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Mr. Edward Akawa, Principal, King Kauluma Combined School
H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki (from left to right),
after signing Grant Contract for Grant Assistance for Grassroots
Human Security Project (GGP)



Ms. Hester Campbell, Principal, Donatus Primary School (left)
H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki (right), signing Grant Contract for Grant
Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

SIGNING OF GRANT CONTRACT WITH KING KAULUMA COMBINED SCHOOL IN LYAMPINGANA CONSTITUENCY, OSHIKOTO REGION, 15 MARCH 2021

SIGNING OF GRANT CONTRACT AND A GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AT DONATUS PRIMARY SCHOOL IN OTJIWARONGO, OTJOZONDJUPA REGION, 18 MARCH 2021

On 15 March 2021, H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, signed a Grant Contract with Mr. Edward Akawa, Principal of King Kauluma Combined School, Oshikoto Region, worth around NAD 970,000, at King Kauluma Village for building a new school block with four classrooms and a storeroom.

On 18 March 2021, H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki signed a Grant Contract with Ms. Hester Campbell, Principal of Donatus Primary School, Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa Region, worth around NAD 850,000, at the school ground. Following the signing ceremony, H.E. Mr. HARADA participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the school block. The ceremonies were witnessed by Ms. Agatha Mwetzi, Chief Regional Officer, Otjozondjupa Regional Council, Ms. Josephine Mutenda, Director, Mr. Paulus Nghikembua, Deputy Director, Education Arts and Culture, Otjozondjupa Regional Directorate, representatives of School Board, teachers and staff of Donatus Primary School.

The Grant Contracts in the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) were signed to help build four new classrooms in King Kauluma Combined School and Donatus Primary School to alleviate problems associated with ever increasing number of learners and insufficient classrooms. Donatus Primary School is the first school to be awarded GGP in Otjozondjupa Region and this was the first time a groundbreaking ceremony was held with a participation of Japanese Ambassador.

In the fiscal year 2020 which ended 31 March 2021, one resource, two combined, four primary schools were awarded grant assistance worth more than NAD 6.3 million in the framework of the Japanese GGP.

The Government of Japan has introduced GGP in Namibia since 1997. GGP aims at achieving direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities at a grassroots level by supporting relatively small development projects in areas such as education, agriculture and health, to be implemented by non-profit organisations and local authorities.

Education is one of the priority areas for the Government of Japan’s GGP in Namibia. Prior to the above-mentioned seven schools in the fiscal year 2020, 52 schools have been granted GGP for the construction of school classroom blocks.

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Learners and teachers of Donatus Primary School welcoming H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki and dignitaries arriving groundbreaking ceremony with songs waving Japanese flags



H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki addressing the audience at Donatus Primary School’s groundbreaking ceremony



Groundbreaking by H.E. Mr. HARADA Hideaki and Ms. Agatha Mweti, Chief Regional Officer, Otjozondjupa Regional Council cheered by Ms. Josephine Mutenda, Director, Education Arts and Culture, Otjozondjupa Regional Directorate (back). Joined by Mr. Ismael Tjikurame, teacher at Donatus Primary School and MC of the ceremony (left)

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