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### **Emergency Humanitarian Assistance for the Global Food Security**

On March 3, the Government of Japan decided to provide food-related assistance totalling 50 million US dollars as a response to the deterioration of global food security, which has been exacerbated by Russia's aggression against Ukraine.

This Emergency Grant Aid is to provide food assistance of 40 million US dollars to countries and regions in Asia, the Middle East and Africa through the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), and agricultural production assistance of 5 million US dollars in Ukraine through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and 5 million US dollars to countries in the Middle East and Africa through Japanese NGOs via the Japan Platform (JPF). The amount of food-related assistance will be in total USD 50 million.

- Nigeria is one of the supported countries to receive 1 million US dollars for in-kind food assistance for an implementation period of 6 months (March-September 2023) through WFP.
- The items would be delivered to 13,328 food-insecure IDPs, refugees, returnees, and host community members in crisis-prone and conflict-affected areas to meet their immediate food needs. WFP's assistance to targeted vulnerable households will cover three months (March to May 2023), with 100 percent rations being provided to adult beneficiaries to cover their daily caloric needs which equals 2,100 kcal per person per day. WFP will adopt a nutrition-sensitive general food distribution to meet the needs of food insecure families in the affected communities. Food assistance will be complemented with social behavioural change communication messaging that address systemic gender inequality and social dynamics that exacerbate malnutrition.

The Government of Japan will continue to make efforts to ensure global food security in collaboration with the international community, including the G7.

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