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## **Japan extends support for the Construction of a Classroom Block at Mohembo East Primary School**

**Mohembo East, 17th May 2023** - The Government of Japan and the Okavango District Council celebrated the successful handover of a classroom block at Mohembo East Primary School, in Mohembo, through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP). The classroom block was constructed following a grant contract signing agreement between the two organizations in October 2019, when the Okavango District Council received an amount of **USD 83,455** from the Government of Japan through its Embassy in Botswana.

In delivering her handover speech, Ms. HIMENO, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, mentioned that "the quality of education is one of the most important aspects in the lives of children, therefore there is need to ensure that everyone has access to good educational facilities. To achieve this, the Government of Japan saw the need to provide a classroom block to Mohembo East Primary School for students who travelled longer distances to get to school."

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. HIMENO Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan, delivering her handover speech**



**Official Opening of the school**



**Class room tour for Standard 1**



**Some of the guests at the handover ceremony**



**The newly constructed building**



**The newly constructed class room**