UN System in Uganda receives USD 6.3 million from the Government of Japan

The UN System in Uganda has received contribution worth USD 6.3 million (around 22 billion Uganda shillings) from the Government of Japan to support efforts towards refugees and host communities in Uganda.

This was announced during a press conference addressed by Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H.E. Kazuaki Kameda, the Minister of Disaster Preparedness, Management and Refugees, Hon. Hillary Onek; UN Uganda Resident Coordinator, Ms. Rosa Malango; UNHCR Representative, Mr. Bornwell Kantande; and WFP Representative, Mr. El-Khidir Daloum at the Office of the Prime Minister in Kampala 24th April 2017.

While addressing the press, Ambassador of Japan to Uganda, H.E. Kazuaki Kameda, said that the generous contribution by his government will provide the much-needed assistance to refugees and host communities, focusing on health; water, sanitation and hygiene; food assistance; and livelihoods.

The UN Uganda Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Ms. Rosa Malango said that UN agencies will continue collaborating with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and other partners to strengthen the humanitarian and development nexus by addressing the immediate needs as well as managing future shocks using a more integrated development approach. She also thanked Japan for contributing to both humanitarian and development action demonstrating that it is possible and viable to support the humanitarian and development nexus in Uganda.

The contribution went to three UN agencies; UNHCR, WFP and UNDP that support refugees and host communities in West Nile and South Western Uganda.

**UNHCR** received USD 2,584,000 to provide services in public health; water, sanitation and hygiene; and livelihoods, to refugees and asylum seekers from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi, in Nakivale, Adjumani, Arua and Oruchinga districts. These projects are expected to benefit at least 279,797 refugees and 83,939 members of the host communities.

**WFP** received US$2,932,000 to assist with food and livelihood support. WFP will provide life-saving food assistance to approximately 509,000 refugees in the settlements of West Nile to guarantee minimum food consumption and prevent deterioration of their nutrition status. In addition, WFP will provide tailored livelihood support to some 12,000 households in refugee hosting districts, targeting both refugees and host communities. This project aims to reduce post-harvest losses and improve food security by providing agricultural trainings and household level storage equipment to farmers.

**UNDP** received USD 741,000 to create emergency employment for refugees and host communities; provide business skills training and start up grants for micro-enterprise development; and refurbish vocational training institutes in cooperation with JICA. The
project is expected to benefit over 5,000 refugees and Ugandan youth and women in Yumbe district. It will build on UNDP’s preceding partnership with GoJ in 2016 that supported border stabilization, livelihoods and skills development for refugees and host communities in West Nile.

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