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South Sudan's most vulnerable to benefit from Japanese donation of US\$ 3.1 million

JUBA, March 23, 2016 – More than 70,000 vulnerable children and 15,000 pregnant women in South Sudan are to benefit from life-saving UNICEF services as the result of a contribution of US\$ 3.1 million from the Government of Japan.

The contribution will provide primary health care and immunization services to children while assisting pregnant women in the safe delivery of their newborns.

It will also help to fund the construction of a new water system in the Juba protection of civilians (PoC) site that will provide safe drinking water to 50,000 people. An additional 15,000 people living in rural areas will have access to safe water through the construction of new water points and the repair of damaged ones.

Kiya Masahiko, Japanese Ambassador to South Sudan said: "Japan is responding to South Sudan's dual needs of humanitarian and development cooperation by installing and rehabilitating water distribution systems in conflict-affected areas as well as providing emergency health care to save lives of the future of the country."

"The humanitarian needs of women and children in South Sudan have never been greater," said Jonathan Veitch, UNICEF's Representative in South Sudan. "Thanks to this generous donation, tens of thousands of the most vulnerable will be given the chance of a healthier future."

UNICEF's interventions will target the areas of the country where humanitarian assistance is most urgently required, such as the Greater Upper Nile region, Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Western Equatoria and Northern Bahr el Ghazal.

The projects will benefit displaced families living in UN protection sites as well as communities currently hosting those uprooted by the conflict.

Some of the key interventions this time will include:

- **59,000** children provided with access to primary health care services
- **70,363** under-5 children immunized against measles and polio
- **15,000** pregnant women supplied with safe delivery kits



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- **50,000** people in the Juba PoC and neighboring communities given access to safe water
- **25,000** people able to access improved sanitation and hygiene services

Since conflict first erupted in South Sudan in 2013, more than 900,000 children have been displaced by violence, while an estimated 16,000 children were recruited into armed groups.

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