

**15 September 2021**

### **Japan Donates Food Aid to the Kingdom of Lesotho to Help the Food Insecure**

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

In 2019, the Government of Lesotho declared a drought emergency in the country due to the late onset of rains.

Since then, the Kingdom of Lesotho has faced prolonged deterioration in food security, with the risk of worsening malnutrition due to the drought emergency, COVID-19 socio-economic impacts, and high food prices being highlighted. The latest PCI reports predict that more of the population will face food insecurity during the period of October 2021-March 2022.

To support the people of Lesotho through this period of acute food insecurity, the Japanese government has decided to provide about 290 tons of tinned fish to Lesotho through the World Food Programme.

“The 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 Lesotho. “Together we can work towards reducing the country’s development challenges, and strengthening our bilateral relations through humanitarian assistance.”

**Signing Date:** 15th September 2021

**Main products:** Tinned fish

**Grant Amount:** JPY 200,000,000 (equivalent to about LSL 26,000,000)

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

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We thank you for your continued support.

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