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**Japan extended a grant aid of USD 5 million  
for the Project for the Improvement of Village Environment 2015  
(Millennium Villages Project) in Nigeria, Kenya and Rwanda**

On 2 July 2015, the Government of Japan extended a grant aid of 5 million US dollar to the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the project “the Improvement of Village Environment (Millennium Village Project)” in Nigeria, Kenya and Rwanda.

<b>Project Title</b>	Project for the Improvement of Village Environment (Millennium Villages Project)
<b>Total Amount Extended</b>	USD 5,000,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nigeria: USD 1,338,140 (Pampaida, Kaduna State)</li> <li>▪ Kenya: USD 2,354,364</li> <li>▪ Rwanda: USD 1,307,496</li> </ul>
<b>Implementing Partner</b>	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
<b>Project Summary</b>	To support the sub-Saharan African Governments in the progress being made toward the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), human security and achievement of balanced and sustainable development .

The Millennium Villages Project is an integrated rural development program that addresses the root causes of extreme poverty through a historic, community-led approach to sustainable development. Its aim is to demonstrate that progress toward the achievement of the MDGs in low-income rural sub-Saharan African villages can be made by promoting a comprehensive package of low-cost, science-based interventions and practices within the budget structure recommended by the UN Millennium Project. The Government of Japan has been supporting the Millennium Villages Project in Nigeria and other sub-Saharan African countries since 2006.

At the opening session of the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD V) held in Yokohama in 2013, Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Shinzo Abe, said that “the idea that poverty can be overcome through growth is something that has been axiomatic for Japanese right from the start. It is also because we never doubted Africa’s potential.”

The Government of Japan renews its determination to continue to cooperate with the people and Government of Nigeria and the international community to eliminate poverty to contribute to human security and sustainable development in Nigeria.

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