



Ambassador Harada and Rt. Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila

On 9 March 2022, Ambassador Harada handed over approx. 3,000 tons of rice as a Food Aid by the Government of Japan to Rt. Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia.

The Government of Japan donated the food (Japanese rice) with the value of N\$38.4 million in support of the Namibian Government's efforts for tackling difficulties caused by the significant drought and other shocks.

The rice will be distributed to the three drought affected regions; Kunene, Omusati and Erongo, for the next three months and it will complement Namibian Government's relief program towards the food security of Namibians.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Harada stated, "It is clear to all the people that food and nutrition are one of the most fundamental elements for the human being to live happily and in dignity. Food problems are therefore to be addressed properly and to be resolved efficiently, so that we can achieve "Human Security". This is a guiding concept of Japanese cooperation policy and focuses on a nation building through empowerment and protection of individuals so that each and every citizen has a life in dignity, free from fear and poverty. Based on this idea, Japan has cooperated with

Namibia since its independence, and the food aid I handover today is another concrete step to support Namibia's endeavor to achieve exactly the Human Security."

Rt. Hon. Prime Minister Kuugongelwa-Amadhila during the ceremony remarked, "I wish to once again thank the Government of Japan, through H.E. Mr. Hideaki Harada, for the generous donation and other support that Japan has been extending to Namibia over the years. Japan is a dependable partner in development, and we look forward to further cementing our cordial relations that happily exist between our two countries."

- [Past Cooperation Projects \(Embassy's website\)](#)