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OPENING CEREMONY FOR UNICEF MAKANI CENTRE

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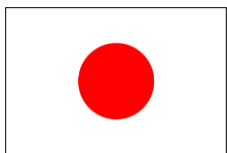
The Government of Japan has extended to UNICEF a grant in total of eight million US dollars to finance the project “Multi-sectoral emergency response to assist the most vulnerable children, youth and women in Jordan”.

The opening ceremony of the new Makani center, which was constructed and equipped as a part of the project, is held at Zaatari refugee camp on Tuesday October, 11th 2016, in the presence of H.E. Shuichi Sakurai, Ambassador of Japan and Colonel Nawrez Hakooz, Syrian Refugee Affair Directorate, and Mr. Robert Jenkins, Representative of UNICEF Jordan.

The overall objective of the project is to provide comprehensive emergency assistance, such as education, health and nutrition, child protection and water and sanitation, to the most vulnerable children and youth in Jordan. Since improvements are still needed to provide adequate access to education for vulnerable youth in Jordan , funds sufficient to establish and operate approximately five Makani centers were included within this project to permit all vulnerable children to access learning support services psychosocial support and life skills training for free.

In a speech delivered during the opening ceremony H.E. the Ambassador stated: *“approximately 15,400 Syrian children are not enrolled in formal education due to financial constraint, and at least 40% of children aged 12-17 are not attending education. Therefore, I believe the Makani initiative, which aims to provide learning support services, psychosocial support and life skills training to all vulnerable children for free, will continue to be very important, for children to continue learning, and transition to enrollment in formal public schools..”*

In 2016, the Government of Japan has extended approximately 59 million US dollars to international aid organizations operating in Jordan, of which 8 million dollars is allocated to UNICEF for this project.



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Speech by the Ambassador



Inside of the venue where the event was held



Ribbon cutting



Class room constructed by the project



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