

Official Launch of a Japan Grant Funded FAO Project (7 February 2026)

On 7 February 2026 in the town of Otjiwarongo, Otjozondjupa Region, the Ambassador of Japan to Namibia H.E. Mr. Shinichi Asazuma together with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform, Hon. Inge Zaamwani and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Officer in Charge Mr. Ferdinard Mwapopi officiated at the launch of the project titled *Enhancing Resilience of Farming Communities Affected by Drought through the Promotion of Adaptive Agriculture*.

The project is funded with a total grant amount of 2,99 million USD through the Japan Grant Assistance (Cooperation with FAO) for FY2025 to implemented by FAO in collaboration with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform. The new project will be implemented over 2 years in 5 regions of Namibia namely, Erongo, Hardap, Kunene, Omaheke and Otjozondjupa Regions, targeting 6,000 mostly women- and youth-led households ultimately positively affecting the livelihoods of over 24,000 people in the rural areas of the beneficiary regions. The Namibian government has designated “agriculture” as its first priority within its policy focus areas, and the implementation of this project will significantly contribute to strengthening bilateral relations between Japan and Namibia.



Ambassador Asazuma, Hon. Minister Inge Zaamwani, Governors of the beneficiary regions and the FAO Representative Mr. Ferdinard Mwapopi together with beneficiary region’ s Chief Agricultural Officers and delegations and beneficiary farmer representatives.



Remarks by Ambassador Asazuma



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