

PRESS RELEASE

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Embassy of Japan in Botswana

The Ambassador of Japan in Botswana, H.E. HOSHIYAMA Takashi, attended the Closing Ceremony for the project “Accelerating the Elimination of Neglected Tropical Diseases (Soil Transmitted Helminthes – STH) in Botswana” that was held at the Plateau Primary School in Kasane on 13th November 2021.

The Japanese Government provided funds amounting to approximately USD 181,000 towards the emergency assistance for this project, which was implemented by the WHO.

The ceremony was attended by the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Edwin Dikoloti, the WHO Representative in Botswana, Dr. Josephine Namboze and Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Mr. Moses Keetile.

Ambassador H. E. Hoshiyama stated that in recognizing the importance of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Japan has been supporting various projects which include provision of equipment and human resource development all over the world, and this Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD)-related project in Botswana is part of its initiative. He further emphasized that addressing NTDs contributes greatly to securing and protecting people’s lives and their dignity.

The Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness, Dr. Edwin Dikoloti appreciated the Government of Japan for having been a critical partner through the generous assistance in the form of among others, grants, which have enabled Botswana to address challenges of Neglected Tropical Diseases and these grants were important in that they came at a time when external funding for many programs had begun to decline.

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Speech by Ambassador Hoshiyama



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