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Japan assistance supports the food nutrition security of refugees in Mahama Camp

KIGALI, RWANDA: The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) were joined by H.E. Ambassador Takayuki Miyashita in Mahama Refugee Camp in Eastern Province of Rwanda to celebrate the handover of a food donation valued at U.S. \$1 million from the Government and people of Japan to the Burundian refugees in Rwanda.

"This contribution from the Government and People of Japan will enable WFP to provide food and nutrition assistance to over 57,000 Burundian refugees living in Mahama camp. WFP plans to distribute over 800 metric tons of food commodities including highly nutritious foods," said Edith Heines, WFP Rwanda Representative and Country Director, thanking the generosity of the Government and people of Japan.

The Government of Japan is a key partner and supporter of the refugee programme in Rwanda. In the last ten years, the Government of Japan has contributed over US\$ 10 million to refugee food assistance in Rwanda. WFP is an active partner of the Initiative for Food and Nutrition Security in Africa (IFNA), initiated by Japan and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).

"I have already visited Mahama camp seven times and have confirmed how our support works for beneficiaries. I am delighted to be able to work with WFP again to improve the living condition of the refugees who live in difficult circumstances. We thank WFP Rwanda and its partners for carrying out this important project," said His Excellency Takayuki Miyashita, Ambassador of Japan to Rwanda.

In Mahama camp, WFP currently uses a hybrid approach of both cash and in-kind food assistance to meet the daily food needs of the refugees. In addition to the monthly lifesaving food assistance, WFP also provides specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition for children under five years of age; prevention of malnutrition for children aged six months to two years of age and pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers; and people living with HIV/AIDS & tuberculosis patients.

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