

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

[Increased productivity, employment opportunity---Japan provides Edo State a rice milling facility]

The “Project for Construction of Rice Milling Facility in Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State” has been completed and the rice milling facility has been handed over to Ugbekpe-Ekperi Community, Etsako Central Local Government Area in the presence of the Japanese Ambassador to Nigeria, H.E. Mr. KIKUTA Yutaka, The Egiegbai 2 of Ekperi Kingdom, Alhaji D.Y.E. Kanoba, and the Commissioner for Agriculture, Edo State, Hon. Richard Uyi Edebiri and representatives of “Lift Above Poverty Organization (LAPO)”. The ceremony was held on 10th March 2020.

The project will not only lead to increased productivity and incomes for rice farmers from the sale of quality processed rice but also create employment opportunities for youth in the community who will be trained to operate the rice processing machinery.

The construction and equipping of the rice mill facility was fully funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) scheme, and implemented by Lift Above Poverty Organization.

The Embassy of Japan hopes that this assistance will contribute to increasing rice productivity and improvement in the quality of processed rice in the community, and will strengthen the amicable relationship between Japan and Nigeria.

Project Title	The Project for Construction of Rice Milling Facility in Etsako Central Local Government Area of Edo State
Amount to Be Granted	US\$85,523
Implementing Partner	Lift Above Poverty Organization
Summary of the Project	Construction of a Rice Mill Facility



Rice milling equipment donated to Edo state by Japanese government.



Rice mill facility donated by Japan.



Ambassador KIKUTA being interviewed by the press.



Ambassador (2nd left) and representatives