

JAPAN EXTENDS GRANT AID OF USD 2.3 MILLION FOR SUPPORTING SCALE UP OF OXYGEN SUPPLY AND VACCINE STORAGE CAPACITY IN BORNO STATE

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On April 13, the Embassy of Japan and UNOPS, in cooperation with Borno State Government, held an online launch ceremony for a project funded by the Government of Japan. The project, worth approximately USD 2.3 million, aims to increase oxygen supply by installing new medical oxygen plants at the site of the General Hospital in Maiduguri and in Biu. This project further aims to expand vaccine storage capacity by procuring Solar Direct Drive vaccine refrigerators. 26 LGAs with 7.1 million residents are expected to benefit from this project.

At the event, Mr. SHINOZAWA Takayuki, Chargé d’Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of Japan in Nigeria, stated “Japan, being a reliable and long standing Nigerian partner, will continue to demonstrate its goodwill and support towards Nigeria’s effort at enhancing and improving its healthcare delivery system by implementing projects of similar nature in the conflict–afflicted North East and Borno state in particular.”

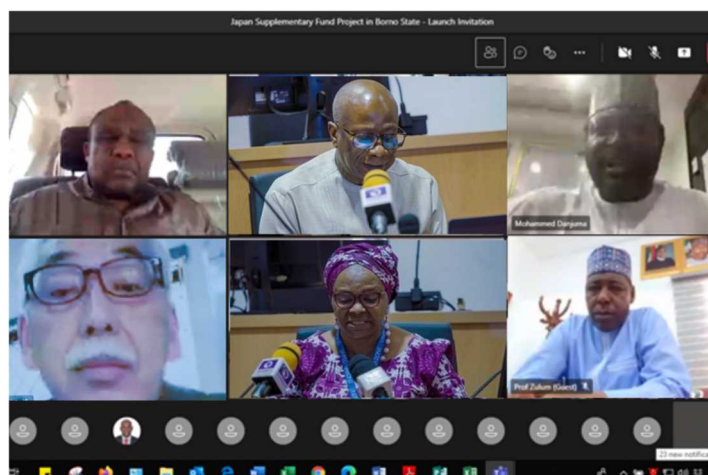
The event was attended by His Excellency Professor Babagana Umara Zulum, Executive Governor of Borno State, Mr. Mohammed Goni Alkali, Managing Director, North-East Development Commission and Mr. Edward Kallon, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Nigeria.

Japan is committed to continue supporting the effort of the people of Nigeria to enhance the health sector which is affected by the ongoing insurgency and the COVID-19 related health crisis.

For further details, please refer to the link below:

<https://nigeria.un.org/en/124776-project-scale-oxygen-supply-and-vaccine-storage-capacity-launched-borno-state?fbclid=IwAR0FtxPyA3xUXqQU8VkJLxY7Ey43cgljf-1CJltUy3sQToDFBbmdcnFaFE>

Project title and implementing partner	Strengthening the health system of conflict- affected and hard-to-reach areas of Borno State, Nigeria (UNOPS)
Total Amount Extended	US\$ 2,311,954
Summary of the Project	- Increasing oxygen supply by procuring oxygen plants - Expanding vaccine storage capacity of health centres



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic,
the ceremony took place via video conference [Photo | UNIC Lagos]