

Ambassador Nishimaki attended Hand Over Ceremony to Project of “Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deteriorating global food security” (7 March 2023)

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On 7 March 2023, Ambassador Nishimaki attended and delivered a speech at the handover ceremony of the food voucher programme of the Japanese Government’s 2022 emergency grant project to the World Food Programme (WFP) under the project “Emergency Grant Aid in response to the deteriorating global food security” (grant amount: USD 500,000).

The project aims to improve food access to vulnerable communities in three Namibian regions (Oshikoto, Omaheke and Kunene), which are affected by the high global food prices due to the war in Ukraine. The total target of this project is 21,600 beneficiaries. The Food vouchers have been distributed to residents in the three regions from the period of January–March 2023, this allows them to use the vouchers to purchase food at local retail outlets. The Namibian telecommunications company MTC also provided technical support for the implementation of the programme.

The ceremony was attended by Hon. Penda Ya Ndakolo, Governor of Oshikoto region and Hon. Pijoo Nganate, Governor of Omaheke region. At the end of the ceremony a simulation of the voucher programme was conducted and witnessed. After the ceremony, Ambassador Nishimaki visited the homes of the beneficiaries of the project together with Ms. Ericah Shafudah, Deputy Country Director of WFP and the Governors, and informed the concerned parties that the Embassy of Japan plans to follow up on the project in the future.



(front row) Beneficiaries, (from left of the back row) a beneficiary, Head of Strategic Development of MTC, Governor of Oshikoto region, Ambassador Nishimaki, Governor of Omaheke region, Deputy Country Director of WFP



Remarks by Ambassador Nishimaki



Dance and Singing performance by children in Tsintsabis



Beneficiary' s House 1



Beneficiary' s House 2