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Japan Supports UNRWA with USD 6 Million for the implementation of projects across Lebanon

In support of the Palestinian communities in Lebanon, the Government of Japan has provided UNRWA with two grants amounting to USD 6 Million for the year 2019. Japan extended USD 5.5 million to UNRWA to mitigate the impact of the Syrian crisis on Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, through the implementation of projects in the fields of healthcare, water and sanitation, and solid waste management. Japan also supported the agency with additional USD 580,000 to enhance medical services in UNRWA's healthcare facilities.

On April 4 2019, Mr. Matahiro Yamaguchi, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, announced the recent Japanese assistance in a ceremony organized by UNRWA at the Gefinor Rotana Hotel in Beirut. In his speech, Ambassador Yamaguchi hoped the new grants will help alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian refugees, and reiterated his support to the young Palestinian generations, to help them realize their full potential amidst legal restrictions that limit their rights. For his part, the Director of UNRWA Affairs in Lebanon, Mr. Claudio Cordone, thanked the Japanese Government for its continuous support of the Palestinian community, and for enabling UNRWA to provide crucial humanitarian assistance to vulnerable refugees.

During the ceremony, Palestinian refugees from Lebanon residing in Al-Tireh sector of Ein el Hilweh Camp, thanked Japan for the rehabilitation works in Al-Tireh neighborhood, which were funded last year through UNRWA by the Japanese Government, following the sector's destruction during armed conflicts inside the camp. Japan has so far supported UNRWA with more than USD 38 million since 2013 to implement projects across Lebanon, with the aim of improving the livelihoods of the Palestinian refugees.