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### **Japan extends US\$ 9.7 Million assistance as urgent support for Sudan**

The Embassy of Japan announces that Japan has decided to provide US\$ 9.7 million for the humanitarian and developmental projects (listed below) in Sudan, through the international organizations active in the country.

In Sudan, there are still nearly two million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), most of whom have been living in camps for many years, while new displacements have also been seen especially in Jabal Marra area in Darfur. In addition to that, Sudan is hosting a large number of refugees from neighboring countries, especially South Sudan. Those IDPs and refugees often live in poor environments and share the resources with their host communities.

Japan continues to address the humanitarian needs of IDPs and refugees to improve their living environment, especially children and women. At the same time, Japan helps addressing their long-term needs, from the perspective of “Humanitarian-Development Nexus”, by the creation of basic infrastructure such as water facilities, health clinics and schools as well as capacity building and livelihood interventions, all of which benefit both the displaced population and their host communities. Japan also continues to support mine action efforts in Sudan in order to reduce the threats to people’s lives and pave the way for the productive use of the vast Sudanese soil.

Japan has been strengthening friendly relations with Sudan by assisting it mainly in three fields: consolidation of peace, basic human needs, and agricultural development and assistance for diversification in industry. The assistance extended by Japan this time particularly focuses on improving humanitarian conditions in Darfur and further consolidating peace and stability in the region.

#### **Projects under 2018 Supplementary Budget**

- Stabilization for the displaced and vulnerable communities in states bordering South Sudan and the Darfur Region through **UNDP** [US\$ 3 Million]
- Urgent Improvement of Water Sector for Host Communities of South Sudanese Refugees in East and South Darfur through **UNOPS** [US\$ 1.5 Million]
- Emergency Support to IDP Return in Alsalam Locality, South Darfur State through **UNHABITAT** [US\$ 0.7 Million]
- Humanitarian mine action in Sudan through **UNMAS** [US\$ 2 Million]
- Protection and assistance for refugees and IDPs in Sudan through **UNHCR** [US\$ 2.5 Million]