

## Handover Ceremony in Hardap Region, FAO Project Funded by the Government of Japan (11 June 2026)

On 11 June 2026, Ambassador Asazuma officiated a handover event for a drought resilience project titled *Enhancing Resilience of Farming Communities Affected by Drought through the Promotion of Adaptive Agriculture*. The project is implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (MAFWLR) from December 2025 to November 2027. Funded by the Government of Japan, the equipment was symbolically handed over to the Hardap Region in Mariental town.



(Pic. Above) The Hardap Regional Governor Hon. Riaan Charles McNab (centre) flanked by Ambassador Asazuma (left) and Mr. Alfred Sikopo, Acting Executive Director of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform together with Hardap Region farmers displaying some of the equipment at the symbolic handover ceremony in Mariental town.



(Pic on left) Ambassador Asazuma delivering his remarks in Hardap Region at the agricultural inputs handover ceremony.

(Pic. on right) Ambassador Asazuma accompanied by Governor Hon. McNab together with MAFWLR Officials also visited a number of potential beneficiaries at their farms in the Gibeon area.

