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Ribbon Cutting of the New Orphanage Center by H.E Mr. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, and Hon. Ms. Doreen Sioka, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare among other dignitaries.

### **HANDOVER OF A NEW ORPHANAGE CENTER FUNDED BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO THE CHARITY FAITH MISSION CHURCH, IN KATIMA MULILO, ZAMBEZI REGION**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, a handing over ceremony of a new orphanage center which was funded by the Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was held at the Charity Faith Mission in Katima Mulilo, Zambezi region. **H.E. Mr. Hideaki Harada, Ambassador of Japan, representing the Government of Japan, handed over the facility to the Charity Faith Mission, in the presence of Hon. Ms. Doreen Sioka, Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare,** who represents the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

The Charity Faith Mission Church is a non-profit organisation which cares and educates orphans. The organisation was established in 2008, in Katima Mulilo, where the poverty and HIV prevalence rate are conspicuous. The challenging economic situation and the high HIV rate in this area make the children vulnerable, and make them suffer to receive the education, as well as care from their parents. In this regard, currently 25 orphans are cared and educated in the Charity Faith Mission Church, however there was a lack of some facilities to accommodate more orphans, especially classrooms and ablution have been impeding accommodating more orphans from the surrounding communities.

It is with this background that the Government of Japan extended grant amounting to NAD 851,005.28. The grant was utilised to build a new block consisting of 2 classrooms, 2 storerooms and ablutions facilities. The new block is now being used by 25 orphans from the Charity Faith Mission Church and 70 orphans from the surrounding communities. Japan's assistance has contributed for the orphanage center to accommodate more orphans to care and educate.

GGP aims at bringing about direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities at a grass-roots level by supporting relatively small development projects in areas of local needs such as education, agriculture, welfare, to be implemented by Non-Profit Organisations and local authorities. The Government of Japan has been implementing the GGP in Namibia since 1997. To date, 54 projects have been supported, totally amounting to approximately NAD 37.5 million.

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