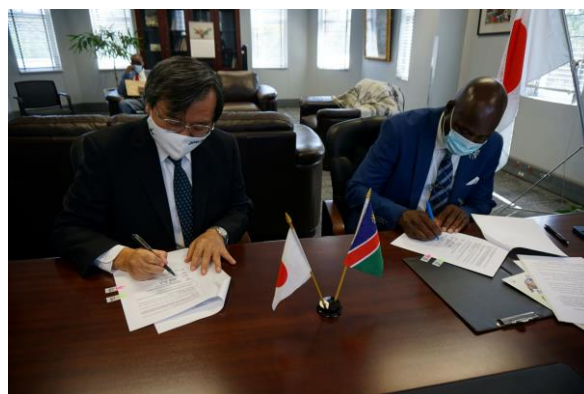


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JAPANESE AID SUPPORTING QUALITY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN NAMIBIA



--SIGNING CEREMONY OF GRANT CONTRACT WITH ST. BARNABAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
IN KHOMAS REGION, WINDHOEK, 26 JANUARY 2022--

On 26 January 2022, H.E. HARADA Hideaki, Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, signed Grant Contract with Mr. Nahasson Mbangura, Principal of St. Barnabas Primary School, Katutura East Constituency worth NAD 955,072 at the Embassy of Japan in Windhoek. The signing ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Daniel Sisamu, project coordinator of the school.

The Grant Contracts in the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP) were signed to help build new classrooms and a library to alleviate teaching and learning environment for grade 0 learners and learners with special needs, as well as to provide a library to benefit entire school population.

“We note the historical importance of St. Barnabas Primary School which played a major role in educating Namibia’s leaders and we are happy to be able to support your request to build additional classrooms and a library this time,” said Ambassador Harada.

“We are grateful to the Government and People of Japan for this gesture. We strongly believe that a library is a very important resource centre for learners to develop their reading and learning skills. We will, as a result of an independent library and classrooms, have an independent computer laboratory. This, too, will assist us towards the development of our learners’ IT skills. We are striving to excel in primary school education and this generous donation from the Government and People of Japan has come at the right and exciting time..... a time when we are also preparing for the school’s 100th anniversary celebration, which will take place next year, 2023..... This will be a double celebration!! ,” said Mr. Mbangura.

The signing of the respective Grant Contracts with the following three schools, in addition to St. Barnabas Primary School in Khomas Region, is now under way.

1. Ontanda Primary School, Tsandi Constituency, Omusati Region for NAD 949,257
2. Savo Nuts Private School, Oshikango Constituency, Ohangwena Region for NAD 860,528
3. Malundu Junior Primary School, Zambezi Region for NAD 921,055

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. By the end of 2021, 59 schools have been granted GGP for the construction of school classroom blocks.

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Ambassador Harada, Mr. Mr. Daniel Sisamu,
Mr. Nahasson Mbangura (from left to right)

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