

**FY2014 Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (“GGP”)**  
**Hand-over Ceremony**

**‘The Project for the Construction of Special Education Unit at Masupe Primary School’**

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The hand-over ceremony for ‘the Project for the Construction of Special Education Unit at Masupe Primary School’ was held at the school on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

This project was for the construction of Special Education Unit (approx. 270 m<sup>2</sup>) in the premises of the public primary school in Maunatlala, Central District; some 365km North East to the capital city Gaborone. US\$92,079 was granted by the Government of Japan to the Palapye Administrative Authority, the recipient, for the construction of the unit. Also, two minibuses were donated for the transport of children by Lady Khama Charitable Trust and the First National Bank respectively.

There have been only three Special Education Unit attached schools in Palapye & Serowe area (approx. 31,400 km<sup>2</sup>) where Maunatlala is located, and the closest school is 90km away from the village. Therefore, children with disability had no choice but to go to regular classes and some have even dropped off from schools. This project, under such circumstances, have successfully given access to the Special Education Unit for 40 children from the village, as well as, four surrounding villages in the area.

During the hand-over ceremony, the Japanese Ambassador to Botswana, H.E. Mr. Masahiro Onishi stated that he sincerely hoped this project would not only help the on-going needs to deliver education to the people with disability, but also stand as a good example which shows that children in remote areas can go to school and develop themselves for bright future, regardless of their disability. The project was highly appreciated by the Minister of Local Government and Rural Development, Hon. Mr. Slumber Tsogwane, who was the guest of honour, as well as, the various guests, people and children in the area.



H.E. Mr. Onishi, Hon. Minister Mr. Tsogwane,  
and Ms. Lefakae, the School Head



The School Head and the children  
who learn at the Special Education Unit