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**HONORING CEREMONY FOR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION
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The Government of Japan has extended to UN Women a grant in total of one million and two hundred sixty thousand (1,260,000) US dollars to finance the project entitled “Supporting rural women’s food security in Jordan”.

The honoring ceremony for Community Based Organizations (CBOs), which have participated in the project, was held in Irbid governorate to celebrate the achievements of the project on Monday February 13th 2017, with the presence of H.E Shuichi Sakurai: Ambassador of Japan, H.E. Dr. Fawzi Sheyyab: General director of NCARE, Mr. Ziad Sheikh: Representative of UNWOMEN, and Mr. Naserdin Hajamin: Representative of FAO. Along with the ceremony, an exhibition was held for the agricultural products that were produced by the women with the support of the project.

The overall objective of the project is to support rural women’s food security and their rights in the society. So far, the project has trained 555 rural women for the homestead agricultural production, and agricultural tools and seeds were distributed to the beneficiaries. Also, the project has provided technical support for 11 CBOs to enhance their institutional capacity and promote women’s engagement in the decision making process in their community.

In a speech delivered during the ceremony H.E. the Ambassador stated:

“Women are still facing unequal status in the society, and research studies have shown that a lot of women, especially in the rural areas, face food-insecure

condition and are poorly included in the community's decision-making process. Therefore, last year, the Government of Japan provided approximately 1.3 million USD to UN Women to implement the project which aims at supporting rural women's food security and rights in their societies at Irbid and Zarqa governorates."

Last year, the Government of Japan extended approximately 59 million US dollars to the international organizations operating in Jordan, of which 1.26 million US dollars is allocated for this project.

Speech by the Ambassador



Inside the venue where the ceremony was held



Handover of commemorative gift to CBOs



Farm of CBO supported by the project



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