

Japan Supports the People of Sudan through “Providing Equipment for Humanitarian Mine Action Support”

On the 15th of April, a ceremony marking the handover of The Project for Providing Equipment for Humanitarian Mine Action Support was held at the National Units for Mine Action and Development Organization (NUMAD) Human Security Organization’s office. The handover ceremony was hosted by NUMAD Mine Action and Development Organization and attended by Mr. HAMANO Shigeru, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan and representatives from the National Mine Action Center (NMAC) and United Nations Mine Action Services (UNMAS) as well as NUMAD staff.

The demining project aims at the clearance of conflict affected areas from landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) that continue to pose a significant threat to the lives of IDPs, returnees, vulnerable population. The project is implemented by NUMAD through a fund of USD 97,693 from the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP)* scheme.

Mr. HAMANO stated at the ceremony that Japan has provided comprehensive and diversified assistances to tackle various issues caused by anti-personnel mines around the globe. Japan remains committed to Sudan in pursuit for the peace and sustainable development in this country.

Mr. Mahir Rumdan, Deputy Director General of NUMAD expressed his appreciation for Japan’s continuous support and said that NUMAD will benefit from this grant to implement mine action projects in South Kordofan and the Blue Nile States.

Additionally, Mr. Sediq Rashid, Program Manager of UNHAS and Mr. Mohammed Abd El Majeed, Operational Manager of NMAC also made speeches to express their gratitude for their support for Japan’s demining activities.

Japan’s **Grant Assistance for Grassroots and Human Security Projects (GGP)** is designed particularly to support the community-level socio-economic projects that address Basic Human Needs (BHN) such as access to health, water and sanitation, education, skills development, and other means to maximize opportunities for individuals. GGP’s approach reflects the Government of Japan’s strong commitment to uphold the notion of ‘*Human Security*’ as basic human rights for all. All individuals, in particular vulnerable people, are entitled to freedom from fear and freedom from want, with an equal opportunity to enjoy all their rights and fully develop their human potential. By directly supporting the projects implemented by grassroots organizations, GGP encourages bottom-up efforts by the local communities, and realizes their empowerment.

Mr. Mahir Rumdan, Deputy Director General of NUMAD



Mr. HAMANO Shigeru, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan



Left: Mr. Mahir Rumdan, Deputy Director General of NUMAD
Right: Mr. HAMANO Shigeru, Deputy Chief of Mission of Embassy of Japan

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Equipment description by NUMADO staff

Equipment purchased by the grant

