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**Japan will extend Emergency Grant Aid of USD 855,000
(equivalent of JPY 83 million)
for Supporting the Abducted School Girls and their families in Chibok LGA**

On 13 June 2014, the Government of Japan, upon requests by UN organisations and the Government of Nigeria, decided to extend emergency grant aid of 855,000 US dollars (approximately 83 million Japanese yen), to the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other organisations.

This emergency grant aid is expected to contribute to providing support for the psychosocial and physical care of communities of Chibok LGA (Local Government Area) in Borno State, which is suffering direct and indirect harm as a result of the abduction of school girls by the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram on 14 April 2014.

Amount to Be Extended	USD 855,000 (equivalent of JPY 83 million) * Exchange Rate: USD 1 = JPY 97
Implementing Partners	United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF); International Labour Organization (ILO); United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); and other organisations
Summary of Support	Protection of women from sexual and gender violence Psychosocial support for the abducted school girls and their families

On 9 May 2014, H.E. Mr. Kishida, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, addressed “The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls are issues on which the international community should work together, and such acts by Boko Haram should never be tolerated”.

The Government of Japan renews its determination to continue to cooperate with the people and Government of Nigeria, and the international community to eliminate acts of terrorism and to contribute to the peace and security of the region.

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