

Press Release

Japan-funded NGO Sanitation Project Benefitting Both IDP and Host Community Children at Don Bosco in Gumbo

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Japanese Ambassador, Kiya Masahiko together with NGO Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and its partner NNGO The Health Support Organisation (THESO) have surveyed the construction site of IDP school latrines in Don Bosco many times. Those newly-built colorfully-painted latrine buildings (Photo) are now ready to be opened and handed over in presence of partners including the donor, Japan Platform, on October 6, 2015.

Japanese NGOs including PWJ have supported the local governments, returnees, and IDPs since 2006 through direct implementations of grassroots projects in remote communities. Although insecurity since the end of 2013 forced those agencies to operate remotely over a year and half with travel restriction, PWJ started partnership with local NGO in aim for capacity building. This Don Bosco IDP Camp was formed in early 2014 with about 900 IDPs, its majority being women and children as their male heads of households remained in the battle fields in the northern states. These IDPs had never lived in this densely-populated site, and with lack of basic hygiene knowledge or awareness, the sanitation environment deteriorated quickly. IDPs were careless of washing their faces, bodies or clothes. As other partners distributed food and emergency items, solid waste was abundant on site. Applying the experience of sanitation project in UN House, PWJ and THESO extended their support to this Don Bosco IDP Camp, notably by starting hygiene promotion, environmental cleaning, solid waste management, and eventually the formation of school hygiene club and construction of permanent latrines. PWJ and THESO have already expanded their scope to its host community around Don Bosco, training local hygiene promoters and hygiene club from public school, as well as distributing household latrine slabs.



Photo. Newly-built colorfully-painted latrine buildings