

Exchange of views with Mr. Machiwenyika, the World Food Programme (WFP) Namibia Country Director and Officer in Charge (13 September 2024)

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On 13 September 2024, Ambassador Nishimaki received a courtesy visit from Mr. Tiwonge Machiwenyika, the WFP Namibia Country Director and Office in Charge. Ambassador Nishimaki and Mr. Machiwenyika discussed the Emergency Grant Aid Project whose implementation will start next month, “Drought Affected Populations and Children most at risk of Malnutrition in Kunene and Ohangwena Regions are supported to access nutritious food” (Grant amount: 500,000 USD, Implementation Period: October 2024 to March 2025). Through this grant the Japanese Government will provide emergency assistance to Namibia, which is facing serious food insecurity due to the worst drought in history caused by El Niño. Southern Africa only received 20% of regular annual precipitation during its rainy season of the end of last year through early 2024, and the amount of its cereal harvest has declined significantly. The region has been facing serious food insecurity, not only because of the drought, but also because of the soaring global food prices reflecting current international situation.



(From Left) Mr. Machiwenyika (Country Director and Officer in Charge of WFP Namibia), Ambassador Nishimaki, Mrs. Ericah Shafudah (Deputy Country Representative of WFP Namibia)