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***THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE TO  
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO THROUGH THE WORLD FOOD  
PROGRAMME***

LESOTHO, 31 July 2025 – Ambassador SHIMIZU Fumio signed an Exchange of Notes with the World Food Programme (WFP) to pledge a grant of 200 million Japanese yen (equivalent to approximately USD1.3 million) for the purpose of providing food aid to the Kingdom of Lesotho. The signing ceremony took place in the presence of Hon. Mr Lejone Mpotjoana, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Relations, and Hon. Dr Ntoi Rapapa, Minister of Education and Training.

Japan's food assistance has been extended annually since 1982. This time, food and nutrition will be delivered to about 50,000 pre-primary children. A part of the food items is canned fish from Japan, and another part is fresh vegetables purchased from Lesotho small holder farmers.

Project Name: Food Assistance Programme (in collaboration with WFP) (Grant Aid in FY2025)

Project Outline: Food aid for about 50 000 preschool children in the form of 85 tons of Japanese canned fish, 35 tons of fresh vegetables and 360 tons of maize and other grains.

Implementing agency: World Food Programme (WFP)

Signatory: Mr Elliot VHURUMUKU, WFP representative in Lesotho

Grant Amount: 200million yen (approximately USD1,3million)

