

JAPAN GRANTS \$4.83 MILLION TO STRENGTHEN HEALTHCARE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS IN ADAMAWA, NIGERIA

Japan has committed \$4.83 million in grant aid to Adamawa State, Nigeria, to bolster basic healthcare services for internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities. The project, titled "Strengthening Basic Health Care Services for Internally Displaced Persons, Returnees and Host Communities," was announced on March 18, 2024, with the signing of an Exchange of Notes between Mr. MATSUNAGA Kazuyoshi, Japanese Ambassador to Nigeria, and Mr. Laurent DE Boeck, Chief of Mission for IOM Nigeria.

Through the proposed project, IOM aims to enhance peaceful coexistence and an inclusive environment and promote durable solutions for protracted displacement through ensuring access to quality healthcare services to IDPs, returnees and host communities. To achieve this, IOM will undertake reconstruction and rehabilitation of health facilities; provide necessary equipment for health facilities and capacity building for healthcare workers; as well as strengthen community administrative capacity in health service delivery. IOM also intends to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions designed to provide sustainable access to safe water and sanitation, medical waste management at the targeted health facilities.

Japan recognizes the importance of innovation alongside infrastructure development. Ambassador Matsunaga emphasized the value of combining traditional facilities with advanced technologies like medical MaaS (transportation services for medical needs) and telemedicine. These advancements can bridge the gap for mobile IDP populations, ensuring that they receive the care they require. The project's success will be measured by the long-term health and well-being of the people it serves. Sustainability is a key focus, with plans in place for monitoring and evaluation, calculating post-project costs, and training personnel to maintain the equipment.

Representing the government of Adamawa State, Dr. Sulaiman Bashir, Chairman of the Adamawa State Primary Health Care Development Agency, expressed gratitude for the aid and commitment to the project. He highlighted the state's leadership in digital health and its dedication to project ownership

beyond the grant period.

This collaboration between Japan, IOM, and Adamawa State represents a significant step towards a healthier and more stable future for displaced persons and host communities in Adamawa.

For details, please see below:

Grant Amount	JPY 662,000,000 (approximately 4.83 million USD) *Exchange Rate: USD 1= JPY137
Title	Strengthening Basic Health Care Services for Internally Displaced Persons, Returnees and Host Communities.
Implementing Partner	International Organization of Migration (IOM), Adamawa State Primary Health Care Development Agency and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

