

# **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects**

## **Grant Contract Signing Ceremony Supply of Safe and Potable Water in Balaka District (Gift of the Givers Foundation Malawi )**

**18th March, 2013**



His Excellency Fujio Samukawa has exchanged the grant contract with Mr. Abdul Gaffar Jakhura graced by Honourable Ritchie Muheya MP, Minister of Water Development and Irrigation.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, His Excellency Fujio Samukawa, The Ambassador of Japan to Malawi and Mr. Abdul Gaffar Jakhura, Chairman of Gift of the Givers Foundation Malawi signed a grant contract amounting to USD90, 611 under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the Project for Supply of Safe and Potable Water in Balaka District.

Access to safe and potable water still remains a challenge in most parts of the country. In Balaka District where Gift of the Givers Foundation Malawi is operating, women have to walk a long distance to the nearest borehole and wait on long queues to fetch water. In some areas, people have resolved to collect water from open wells which increase cases of water borne diseases.

This grant will therefore support the construction of 23 boreholes in 18 villages in 5 Traditional Authorities in Balaka District. At project completion, about 13,000 people living in the targeted communities will easily access safe and potable water. In addition, cases of waterborne diseases will decrease.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Honourable Ritchie Muheya MP, Minister of Water Development and Irrigation, and witnessed by Mr. Rodrick Mateuma, District Commissioner for Balaka District.