

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GRANT CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THERERE HEALTH CENTRE IN CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

18th FEBRUARY, 2021



(Left) Ambassador Iwakiri and Senior Manager Programmes of Gift of the Givers Foundation, Ms. Sherifa Mia, signing the grant contract
(Right) Ms. Emily Chirwa, Deputy Director of Planning, Ministry of Health (Left), Hon. Abida Mia, Deputy Minister of Lands (Centre) and Mr. Akif Rashid Jakhura, Board of Trustees, Gift of the Givers Foundation (Right) witnessing the signing



Ambassador Iwakiri (Left) and Mr. Jakhura, Gift of the Givers Foundation (Right) giving a speech



(Left) Deputy Minister of Lands, Hon. Abida Mia giving a speech
(Right) Ambassador Iwakiri (Left) and Hon. Abida Mia (Right) having a conversation

On 18th February, 2021, His Excellency Ambassador Satoshi Iwakiri signed a grant contract with Ms. Sherifa Mia, Senior Manager Programmes of Gift of the Givers Foundation for the **“Project for Construction of Therere Health Centre in Chikwawa District”** at Therere Village, GVH Therere, T/A Ngabu, Chikwawa District, amounting to **Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Two US Dollars (USD90,532)**. The function was graced by Honourable Abida Mia who is a Member of Parliament for the Area and the Deputy Minister of Lands.

The people around Therere catchment area face challenges in accessing health care as they have to walk 14 kilometres to get to the nearest health centre, often in extreme heat as the area is very hot. This coupled with high cost of transportation takes a huge toll on the population especially pregnant women, with some cases of women delivering by the roadside on their way to a health centre.

This project is funded by the Government of Japan under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects (GGP). The aim of the project is to improve access to health care services for the people around Therere, especially women. Through this grant project, Gift of the Givers Foundation will construct a new health centre that will offer maternity and general outpatient services and will cater for about 12,000 people from 6 villages in the area of Group Village Headman Therere, Traditional Authority Ngabu,.

The GGP is a Japanese Government's grant aid scheme. The aim of the GGP is to provide financial assistance to non-profit development organisation and local government institutions for implementing projects at grassroots level. The GGP funding is a gift from the ordinary Japanese citizen to assist fellow global citizens in need.