

Handover Ceremony at Welwitschia Primary School (15 July 2026)

On 15 July 2026, Ambassador Asazuma, together with Mr. Samuel Kweku Ocran, UNICEF Representative in Namibia, on a joint field visit to Khorixas in the Kunene Region, where they visited Welwitschia Primary School—a beneficiary of the project “Strengthening health system and community capacity to reduce incidence, impact and severity of public health emergencies in the affected communities in Namibia,” implemented by UNICEF with funding from the Government of Japan.

Through this assistance, Welwitschia Primary School is undergoing its first large-scale toilet renovation since the school opened in 1973, and the sanitary conditions for the children attending the school are expected to improve significantly. Ambassador Asazuma and Mr. Ocran inspected the renovation work and confirmed the importance of maintaining sanitary toilets to protect children’s health by preventing infectious diseases and ensuring a hygienic environment together with Mr. Puvari Katundu, the School Principal and the construction contractors. In Kunene Region, there are schools where learners are unable to attend due to water shortages and inadequate sanitation facilities, which has been a serious social issue.

Ambassador Asazuma and Mr. Ocran handed over WASH items to the school for learners at Welwitschia Primary School. As part of this project, similar toilet renovations and the provision of WASH items are scheduled to take place at 20 target schools.

