

Hand Over Ceremony at Khorixas Hospital (15 July 2026)

On 15 July 2026, Ambassador Asazuma, together with Mr. Samuel Kweku Ocran, UNICEF Representative in Namibia, made a joint visit to Khorixas in the Kunene Region to formally hand over life-saving and essential medical equipment—procured by UNICEF with funding from the Government of Japan to Khorixas Hospital. This equipment was procured under the Japan Supplementary Budget Project in 2024 titled “Systems strengthening and enabling environments from the Impact of Natura Disasters and Disease Outbreak affecting women and children to resilience through sustainable and improved Child Survival Development in Namibia” (Implementation Period: February 2025 – February 2026; Grant Amount: USD 450,000) and was already in use at the hospital.

In October 2024, Former Ambassador of Japan to Namibia, Mr. Nishimaki and Mr. Ocran jointly visited Khorixas Hospital to assess its challenging medical conditions, following which a decision was made to provide support to improve the hospital’s medical environment.

During this visit, the first in approximately one year and ten months, Ambassador Asazuma and Mr. Ocran were able to confirm significant improvements in the medical environment in the hospital. Ms. Augusk Day, Senior Registered Nurse of the hospital, expressed her gratitude, stating that the grants from the Japanese government and UNICEF had brought hope and dignity to the hospital. Support for Namibia’s health sector through collaboration with UNICEF is contributing significantly to the strengthening of bilateral relations between Japan and Namibia.

