



Embassy of Japan in Afghanistan

Press Release

USD 50 million Aid by Japan to Ease the Governmental Financial Gap of Afghanistan

Kabul, March 12, 2015 - The Government of Japan will provide the total amount of USD fifty million from its Supplementary Budget FY 2014 as assistance to Government of Afghanistan through the Recurrent Cost Window of Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund (ARTF). This aid is Japan's response to the urgent request from the Government of Afghanistan which faces the severe financial constraints these years. The amount which is expected through this aid will contribute to the Afghan Government's operating budget to pay salaries of civil servants including teachers and health workers, so that the Government can continue its duty to serve the Afghan people.

Japan will also provide over USD ten million to the Afghan Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock's ongoing National Horticulture and Livestock Project through the Investment Window of ARTF. This project will support three components to promote increased adoption of improved technologies: (1) Horticultural Production, (2) Animal Production and Health, and (3) Implementation Management and Technical Assistance Support. Supporting the agriculture and livestock sector is a key element towards ensuring development and economic growth in Afghanistan. With this contribution, Japan hopes that it will result in improving overall agriculture productivity as well as improve rural livelihoods where a handful number of rural women are engaged in backyard poultry and gardening.

Japan has been assisting Afghanistan's nation-building efforts in various fields ranging from security sector to economic and social development fields, such as agriculture, rural development infrastructure and human capacity development. The cumulative Japanese assistance to Afghanistan since 2001 amounts to USD 5.78billion.

For more information about the ARTF, please visit: <http://www.artf.af/>.

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