

**Japan donates a child friendly police centre to  
Shakawe Community through UNICEF**

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The Japanese Government donated a child friendly police centre to the Shakawe community through the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), as part of the project “Enabling continuity of essential nutrition and child protection services to vulnerable children during COVID-19”.

The First Lady of the Republic of Botswana, Mrs Neo Masisi, officially opened the centre. During her remarks, she stated that the facility would go a long way in assisting in the fight against Gender Based Violence (GBV), particularly child abuse.

The Ambassador of Japan in Botswana, HOSHIYAMA Takashi, also gave his remarks stating that “This project is timely and excellent because it has added value to ordinary police stations, paying special attention to children. It will provide safety and protection, especially for vulnerable children”.

The UNICEF Representative, Dr. Joan Matji, also expressed gratitude for the donation, saying, “We are grateful to the Government of Japan for its continued support to Botswana. The establishment of child friendly police stations will go a long way in ensuring that children and their caregivers report cases of abuse in a safe and protected environment manned by trained officers”.

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Opening Ceremony of Child-friendly Centre



Child-friendly Centre in Shakawe