to ease the floods and strengthen the community’s resilience to water-related disasters. The rehabilitated road with drainage will benefit at least 3,500 households living in the community with the improved mobility, sanitation, resilience to flood, and last but not least, economic opportunities. Attendants of the handover ceremony praised the special joint achievement between Japan, MOPI and UNMISS, and shared the importance of the sustainable use of the road and drainage under strong ownership of MOPI and local community.

***About GGP**

Japan's **Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP)** is designed particularly to support the community-level socio-economic development projects that address Basic Human Needs (BHN) such as access to health, water and sanitation, education, income generation skills, and other means to maximize opportunities for individuals. GGP's approach reflects the Government of Japan's strong commitment to uphold the notion of 'Human Security' as basic human rights for all. All individuals, in particular vulnerable people, are entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want, with an equal opportunity to enjoy all their rights and fully develop their human potential. By directly supporting the projects implemented by grassroots organizations, GGP encourages bottom-up efforts by the local communities, and realizes their empowerment.

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