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### Japanese Assistance for Improvement of New Born and Child Health Project in Banke District

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The Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Japan to Nepal, Mr. YOSHIOKA Yuzo signed a grant contract for US\$ 448,618 (about NRs 52 million) with Ms. ONISHI Yuka, Project Manager of ADRA Japan, for implementing a project to improve newborn and child health in Banke District.

The support was provided under Japan's Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects Scheme for FY 2020 and will be implemented by ADRA Japan, an international NGO based in Tokyo, and its implementing partner, ADRA Nepal, and its local NGO partner, ENRUDEC.

The grant has been used to repair and upgrade five Health Posts and one Primary Health Care Center in the district, and for installing medical equipment at 48 health facilities, including at the Bheri Federal Hospital. The project also organized trainings and seminars for health service providers in coordination with Lumbini Province, the Health Office, Banke, and local government units.

The project focuses on enhancing the capacity of health service providers and it will raise awareness for local communities. ADRA believes that understanding the importance of care is the first step to save the lives of mothers, new born babies, and children.

The Embassy of Japan in Nepal hopes that the project will enhance child health care services and the understanding of people about basic health care. It also believes that the project will further strengthen the friendly relations between the peoples of Japan and Nepal.

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