



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR RELIEF, DISASTER
PREPAREDNESS AND REFUGEES**

AT THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET CONTRIBUTION BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA IN
SUPPORT OF REFUGEES & VULNERABLE GROUPS**

21ST APRIL 2022

- Your Excellency, The Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Uganda,
- The UN Resident Coordinator,
- The UNHCR Uganda Representative,
- The WFP Representative,
- The UN Women Uganda Deputy Country Representative,
- Ladies and Gentlemen,

□ It gives me a great pleasure to address this joint press conference on the Government of Japan's 2022 Contribution in support for Refugees and Refugee Hosting Communities to the Republic of Uganda.

□ On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda, allow me to first convey special thanks and appreciation to the Government of Japan through the Ambassador of Japan to Uganda for the generous support extended to the Government of Uganda to complement its efforts in the implementation of COVID-19 prevention measures, mitigate socio-economic impact in coordination with UNHCR, WFP and UN Women.

□ As part of Government of Japan's recognition of the importance of focusing on various challenges emerging from COVID-19 in areas of economy, peace and stability in Sub-Saharan Africa, the Government of Japan through the Ambassador of Japan to Uganda has today, this 21st April, 2022 contributed a total grant of USD: 3,276,150 to the Government of Uganda through UNHCR, WFP and UN Women targeting Refugees and vulnerable groups in a bid to meet the objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees.

□ Of the USD: 3,276,150 total grant;

— UNHCR has received USD: 1,255,500 to provide access to primary healthcare in line with Uganda's Comprehensive Refugee Response.

— WFP has received USD: 1,050,000 to provide food assistance to refugees and vulnerable communities in Uganda who are suffering from high levels of food insecurity and acute malnutrition.

— UN Women has received USD: 1,000,650 to prevent COVID-19 infections among women and girls displaced into IDPs and Refugee camps in East South African Republic.

- ❑ The Government of Uganda has put in place a conducive environment for refugee protection and management and adopted Global frameworks to steer and enhance this protection including Global Compact for refugees under the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants that underscore the importance of Global Political will and ambition to operationalize the principle of burden and responsibility sharing; to mobilize the international community as a whole and also galvanize action for an improved response to Refugee Situations.
- ❑ The Government of Uganda commends the Government of Japan for the tireless effort and continuous support to Uganda.
- ❑ It is our hope that Japan will remain a partner to the Government of Uganda in addressing humanitarian challenges.
- ❑ Uganda continues to be Africa's largest Refugee hosting country with over 1.6 million Refugees from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi, and other countries listed among host countries who equally need support as they shoulder the hosting burden.
- ❑ Let me finish by emphasizing to the World Uganda's commitment to honor its obligations under the international law in respect to hosting of Refugees despite scarcity of resources.

Thank You.

For God and My Country.



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