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## **Japan pledges USD 80 million in support of South Sudanese people**

The Government of Japan has decided to provide USD 80 million in support of people of South Sudan facing dire humanitarian needs. A total of USD 80 million will be provided through various international agencies; approximately USD 56.7 million to help internally displaced persons (IDPs) in South Sudan, while USD 23.9 million is for South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda.

This new pledge will be announced at the High-Level Event on Humanitarian Crisis in South Sudan, to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 9 February.

“More than two million South Sudanese have suffered as refugees and IDPs since the outbreak of the conflict in December 2013, and peace still remains to be achieved in South Sudan. While we highly welcome the recent developments made in Arusha as well as in Addis Ababa, we urge the Government of South Sudan to prioritize delivery of social service to the people in need and call upon all warring parties to ensure unhindered humanitarian access as the situation remains crucial”, said Mr. Takeshi Akamatsu, Ambassador of Japan to South Sudan.

This contribution of Japan aims to help both IDPs in South Sudan and South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries, who have been forced to leave their homes during the course of this crisis. In order to save their lives and address their basic human needs, Japan provides assistance such as food, health and water sanitation through international organizations and Japanese NGOs.

Japan’s humanitarian assistance to South Sudan since December 2013 now totals USD 112 million. The funds of the latest assistance will be shortly made available and implemented in a timely manner in accordance with the South Sudan Crisis Response Plan issued by the Humanitarian Country Team.

Breakdown of the latest contribution:

- (1) For IDPs in South Sudan:  
UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, IOM and other agencies: total of USD 56.7 million
- (2) For South Sudanese refugees in surrounding countries:  
Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda (through UNHCR, WFP, WHO, UNDP and IOM): USD 23.9 million
- (3) Assistance through “Japan Platform” (an alliance of Japanese NGOs for humanitarian assistance): up to USD 13 million

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