

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

INAUGURATION CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OPERATING THEATRE AT MONTFORT HOSPITAL IN NCHALO, CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

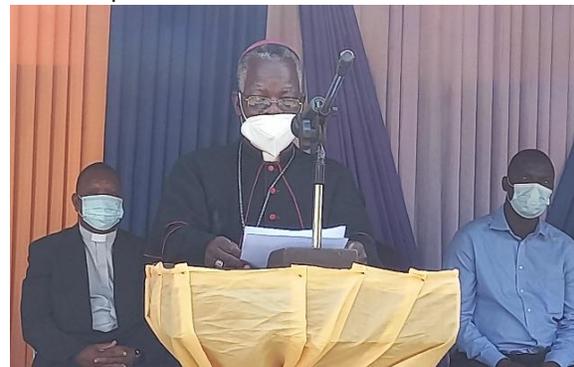
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Deputy Ambassador, Mr. Hirotsugu Ikeda and His Lordship Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa, Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa opening the newly constructed Operation Theatre



All the invited guests touring the new Operation Theatre



Deputy Ambassador, Mr. Ikeda (Left) and Bishop Peter Musikuwa (Right) giving a speech



Mr. Banda, Zonal Health Supervisor, representative of Ministry of Health (Left) and Dr. Zimkanda, Acting Chikwawa District Commissioner (Right) giving a speech



Mr. Ikeda dancing with community people



Newly Constructed Montfort Hospital Operation Theatre

On Thursday, 20th May, Mr. Hirotsugu Ikeda, the Deputy Ambassador of Japan in Malawi, inaugurated the new operating theatre built under “*The Project for Construction of Operating Theatre at Montfort Hospital in Flood Affected Area in Nchalo, Chikwawa District*” with funding from the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, in short GGP, amounting to **USD81,234, (about MK60,000,000)**. The GGP scheme aims at development of the marginalized communities in order to uplift their lives for the better. The function was also graced by His Lordship, the Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa the Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa.

This grant assistance was signed on 16th October 2019, between the Embassy of Japan and Montfort Hospital for the improvement of the hospital’s capacity. The construction works finished within the first 12 months, but due to Covid 19 pandemic, the handover ceremony was delayed. The operating theatre will provide emergency and general surgical services to pregnant women and the general community around this hospital and will serve about 180,000 people from within Nchalo area and 13 health centres around Montfort Hospital.

Speaking during the ceremony, Mr. Ikeda said that he was impressed with the efficiency by which the project was implemented and commended the hospital management of a job well done. He further appealed to partners, including the Government of Malawi and Christian Health Association of Malawi (CHAM), to continue supporting the facility, in order for the hospital to serve the community better. He also gave a special thanks to the Action Medeor for the provision of medical equipment, also to the Dzuka Wala Women for the donation of furniture for the new operating theatre. Mr. Ikeda further appealed to the hospital staff to work hard and take good care of the facility for it to serve the intended purpose of saving lives.