

15 September

Japan Provides Food Aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce its grant of aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini, to improve food security and aid the economic and social development of the country.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is facing prolonged deterioration in food security and the risk of worsening malnutrition due to COVID-19 socio-economic impacts, erratic seasonal performance and high food prices has been highlighted.

The 2021 VAA, finalized by the Eswatini Vulnerability Assessment Committee (EVAC), indicates a worsening situation especially in peri-urban and urban areas.

In response to this situation, the government of Japan has decided to provide several food items including maize (about 1,300 tons), Japanese rice (about 530 tons), and beans (about 400 tons) to Eswatini through World Food Programme (WFP).

“I am convinced that this donation will help meet the heightened need for food assistance during this unprecedented time”, said H.E. Norio Maruyama – Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Eswatini. “We would like to continue to contribute to the improvement of the basic livelihood of vulnerable people in Eswatini.”

Signing Date: 15th September, 2021

Main commodity: Maize, Japanese rice, Beans, etc.

Grant Amount: JPY 200,000,000 (equivalent to about SZL 26million)

* There will be no physical signing ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For further information, please contact the Embassy of Japan’s public relations representative, Ms. Innocent Mohammed, at innocentmohamme@gmail.com

We thank you for your continued support.

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