

Japanese ambassador in Angola visits Lóvua settlement to inaugurate a permanent school and observe other projects funded by Japan.

On 18 February, H.E. Hironori Sawada, the Ambassador of Japan in Angola, visited Lóvua Settlement in the Angolan province of Lunda Norte to see projects that the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and humanitarian partners have implemented with generous funds from the Japanese government.

Ambassador Sawada along with a high-level Government delegation led by the Vice-Governor of Lunda Norte, witnessed a community kitchen demonstration, saw a borehole, learnt about fuel efficient stoves and toured agricultural space.

Finally, they participated in an inauguration of the last of the three schools, which started with a capella rendition of 'Fala Comigo' by the local choir in Lóvua settlement, a poignant moment.



Figure 1: Japanese Ambassador, Hironori Sawada, and the National Director of Education, Domingos Torres, cut the ribbon as they inaugurate the Japan-funded school in Lóvua settlement ©UNHCR/Omotola Akindipe

Ambassador Sawada was very pleased with the organisation and order of the settlement. The Japanese Ambassador stated that the schools were well constructed, and the support provided by the Government of Japan forms part of an assistance package that will see refugees receive necessary support to rebuild their lives.