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TWO GRASSROOTS HUMAN SECURITY PROJECTS SELECTED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA WITHNAD 1 Million

In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2011 (April 2011 – March 2012), the Embassy of Japan funded the 2 projects below in the Republic of Namibia through the Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Grants.

The description of the two projects is as follows:

1. The Project for Construction of Classrooms in Ombalantu (NAD 504,992)

Established in 1983 Ombandjele Primary School is situated in rural Outapi Constituency in the Omusati Region. The school accommodates a total of 229 students in grades 1 to 7. Those seeking further education in grade 8 and onwards had to travel long distances to another schools. In order to enable a more favourable education environment for the local community, the Embassy of Japan provided funding for the construction of three classrooms and a science laboratory. This will facilitate and help local students to go on to grade 8 and 9 as well as to contribute to better science education

2. The Project for Construction of Classrooms in Omakange(NAD 505,183)

IK Tjimuhiva Combined School, situated in the Omusati Region was founded in 1993. The local area is poor and rural. There are many orphans among the students. Currently the school has 449 students between pre-grade and grade 10. Unfortunately, students are taught in overcrowded classrooms which are not conducive to learning. The Embassy of Japan provided funding for construction of additional classrooms. This will contribute to a better learning environment for the students.

The Grassroots Human Security (GGP) scheme was first introduced in 1989, and prioritizes human security for vulnerable and marginalized people within society. To date, 32 GGP projects have been implemented in Namibia since 1997. Sectors of focus include education, health services, vocational training and other basic human needs. One of the characteristics of GGP is that it directly benefits local residents. In the current JFY 2012 (April 2012 - March 2013), the Government of Japan will continue to offer support to Grassroots Projects.

For further information kindly consult the web-site: http://www.za.emb-japan.go.jp/en/Japan_SA/ODA.html or contact the GGP Section in Embassy of Japan in South Africa.

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