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Japan has started a new assistance package to Somalia

Through the Supplementary Budget FY2015-16 which was adopted by Japanese Diet on January 20th 2016, the Government of Japan decided to contribute 37.125 million US dollars in total to the UN and other International Organizations for humanitarian and reconstruction assistance to Somalia.

The assistance package, which is composed of 14 projects and implemented by 12 international organizations, was formulated in close consultation with the Federal Government of Somalia based on 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.

The arrangement for the disbursement is scheduled to be completed by the end of February so that these projects can start promptly.

The new contribution brings Japan's accumulative assistance to Somalia to 410.343 million US dollars since 2007.

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Japan's New Assistance Package for Somalia

Organization	Amount (USD million)	Objective
ICRC	3.50	Emergency activities
IOM	4.50	for promoting human security of migrants through emergency assistance and border control
UNMAS	2.40	for clearance of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and landmines from minefields
UNSOM	1.20	for establishing the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) and public outreach for the 2016 electoral process
UNSOM	1.30	for facilitating reintegration of ex-combatants into society through income generating activities and on-the-job training
UNOPS	3.20	for supporting the Somalia National Police through the payment of stipends
UNDP	3.50	for supporting the Somalia National Police to strengthen command and control, stabilization and oversight of policing
UNDP	1.50	for supporting the socio-economic integration of vulnerable youth to achieve community stabilization
UNHCR	5.00	for protection and assistance to refugees, returnees, and internally displaced persons
UNICEF	5.00	for improving access to basic social services and protection for vulnerable communities
UNFPA	1.80	for supporting health system to reduce maternal and neonatal mortalities and related morbidities
UNIDO	0.625	for restoring livelihoods for at risk youth in Dhobley
WFP	3.10	for providing food assistance to most vulnerable populations
SRSO ToE	0.50	for supporting implementation of national action plan to address conflict-related sexual violence
Total	37.125	

Acronym:

ICRC: International Committee of the Red Cross

IOM: International Organization for Migration

UNMAS: United Nations Mine Action Service

UNSOM: United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

UNOPS: United Nations Office for Project Services

UNDP: United Nations Development Programme

UNHCR: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund

UNFPA: United Nations Population Fund

UNIDO: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

WFP: United Nations World Food Programme

SRSO ToE: Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in conflict Team of Experts