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## **NAROK COUNTY RESIDENTS REJOICE OVER NEW COMMUNITY DISPENSARY FUNDED BY JAPAN**

Residents of Suswa in Narok County rejoiced with dance as their new dispensary funded by the Government of Japan came to a completion

A ceremony to hand over the new dispensary funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was today presided over by Mr. Mikio Mori, Deputy Ambassador of Embassy of Japan in Kenya. The *Project for the construction of Suswa Dispensary* received a grant of Kshs 7.2 million (USD 87,867).



Mr. Mori unveiled Suswa Dispensary



County Executive Hon. George Meshuko

- The afternoon inauguration ceremony held at the dispensary was also witnessed by the County Executive Committee Member of Public Service Management, Hon. George Meshuko, County Executive Committee Member of Health, Hon. John Marindany, County Director of Health, Mr. Wilson Gachare, officials from the local authority, a representative of Baptist Relief Agency in Africa (BARAA), committee members and medical staff.

The project plan was initiated by BARAA together with the local community in 2011. During that time, the area was in serious need of a medical facility since the nearest hospital was 30km away. Having a dispensary in the vicinity was for many years a dream of the people of Suswa.

At the ceremony, mothers from the community danced to Maasai traditional songs to express their joy and appreciation as they felt relieved from future complications during delivery.



Expressing Joy with songs and dance



Mr. Mori with community people from Suswa

With the GGP grant, the community has been able to construct a dispensary, a staff house, and toilets, and install solar power, equip the centre, purchase water tanks as well as furniture.

In his remarks, Mr. Mori congratulated the organization and community for the successful completion of the project and hoped that the new Suswa dispensary would not only bring them improved health care but also enhance the wellbeing of the community

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### **NOTES TO THE EDITOR**

**\*GGP** - Through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, the Government of Japan has been providing funds to NGOs, Community Based Organizations, schools and medical institutions to improve the lives of people at the grassroots level in Kenya. Since 1990, Japan has disbursed nearly Kshs 1.2 billion through this scheme and contributed to the development of various fields in Kenya.

More details available in our Website; <http://www.ke.emb-japan.go.jp/ggp1.html>

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