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JAPAN DONATES USD. 3.2 MILLION TO SOMALIA FOR FOOD

On 20th August, the Government of Japan extended grant aid to Somalia of approximately 3.2 million dollars (310 million Yen) for food assistance through the World Food Programme (WFP). This assistance is in the form of 2,400 MT of corn soya blend (CSB) and sorghum. This will benefit approximately 300,000 people for 6 months and will be provided in exchange for labour which can contribute to community's resilience against drought through creation of assets, such as water catchment.

The Government of Japan has extended food aid to Somalia amounting to 35.5 million dollars through WFP since 2008. More than 1.7 million people are still facing a serious food crisis.

The Government of Japan manifested the support for Africa's further development at the Fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICADV) this June and tackles for Somalia's socio-economic development which was discussed at the Somalia Conference on 31st May. The Government of Japan, upon the request from the Federal Government of Somalia and WFP and from a humanitarian point of view, decided to extend this grant to contribute to food security in Somalia.

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