

## HANDOVER CEREMONIES OF THREE MOBILE CLINICS, AN AMBULANCE AS WELL AS THE RENOVATION OF THE HOSPICES IN FREE STATE AND NORTHERN CAPE.

From the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 to 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2017, The Embassy of Japan visited Free State and Northern Cape at which Embassy-sponsored projects were completed. The Order of St John in Bloemfontein; Lesedi hospice in Hertzogville; Lifeline in Kimberley and Nightingale Hospice in De Aar hosted handover ceremonies. These organisations received three mobile clinics, an ambulance and the renovation of the hospices. Projects were funded by the Embassy of Japan through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. The ceremonies were attended by Mr Kazunori Yamakita, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in South Africa, representatives from the Department of Health in Free State and Northern Cape Provinces, the Executive Mayor of the Pixley Kaseme, of which Emthanjeni is the sub-district and representatives from the Aids Council in the Northern Cape.

### Assistance to Organisations:

**The Order of St John, Bloemfontein** was established in 1883 and it offers ambulance services, first aid and home care training to underprivileged communities of Mangaung municipality. The government of Japan provided assistance amounting to **R497,303.35** for the procurement of an ambulance.



**Lesedi Hospice, Hertzogville** was established in 2005 and provides primary health care, Adult Palliative Care, Paediatric Palliative Care such as Early Childhood Development and Orphans and Vulnerable Children. The government of Japan provided assistance amounting to **R759,375.86** for the Procurement of a Mobile Clinic and the Construction of an ablution block.



**Lifeline, Kimberley** was established in 1968 to respond to people's distress and crisis. It offers counselling services on HIV and AIDS, personal growth interventions as well as coping skills enhancement. The government of Japan provided assistance amounting to **R960,000.00** for the procurement of two mobile clinics.



**Nightingale Hospice in De Aar**, was established in 1994 and it provides palliative care service delivery to vulnerable patients of Emthanjeni municipality. The Government of Japan decided to support this organisation through grant assistance amounting to the value of **R1,041,861.89** for the procurement of a mobile clinic and the renovation of the Hospice.

Education and economic empowerment are the priority areas for the Government of Japan in its extension of GGP assistance to South Africa. The GGP is intended to assist NGOs and local authorities in addressing development needs in a prompt and comprehensive manner in areas such as education, health, water supply, climate change and in a variety of other local needs. The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989, and prioritizes human security for vulnerable and marginalised people within society. Since 1990, over 600 GGP projects have been implemented in South Africa. In the Japanese Fiscal Year 2016 (April 2016–March 2017), the Embassy of Japan extended GGP assistance to 11 projects, amounting to approximately R10 million.