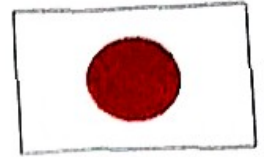


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Japan Gives 327 Million for NICU Construction in Kasese

The Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda, H. E. Fukuzawa Hidemoto, will sign a grant contract on 12th December at the residence of the Ambassador, for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), totalling 327 million Uganda shillings (US\$ 91,849) with Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation-Uganda.

GGP is a program administered by the Embassy of Japan to support community-based development projects and was initiated in 1992 in Uganda. Now, the total number of projects supported under the GGP scheme has reached 277 and it covers all parts of Uganda.

The details of the project are as follows:

Bwera Hospital is the only public hospital in Kasese District. The hospital record shows that 20% of newborns suffer from neonatal conditions, including prematurity, neonatal sepsis, asphyxia among others. The construction of a new neonatal intensive care unit (265.5 sq. m, 27 beds, including a neonatal care recovery room, incubator room, isolation room, kangaroo care room, and doctor's office at Bwera Hospital will improve the neonatal care environment in the district and thus contribute to reducing the neonatal mortality rate.

The grant contract signing ceremony will take place as follows:

Date and time: Monday 12th December 2022, from 13:00 to 14:00

Place: Residence of Japanese Ambassador, Plot 7A, Akii Bua Road, Nakasero