

FY2016 Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects (“GGP”)
Hand-over Ceremony

‘The Project for Improvement of the Vocational Training Center in Selebi Phikwe’

Embassy of Japan in Botswana

15 November 2018

On Thursday 15th November 2018, the handover ceremony of the “Project for Improvement of the Vocational Training Center in Selebi Phikwe” took place in the presence of the Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr. Kozo Takeda, representatives of the recipient organization Humana People to People, guests and other stakeholders at Humana People to People Child Aid Resource Centre in Botshabelo.

The project provided equipment, machineries and materials for practical trainings at the community centre in Selebi Phikwe, Central District, some 400 km northeast of the capital city Gaborone. With the assistance, approximately 200 individuals on an annual basis who live in poverty will be benefited from practical trainings such as sewing, agriculture and poultry. The beneficiaries of the trainings are expected to gain skills and start income generating activities.

Humana People to People had received the amount of US\$19,937 (approx. BWP 202,000 as of March 2017) for the project, following the signing of Grant Contract with the Embassy of Japan on 2nd November 2016.

During the ceremony, Ambassador Takeda stated that 197 participants were already able to complete the courses at the centre. The Government of Japan donated for example sewing machines, tables and chairs for the sewing course, gardening equipment including jojo tank for the agriculture course and materials for construction of poultry house. Some of the participants have already started their business, established backyard gardens to support the Orphans and Vulnerable Children in the community or created the groups to start income generating projects to improve their livelihood. Ambassador Takeda said that the outcomes of the project clearly show the most important concept for vocational training, “Do not give a man a fish, but teach a man to fish”. He was proud to note that this vocational training project really achieved this concept.



(Photo) Ambassador Takeda cuts the tape at the ceremony



(Photo) Equipment for the sewing course