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Japan extends support for the construction of Bana Ba Letsatsi Rehabilitation Centre in Maun

Maun, 16th May 2023 - The Government of Japan and Bana Ba Letsatsi celebrated the successful handover of a rehabilitation centre in Maun, through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The centre was constructed following a grant contract signing agreement between the two organizations in October 2019, when Bana Ba Letsatsi received the amount of **USD 75,110** from the Government of Japan through its Embassy in Botswana.

In delivering his handover speech, H.E. Mr. OHMORI Setsuo, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, mentioned that the newly established Bana Ba Letsatsi Rehabilitation Centre has assisted in the response to the growing number of out of school children in Maun and Northern Botswana, whilst keeping orphaned and vulnerable children off the streets to ensure that they receive the psychosocial support they need. He also commented that it is important for parents and guardians, and the community as a whole, to support children as they are the future of Botswana.

Through the GGP scheme, Japan has supported about 60 projects in Botswana that address human security issues. This is in line with the Botswana Government's aspiration, envisaged in Vision 2036, particularly under the pillar of Human and Social Development, to achieve a moral, tolerant and inclusive society that provides opportunity for all.

*GGP is a grant scheme which supports projects addressing social challenges and/or aiming at community development at grass-roots level and supports people-centred development projects which have a direct and immediate impact on the well-being of disadvantaged communities. In Botswana, from 1997 to date, 65 GGP projects in total have been approved, some of which are currently on-going. These projects include rural developments such as the construction of pre-schools, classrooms for students with disabilities and vocational training institutions.



Ms. Taboka Rotsi, Director of Bana Ba Letsatsi, explaining the project overview



Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, Mr. OHMORI Setsuo delivering his handover speech



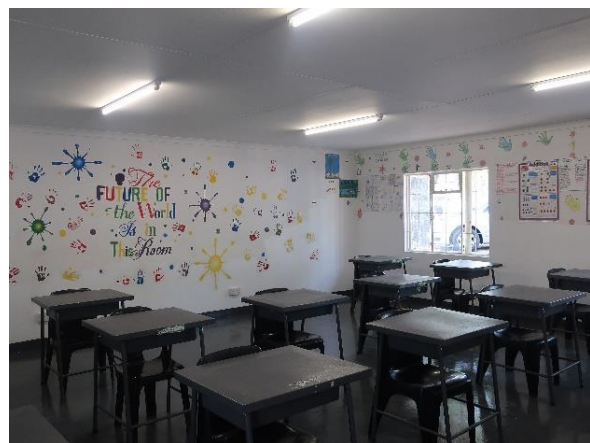
Official Opening of the Centre



Some of the guests at the handover ceremony



The newly constructed building



The newly constructed class room