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The Government of Japan mobilises 17.3 million USD for UN agencies to provide assistance to the Government of Cameroon. This contribution targets the refugees and host communities with needs such as food and nutrition, protection and lifesaving in the East, Adamawa, North and Far North regions. These projects are aimed to support Cameroon in the handling of emergency responses to the refugees and the reinforcement of resilience and conflict prevention. In a detailed view;

- United Nations Children's Emergency fund (UNICEF): 3.0 million USD "Lifesaving integrated emergency response to support CAR refugees in East and Adamawa Region"
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): 2.0 million USD "Rapid Response for enhancing resilience and conflict prevention in the communities hosting refugees Far North and Eastern regions of Cameroon"
- United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR): 5.5 million USD "Protection and Assistance for refugees for Central African Republic and Nigeria in the regions of East, Adamaoua, North and Far North of Cameroon"
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women): 1.0 million USD "Provision of life-saving integrated GBV services and protection for women and girl refugees in Adamaoua and East Regions of Cameroon"
- World Food Programme (WFP): 5.8 million USD "Emergency food and nutrition assistance to Central African refugees and host population in Cameroon"

"Four years ago, the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami caused unprecedented damage to the northern regions of Japan. We received many messages of sympathy and various supports from the international community so we expressed our sincere appreciation of such "solidarity" from all over the world. Since then, reconstruction and rebuilding process in these affected areas have been steadily making progress. Now I believe that this is the time for Japan to show its solidarity through this

humanitarian assistance not only to refugees but also to the people of Cameroon who have suffered from hosting them in their communities." said Kazuhiko Fujita, Charge d'Affairs a.i. of Japan.

"These projects are a true testament of the joint commitment of the Japanese government and the United Nations to support the Government of Cameroon to provide rapid response to those people in risk and also work towards longer-term resilience and sustainable development objectives." said Ms. Najat Rochdi, UN Resident Coordinator.

The Government of Japan has also provided assistance for Central African Republic and Chad through international organisations.

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