

JAPAN EXTENDS GRANT AID OF USD 2.3 MILLION FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS TO WITHSTAND CRISES, RECOVERY FROM THE IMPACT OF CRISES AND INCREASE THEIR RESILIENCE IN NIGERIA AND CAMEROON

3rd March 2020

On 3rd March 2020, Mr. KIKUTA Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, upon requests by UN Women and Governments of the Lake Chad Region, namely Nigeria and Cameroon, signed the Exchange of Notes with Ms. Comfort Lamptey, Country Representative for Nigeria, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, to extend a Grant Aid of approximately USD 2.3million for assistance in the Lake Chad Region. The Grant Aid is in response to the humanitarian challenges faced by the victims of the crisis caused by insurgency and climate change in the region. The Grant Aid is extended to UNWOMEN to implement the project. At the signing ceremony, Ms. Hajiya Hauwa Bah Abubakar, Honourable Commissioner for Women Affairs, Yobe State Ministry of Women Affairs, witnessed the signing.

The Grant Aid is expected to contribute to supporting women and girls to withstand crises, recover from the impact of crises and increase their resilience to future crises. Another objective of the project is to prepare women affected by crisis to lead and participate in decision making as well as provide social cohesion and protection from gender based violence with increased support of men and boys in local communities.

For details please see below:

Total Amount Extended	USD 2,287,910
Project name	Strengthening Resilience of Women and Girls affected by Conflicts, violent extremism and climate change in the Lake Chad Region
Geographical Coverage	Lake Chad Basin: Nigeria (Gashua and Damaturu) and Cameroon (Kerawa and Kolofata), complemented by a West Africa regional component and a global knowledge management, normative and coordination component
Expected Project duration	March 2020 – February 2022 (24 months)
Implementing Partner	UN Women, Sasakawa Africa Association



Ambassador delivering a speech



Group photograph with representatives