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JAPAN CONTINUES THE ASSISTANCE FOR AFFECTED PERSONS BY THE SECURITY AND HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN CAMEROON

Yaoundé, 06 March 2017 – The Government of Japan renews its support for Cameroonian and refugees from Central Africa and Nigeria, affected by the security and humanitarian crisis, by granting new funding of 6.21 million US dollars to programmes of United Nations agencies in 2017.

This funding is allocated to different projects and as part of the Humanitarian Response Plan where Humanitarian Development nexus is a key objective in the activities. Hence, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) got 1 million USD for "Community Empowerment and Peace building in the Far North Region of Cameroon", the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) got 1.938 million USD for "Protection and Solutions for the CAR and Nigerian refugees and IDPs in Cameroon", the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) got 636,000 USD for "Supporting lifesaving interventions in host communities and refugee camps for IDPs and refugees affected by conflict in Nigeria and Central Africa Republic (CAR)", the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) got 1.17 million USD for "The Fight Against Extremism through Adequate Support to Women and Girls Former Hostages of Boko Haram and Their Host Communities in the Far North Region of Cameroon" and the World Food Programme (WFP) got 1.466 million USD for "Life-Saving Support to Households in Northern Cameroon Affected by Boko Haram Conflict".

The strategic objective of the integrated and coordinated interventions aims to support the Government of Cameroon for reinforcing food security, resilience of affected people and conflict prevention in the Far North region.

According to the Ambassador of Japan, H.E Kunio OKAMURA, "This contribution reiterates the support and solidarity of the Japanese people towards Cameroon and shows great respect for the hard work accomplished by United Nations organizations to provide sustainable solutions to the growing and urgent needs of populations affected by crises. Following the various terrorist attacks in the sub region, Cameroon has warmly welcomed refugees and internally displaced persons. This is the reason why Japan through this contribution supports United Nations organizations working with the Government of Cameroon in humanitarian assistance so as to reduce the vulnerability of affected populations, especially women, children and host communities, and strengthen their capacities and empowerment".



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"Three years after the beginning of the multiple crises impacting Cameroon, it is crucial to invest into the resilience of affected population in order to progressively end needs and engage into community recovery and prepare the ground of sustainable development. The new contribution of Japan is the expression of solidarity of Japanese people and a recognition of the generosity of Cameroonian people in hosting hundreds of thousands of refugees and Internal Displaced People (IDPs), said the Humanitarian Coordinator, Najat Rochdi

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