

Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE PROJECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THERERE HEALTH CENTER, CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

21st May, 2021



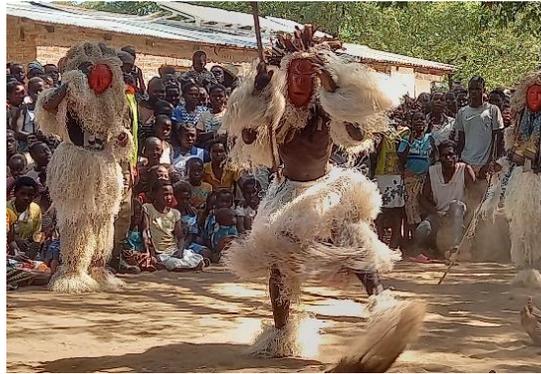
(Left) Deputy Ambassador, Mr. Ikeda and Deputy Minister of Lands, Hon. Abida Mia laying bricks.
(Right) Presentation of construction of the Health Centre



Mr. Ikeda (left) and Hon. Abida Mia (right) giving a speech



(Left) Mr. Gerald Bede, Chikwawa District Chair Counselor giving a speech
(Right) Ms. Sherifa Mia, Senior Manager Programmes, Gift of the Givers Foundation giving a speech



Youth of the Therere village performing a traditional dance

On Friday, 21st May, Mr. Hirotsugu Ikeda, the Deputy Ambassador of Japan in Malawi, graced the ground breaking ceremony for “*The Project for Construction of Therere Health Centre in Chikwawa District*” in Group Village Headman Therere’s area. The Project is being funded by the Government of Japan with a grant amounting to ***Ninety Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Two US Dollars (USD90, 532), approximately MK71 Million***, under the Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects, in short GGP. The grass-roots grant assistance scheme aims at development of the marginalized communities in order to uplift their lives for the better. Through this project, the Gift of the Givers Foundation (the implementing organization) will construct a Health Centre that will include maternity and general outpatient services. The Deputy Minister of Lands, who is also a Member of Parliament for the area, Honourable Abida Mia, MP graced the function.

Speaking during the ceremony, Mr. Ikeda commended the Government of Malawi for committing to buy **medical equipment and bring staff** to work at the health centre. He further thanked Honourable Abida Mia for her commitment to construct **two staff houses; toilets and sink a borehole** for use at the Health centre. He then appealed to the District Health Office to continue monitoring the project for quality and ensure the necessary standards.

Mr. Ikeda further stated that Japan is committed to supporting Malawi and also realize the world where no one is left behind. He is optimistic that he will come back in six months’ time to inaugurate the health centre.