## 3 August 2022

## Japan Provides Food Aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini

The Embassy of Japan is pleased to announce its grant aid to the Kingdom of

Eswatini, to improve food security and aid the economic and social development of

the country. Japan provide continuously Food Aid to Eswatini in cooperation with the

WFP since 2016.

The Kingdom of Eswatini is facing prolonged deterioration in food security. High commodity prices and COVID-19's negative impact, among others, are forecast to worsen the nutrition situation in Eswatini around the end of this year (according to an IPC report, 2022).

In response to this situation, the Government of Japan has decided to provide food assistance including maize (about 480 tons), Japanese rice (about 440 tons), and beans (about 170 tons) to Eswatini through the World Food Programme (WFP).

"This aid is aimed at improving food security, and support the economic and social

development of the country." H.E. Norio Maruyama, Ambassador of Japan to the

Kingdom of Eswatini, said. "We would like to continue to contribute toward improving

the livelihood of vulnerable people in Eswatini."

## Signing Date: 3rd August 2022 Main commodity: Maize, Japanese rice, Beans, etc. Grant Amount: JPY 200,000,000 (equivalent to about SZL 25 million)

For further information, please contact the public relations representative of the Embassy of Japan, Ms. Innocent Mohamme, at <u>innocent.mohamme@pr.mofa.go.jp</u> We thank you for your continued support.

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