

**JAPANESE GRASSROOTS GRANT ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTED TO
IMPROVEMENT IN CLEAN WATER ACCESS AND HYGINE CONDITIONS
IN DEWE WOREDA FOR 18,000 PEOPLE IN AFAR REGION**

An inauguration ceremony for ‘the Project for Water Supply, Hygiene and Sanitation in Dewe Woreda, Afar Region’ was held on February 21st, 2015.

The USD 103,501 project was funded by the Embassy of Japan through the scheme called the “Grant-in-Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).” The partner for this project was Afar Community Initiative Sustainable Development Association.

During the Inauguration Ceremony on February 21st, Mr. Yohei Otomo, Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, expressed his congratulations and said that this project would contribute to an improvement in living standards in Dewe Woreda, and that children could concentrate more on their school studies resulting from a reduction in the time consuming heavy labor associated with fetching water.

The project has provided approximately 18,000 people with access to clean water by constructing five wells and five latrines at five primary schools in Dewe Woreda, Afar Region. At the Ceremony, community members expressed their appreciation for the access to clean water as well as an improvement in the hygiene conditions in the area.

The GGP scheme was first introduced in 1989. In Ethiopia, since 1997, over 340 projects, for a total amount of approximately USD 27 million, have been implemented through this scheme in such sectors as education, water supply, health services, and other basic human needs.

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