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Joint Press Release

Japan supports IOM on migration management system and UNICEF on health and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services for vulnerable groups in Rwanda

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KIGALI, RWANDA – The Government of Japan announces its support to:

- The International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s programme for strengthening migration management system amounting to USD 1.2 million;
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)'s programmes for the provision of Health and WASH services for vulnerable populations amounting to USD 1.7 million.

The financial support from the Japanese Government and people will make a vital contribution to programmes addressing the urgent humanitarian needs of people whose lives are at risk.

“UNICEF is deeply grateful to the Japanese Government for its financial support to strengthen Health and WASH programmes for individuals most in need. It will make a critical difference for promoting adolescent health particularly during the COVID-19 recovery period and reduce the risk of WASH-related diseases among vulnerable populations,” says Julianna Lindsey, country representative at UNICEF Rwanda.

“IOM is thankful to the Government of Japan for its contribution to the enhancement of the migration management system in Rwanda. This is crucial to better protect people on the move, especially those in vulnerable situations, and reduce exposure to the risks they face throughout their migration journey”, comments Helene Fors, Chief of Mission of IOM Rwanda.

“It is our pleasure that through our support to IOM and UNICEF, Japan will contribute to address the needs for vulnerable people by strengthening the migration management system at the airport and border and improving health and WASH for vulnerable children and adolescents. Japan highly appreciates

the efforts which have been made by the Rwandan Government, IOM and UNICEF in the response to urgent humanitarian needs, and we wish to continue working with them,” says Yukako Ochi, the Chargés d'affaires ad interim, the Embassy of Japan

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