

# Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects

## Grant Contract Signing Ceremony for the Construction of Biwi Clinic in Lilongwe City (Lilongwe City Council)

19th December, 2012



His Excellency Mr. Fujio Samukawa (right) exchanging a signed contract with Mr. Vitto Mulula (left), Acting Chief Executive of Lilongwe City Council in presence of Hon. Augustine Mtendere (middle), Deputy Minister of Local Government and Rural Development

The Government of Japan awarded a grant to Lilongwe City Council amounting to \$193, 515 under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects for the construction of Biwi Clinic in Lilongwe City on 19th December, 2012. The grant will be used to construct Biwi clinic main facility including a cooking shelter and procure assorted equipment like hospital beds.

There is no health facility in Biwi and its surrounding areas. This situation is worsened by increased population growth. People in the area, in particular pregnant women and children are forced to walk long distance to Kamuzu Central Hospital or Bwaila Hospital, and wait for a long time there. After the project is completed, it is envisaged that this clinic will deliver basic health services to more than 135,000 people living in Lilongwe urban and also ease overcrowding at Kamuzu Central and Bwaila Hospitals.

Honourable Augustine Mtendere, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development graced the occasion as the guest of honour.