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Japan funds UNHCR Rwanda \$2M for Legal assistance, SGBV, Child Protection, Health, WASH and Livelihoods

Kigali, Rwanda – The Government of Japan announced a new contribution of \$2 million to UNHCR Representation in Rwanda for 2018 covering the needs of Burundian refugees, who are living in the country’s largest refugee camp, Mahama, in the sectors of Legal Assistance, SGBV, Child Protection, Health, WASH and Livelihoods.

Rwanda currently hosts a total refugee population of over 177,570 individuals who are living in six refugee camps, four transit/reception centres, and urban areas in the country. Mr. Ahmed Baba Fall, Representative of UNHCR Representation in Rwanda said “We are grateful for the contribution from the Government of Japan and looking forward to serve together the people of concerns”.

His Excellency Takayuki Miyashita, Ambassador of Japan to Rwanda said, “The Government of Japan has been supporting Burundian refugees since their arrival in Rwanda. We thank UNHCR Rwanda and its partners for carrying out this important project”.

The projects aims to follow the Government of Rwanda’s ambition to enable and promote socio-economic inclusion by supporting wage-earning employment and self-employment (entrepreneurship) in both host community and refugee retail, production- and labor-markets.

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