



Government of Japan grants US\$3.5 million to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to crisis affected Syrians

AMMAN, 4 October 2017 - The Government of Japan today formally announced a new provision of its Emergency Grant Aid to UNHCR and UNICEF amounting to a total of US\$3.5 million for continued emergency humanitarian assistance to Syrians affected by the ongoing crisis.

Under the new Emergency Grant Aid, UNHCR has received US\$2 million towards providing primary healthcare services and referrals for Syrians. It will also allow UNHCR in assisting the most vulnerable refugees in urban areas with vital cash assistance to help meet their basic needs such as paying for the rent and daily living expenses.

UNHCR Representative Stefano Severe warmly welcomed the additional provision of funding, highlighting that *"the Government of Japan continues to be a strong and consistent supporter of UNHCR not only in Jordan, but across the region and globally. Japan's funding response to the Syria crisis in particular allows us to respond to the most acute challenges and provide life-saving assistance to those who need it most."*

The Government of Japan has granted the remaining amount of US\$1.5 million to UNICEF in providing lifesaving vaccinations, nutrition and medical services for Syrian children and women living in highly vulnerable situations. A part of the grant will also help in continuing the delivery of clean water, sanitation and hygiene kits to Syrian children and their families.

"UNICEF is very grateful to the Government and people of Japan for the continued and generous support to children and families affected by the Syrian crisis," said the UNICEF Jordan Representative Robert Jenkins. *"The funding from Japan is crucial for children and families to continue accessing critical services for their health, dignity and well-being,"* he added.

As a member of the international community, the Government of Japan will continue to provide firm support to Jordan, noting that the country is the cornerstone of stability in the Middle East region.

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