

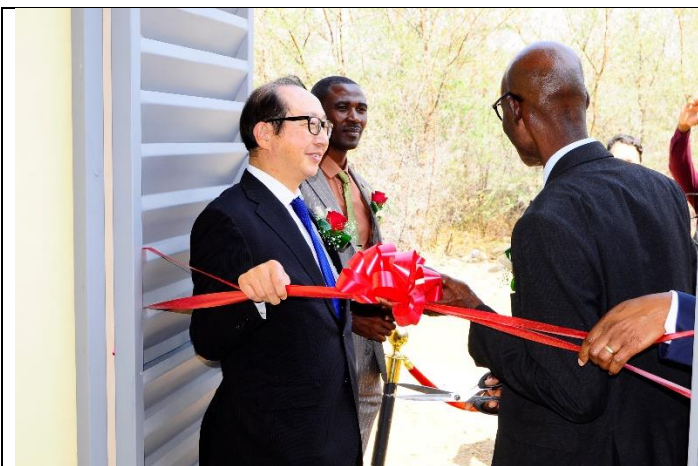
Handover Ceremony on Emergency Grant Aid to African countries that suffer from the impact of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). (September 4th 2023)

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Challenges to the COVID-19 vaccine supply chain (VSC) were identified and prioritized to pave the way out of the pandemic and simultaneously set-up a robust cold chain for the Namibian Health System. The support by the Government of Japan helped meet a significant part of those needs.

A Handover ceremony for Cold Chain Supplies was held at the CMS Offshore Warehouse at Khomas Regional Health Directorate Office on the 4th September 2023. The handover ceremony provided an opportunity for UNICEF to showcase the many different kinds of cold chain equipment and other logistics that will be provided to local medical organisations with funding from the Japanese Government.

The tour of the equipment started with a ceremonious ribbon cutting and inspection of the incinerator located at the Khomas Regional Office where a briefing was done on the installation of the incinerator and thereafter Ambassador Nishimaki handed over the keys to the incinerator to Mr. Nghipundjwa before proceeding to the main event location at the Khomas Regional Office.



Ribbon cutting at the installed incinerator.





Japanese Ambassador to Namibia H.E. Nishimaki



Mr. Jacob Nyamadzawo
OIC UNICEF Country Representative



Mr. Jeremia Nghipudjwa
Deputy Executive Director

At the main event, various speeches and remarks were delivered notably by the Japanese Ambassador to Namibia H.E. Nishimaki outlining Japan's longstanding and growing assistance to Namibia and he further said, "A well-resourced cold chain ensures a good supply chain which ensures availability of medicine and other product at the right time, minimizing inventory wastage and maximizing patient care. The beneficiaries will be the Namibian Citizens at large".

The Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Jeremia Nghipudjwa, on behalf of the Ministry of Health passed on the message of gratitude and appreciation from the entire Ministry to the Government of Japan for the invaluable

donation of equipment and training received through the implemented project aimed at improving the health outcomes of the Namibian people and children.

UNICEF, represented by Mr. Jacob Nyamadzawo – OIC UNICEF Country Representative, on its part also lauded the Government of Japan for their continuous support, “The dedication of the Government of Japan to improving healthcare in Namibia through these generous donation and many others before it, will surely go a long way in complementing government efforts towards SDG 3.”

Finally the Ambassador and the Deputy Executive Director of Health and Social Services presided over the ribbon cutting of an installed cold storage facility after which they inspected the myriad of equipment on display which form part of the donated equipment distributed not only in the Khomas Region alone but also to other regions across the country.

List of items handed over

- Walk in Cold Rooms · Incinerator · Refrigerators
- Fridges · Tool kits and spare parts · Laptops
- Temperature monitoring devices · Voltage Stabilizers
- Ultra-Cold Chain Equipment

Namibian Broadcasting Corporation media coverage of the handover event;

- [JAPAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN NAMIBIA'S HEALTH SECTOR REFLECTS PROGRESS](#) and
- https://youtu.be/a_TyRSpPpUg



Cutting the ribbon at the donated fully installed functional Walk In Cold Room for Khomas Region.



Lokesh Sharma from UNICEF giving a run-down on the various donated equipment starting with the Fridges.



Toolkits and Spare Parts to maintain the cold chain equipment.



Voltage Stabilizer, Laptops, Ultra-Cold Chain Equipment, Temperature monitoring device