

Japan assists a school project in Sidama Zone

The grant contract signing ceremony for “The Project for Upgrading Dongora Elmete Primary School, Aletawendo Woreda, Sidama Zone, SNNPRs”, through the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), was held on 17 October 2019 in the presence of H.E Mr. Matsunaga Daisuke, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia. This grant contract amounts to USD 136,969.

Under this project, three school buildings (two primary school buildings with eight classrooms each, and a kindergarten building with three classrooms, an office and a storeroom), two toilet blocks, each equipped with 8 units and a hand wash space will be constructed along with the procurement of classroom furniture (300 desks/chairs and one blackboard for each classroom). The Sidama Zone Aletawendo Woreda Education Office requested Japan’s assistance to accommodate the growing number of students enrolled, and the implementation of this project will enable the students to study in a hygienic and appropriate environment.

Ambassador Matsunaga Daisuke, in his speech, mentioned that over 400 projects have been implemented across Ethiopia by Japan since the GGP was introduced in 1989. He congratulated the Sidama Zone Aletawendo Woreda Education Office on the grant, and stated that “It is a pleasure for Japan, as a good friend of Ethiopia, to be able to support the people of Ethiopia in such important fields as education and social welfare, which are the keys to the future prosperity of the country.”

The GGP focuses on community development related areas such as education, vocational training, access to water and sanitation, health, food security.

The GGP supports needy communities by providing them access to school education, medical services and various basic human needs.

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Photos of Dongora Elmete Primary School :



Dongora Elmete Primary School



Current Classroom with more than 80 students



Students studying outside due to the lack of classrooms



Current toilet block

Photo of the signing ceremony:



H. E. Mr. Matsunaga signing the Grant Contract with Ato Zelaalem of Sidama Zone Aletawendo Woreda Education Office.