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Japan announced a new assistance package to Somalia

H.E. Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, on March 13th, 2014 in Tokyo during the President's official working visit to Japan.

Prime Minister Abe showed his commitment to support the peace and nation building of Somalia by announcing a new package of assistance which amounts to 39.69 million US dollars in total. The assistance package, which will be implemented by 16 international organizations, was formulated according to the three pillars of Japan's assistance policy to Somalia; namely, reinstating delivery of basic social services, strengthening capacity in public security, and vitalizing the economy.

In addition, Prime Minister Abe announced Japan's decision to resume the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in Somalia. The GGP is a Japanese assistance scheme to assist local public authorities and NGOs in responding to various development needs in a prompt and complete manner.

The Prime Minister also expressed his determination to continue to support Somalia including its human resource development so that each and every Somali citizen will be benefited.

The new contribution brings Japan's accumulative assistance to Somalia to 338.7 million US dollars since 2007.

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Japan's New Assistance Package for Somalia

Organization	Amount (USD million)	Objective
ICRC	2.0	ICRC operation in support of health, water, and sanitation sectors
IFRC	0.5	for strengthening community-based health care services with emphasis on mother and child health
ILO	0.5	for repatriation, assistance, and promoting sustainable livelihood for Somali refugee returnees
IOM	5.0	for improving human security through basic services provision and border management
FAO	1.0	for Sub-Resilience Programme
SRSG (#1)	0.3	for addressing conflict-related sexual violence
UNDEF	0.18	for promoting women empowerment and rights in Somalia
UNDPA (#2)	0.21	for supporting national reconciliation process in Somalia
UNDP	6.4	for supporting Somali Federal Police Force, Empowering youth to improve security and the reduction of violence, and contributing Trust fund to counter piracy off the coast of Somalia
UN-Habitat	2.3	for shelter provision
UNHCR	8.0	for the protection of refugees, returnees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Somalia
UNICEF	6.1	in support of health, nutrition, water and sanitation, and protection.
UNIDO	1.0	for stabilizing community and promoting reconciliation through livelihood recovery
UNMAS	1.0	for national capacity building to manage the explosive threat
UNOPS	1.0	for boosting economic development by the rehabilitation of road
WFP	4.2	for feeding programme in Somalia
Total	39.69	

(#1) Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

(#2) UN Department of Political Affairs