

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP)

【Commissioning and Handover Ceremony of the Pineapple Juice Factory in Edo State】

On 26 February 2026, the commissioning and handover ceremony of the GGP project “The Project for the Promotion of Pineapple Value Chain in Emuhi-Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area, Edo State” was successfully held in Emuhi-Ekpoma. Key stakeholders, including the Edo State Commissioner of Transportation, Uwuilekhue Saturday Idehen representing the State Governor, attended this event. Additionally, community leaders, representatives of the implementing partner, Lift Above Poverty Organisation, local farmers, community members, and members of the press were present.

In his video message, Ambassador SUZUKI Hideo highlighted that the factory is expected to generate direct employment for at least 20 workers and support approximately 50 input suppliers who serve both farmers and factory operations. He further noted that more than 20,000 consumers will gain access to fresh, locally produced pineapple juice. By minimizing waste, creating jobs, and strengthening livelihoods, the project makes a meaningful contribution to poverty reduction, food security, and responsible production.

Japan hopes that this project will support Nigeria’s economic diversification efforts and contribute to sustainable economic growth, particularly by strengthening the agricultural value chain.

Project Title	The Project for the Promotion of Pineapple Value Chain in Emuhi-Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government Area, Edo State
Amount Granted	US\$86,453
Implementing Partner	Lift Above Poverty Organisation
Summary of the Project	Construction of Pineapple Juice factory and the procurement of pineapple juice processing equipment to local farmer’s cooperative and local council

