

# Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

## INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION FACILITIES AND A KITCHEN FOR SCHOOL MEALS AT MACHENTCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN LILONGWE DISTRICT 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER, 2019



(Left) Ambassador Yanagisawa and Deputy Director of School Health and Nutrition in Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Pickmore Swira



(Right) Commemoration photo of Ambassador Yanagisawa and all the stakeholders



(Left) Ambassador Yanagisawa giving a speech



(Right) Deputy Director, Mr. Swira giving a speech



(Left) Executive Director of Foundation for Irrigation and Sustainable Development FISD, Mr. Kondwani giving a speech



(Right) Dance performance by learners of Machentche Primary School



(Left) FISD Engineer explaining the project to Ambassador and Mr. Swira  
 (Right) Ambassador Yanagisawa touring the irrigated farm



(Left) Ambassador Yanagisawa serving pupils school lunch, porridge  
 (Right) Ambassador Yanagisawa and learners of Machentche Primary School

On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019, Her Excellency Kae Yanagisawa, Ambassador of Japan to Malawi, inaugurated irrigation facilities and a school kitchen, which were installed and constructed at Machentche Primary School in Lilongwe. The occasion was graced by the Deputy Director of School Health and Nutrition, Mr. Pickmore Swira.

Earlier in the year, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, the Embassy of Japan provided a grant amounting USD 40,971 under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects to 'Foundation for Irrigation and Sustainable Development', FISD to implement the project for Construction of Irrigation Facilities and a Kitchen for School Meals at Machentche Primary School in Lilongwe District. The objective of the project is to compliment government's efforts to keep learners in school. The project has four interlinked parts. The first part is the irrigation infrastructure; the second part is the production of high-value crops; the third part is the marketing and selling of the produce; the fourth and last part is the procurement of school meal ingredients and preparation of food for the learners.

Speaking during the ceremony, Ambassador Yanagisawa, expressed her appreciation to the implementing partner, FISD for the quality work that has been done within the agreed timeframe. She called upon everyone, the young and the elderly, to participate in the project. The learners to participate in managing and producing crops as part of their education and also for building their spirit of self-reliance. The community members and learners themselves, to guard the project jealously to ensure that the infrastructure, crops and revenue generated are managed prudently. She further called on the traditional leaders to mobilize the community to work on the project in various areas and to provide security to the infrastructure so that no equipment will be stolen. Besides this, she didn't miss the opportunity to encourage the learners to work hard in school to be the future leaders of Malawi.