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

ESWATINI, 22 October 2026 – 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 USD1.25 million) for the purpose of providing food aid to the Kingdom of Eswatini. The signing ceremony was hosted by the Eswatini Ministry of Economic Planning and Development and was addressed by the Minister, Dr E.T. Gina, and WFP Eswatini Representative, Mr Nanga Kaye.

The Kingdom of Eswatini has been impacted by constant draughts and heat waves which have caused a reduction in food production and an increase in food prices. This Food Assistance Programme will improve the health and nutritional status of children who are in particularly vulnerable environments and will contribute to the eradication of hunger and all forms of malnutrition.

Project name: Food Assistance Programme (in collaboration with WFP) (Grant Aid in FY2026)
Project outline: Food aid for 27 500 orphans and vulnerable children in the form of 90 tons of canned Japanese fish, 453.75 tons of white maize, 40.68 tons of beans, and 57.69 tons of vegetable oil.
Implementing agency: World Food Programme (WFP)
Signatory: Mr Nanga Kaye, WFP Representative in Eswatini
Grant: 200 million yen (about USD1.25 million).





