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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) welcomes the contribution of US\$ 7.5 million by the Government of Japan for its activities in Sudan. With the support of the people of Japan, UNHCR will be able to support the Government of Sudan's efforts in providing protection and assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers, as well as responding to the needs of internally displaced persons.

This contribution will be mainly devoted to respond to the basic needs of some 85,000 asylum-seekers and refugees in Khartoum, East Sudan and White Nile State, in particular to guarantee their access to health care, shelter, water and other services. UNHCR will also be able to maintain a capacity to provide emergency shelter and non-food items to up to 140,000 internally displaced persons.

“Sudan has historically accommodated a large number of refugees. I am pleased to announce this year's Japanese funding through UNHCR to support the Government of Sudan's efforts in providing protection and assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers. I also appreciate Sudan's positive stance towards the ever increasing arrivals of South Sudanese and I trust Sudan will perform a positive role in stabilizing the region”, H.E. Mr. Hideki Ito, Ambassador of Japan to Sudan, says.

“We are extremely grateful to the Government of Japan for its strong support to UNHCR's operation in Sudan”, UNHCR Representative in Sudan, Mr. Mohammed Adar, says. “This contribution will allow us to fulfil our mandate across the country, in close cooperation with the Sudanese authorities. Over the past year, nearly 123,000 new refugees have been registered, mainly from South Sudan. Our budgetary requirements have significantly increased and, thanks to the contribution from Japan, we will be able to continue supporting the Government of Sudan in providing protection and assistance to people of concern”.

UNHCR in Sudan works with the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC), and other national institutions to protect and assist refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people. UNHCR has 10 offices in Sudan and its financial requirements for 2015 amount to US\$ 170 million.

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