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**FY2023 Supplementary Budget Handover of the Project:
“Strengthening the Resilience of Drought-Affected Households and Small-Scale Farmers in
Ngamiland District to Improve Food Security”**

In May 2024, the Government of Japan, in collaboration with UNDP Botswana and the Government of the Republic of Botswana, completed the handover of the project titled “Strengthening the Resilience of Drought-Affected Households and Small-Scale Farmers in Ngamiland District to Improve Food Security” in the Okavango Region, northern Botswana.

This project was funded through the FY2023 supplementary budget of the Government of Japan, with an Emergency Grant Aid of approximately USD 400,000, and was implemented by UNDP Botswana in partnership with the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs.

The project aimed to strengthen community resilience and improve food security among vulnerable populations affected by severe drought and climate change. The support included:

- Rehabilitation and solar electrification of boreholes with wildlife protection measures
- Establishment of climate-smart cluster gardens with net-shading structures to reduce heat stress and evaporation
- Provision of mechanized agricultural tools (e.g., walk-behind tractors) and relevant training
- Special focus on supporting women- and youth-led households

Project sites included Ngarange, Sekondomboro, Ukusi, Qangwa, Mohembo East, Etsha 8, Nokaneng, and Rekonga (Rukonga). Support spanned agriculture, livestock, and water access improvements, aiming to empower communities toward sustainable livelihoods.

H.E. Mr. SHINDO Yusuke, Ambassador of Japan to Botswana, visited the project sites and stated,

“I sincerely hope that this project will enhance the dignity and resilience of local communities as they adapt to the challenges of climate change. Japan remains committed to supporting inclusive and sustainable development in Botswana.”

Dr. Balazs Horvath, UNDP Resident Representative in Botswana, highlighted,

“UNDP envisions a Botswana where women, youth, and marginalized communities have the agency and capacity to solve their challenges and shape a sustainable future. This project is a concrete step toward that goal.”

Hon. Gabatsholwe Disho, Member of Parliament for the Okavango East, expressed appreciation to the Government of Japan and UNDP, and shared his hope for continued support in other communities within the region.



Ambassador SHINDO remarks



Walk-behind tractors



Net-shading



Solar electrification of boreholes



Participants from Community①



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