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## Grant from Japan Provides Quality Learning Facility for Girls in Fafi District in North Eastern Province

Girls in Fafi district will soon be able to enjoy learning in the newly established Fafi Girls Primary School. The Government of Japan through its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) scheme has provided a fund for the establishment of Fafi Girls Primary School. The grant will be used to construct 8 classrooms and purchase school furniture.

The Grant Contract Signing Ceremony was held at the Embassy of Japan in Nairobi. The Grant Contract was signed between H.E. Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Kenya Mr. Toshihisa Takata, and Ms. Fatuma Kinsi Abass, Executive Director of Pastoralist Girls Initiative (PGI), the NGO in charge of the project. The Government of Japan; through its Embassy in Kenya will provide grant assistance for the project amounting to 111,632 US Dollars, an equivalent of Kshs 8,930,600. The Ceremony was attended by the Assistant Minister of Ministry of State for Public Service Hon. Aden Ahmed Sugow, Chairman and Secretary District Education Board, and Chairperson of the School Management Committee.

In Fafi district, North Eastern Province, girls' enrolment in primary schools needs to be improved. Because of the cultural background, the local communities being very sensitive about the security of their girls don't allow girls to interact anyhow with their male counter parts hence the need for a girls' only school. The project PGI will implement with support from GGP aims to have more girls participating and enjoying inclusion into mainstream education. Upon its completion, Fafi Girls Primary School will be established to secure the girl child's right to receive education and to raise educational standards of the girls, which will contribute to poverty reduction and development in the area.

The Ambassador Mr. Takata wished for the speedy and successful completion of the project so that many girl pupils will soon be able to enjoy learning opportunities equal to boys. He said "Education is the basis of a country's prosperity and well-being. Japan has worked with the Kenyan Government to reinforce Kenya's education and will continue to work with Kenya to achieve its educational goals."

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**About GGP**

Through the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects Scheme, the Government of Japan has been providing funding to NGOs, Community Based Organizations, schools and medical institutions to improve the lives of people at the grass-roots level in Kenya. Since 1990, Japan has disbursed nearly 1 billion Kenyan Shillings through this scheme and contributed the development of various fields in Kenya.