

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

Opening Ceremony of the Twin Girls' Hostel at Edingeni Community Day Secondary School in Mzimba 30th May, 2018



Left: Ambassador Yanagisawa (right) is celebrating the official opening ceremony together with girl's students.

On 30th May 2018, Kae Yanagisawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi celebrated the official opening of a newly built twin girls' hostel at Edingeni Community Day Secondary School in Mzimba District which, was constructed by the Northern Education Division with the funding from the Government of Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. The Ceremony was graced by Inkosana Chimtunga Jere and celebrated by other stakeholders.

In Malawi, access to secondary Education is one of the challenges hindering girls from completing their education. Girls have been forced out of school not by their choice but because of the challenges they encounter as they travel long distance to and from school. In connection to this, the Government of Japan provided a grant, amounting to USD136, 498 to the Northern Education Division under the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects. This grant facilitated the implementation of a project for the construction of the twin girls' hostel at the Edingeni CDSS and procurement of 52 bunk beds and 112 mattresses.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Yanagisawa acknowledged the input from various stakeholders who contributed to this project, including the M'belwa District Council who provided resources for drilling the borehole, the Edingeni CDSS who provided the funds to expand the water tank tower to accommodate all four water tanks, and the community for the contribution to build the kitchen, currently being used for preparing meals for the students. In conclusion, she encouraged all girls to seize this opportunity and study harder to become independent and positively contribute their personal development to the community and the country.