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## A Japanese Grant of US\$ 764,211 for the Project for Strengthening the Support System for Primary and Secondary Education Enrollment and Learning for Vulnerable Groups in Irbid

The Government of Japan has decided to extend a grant of seven hundred and sixty-four thousand and two hundred and eleven US dollars (US\$764,211) to World Vision Japan (WVJ), a Japanese Non-Governmental Organization, to support the education enrolment and learning for vulnerable children in Irbid. The grant contract was signed on March 1st, 2022, between H.E. Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom and Ms. MATSUZAKI Sayo, Project Manager of World Vision Japan deployed to World Vision's office in Jordan.

The grant assistance aims to support the improvement of the educational environment especially for vulnerable children, including out-of-school children, children with special needs and refugee children; and to enhance the capacity of teachers and school staff to guarantee inclusive education in public schools in Irbid through the provision of English and life skills learning support classes, barrier-free school facilities and teaching materials. Based on the organization's vast experience in this field, the project will contribute to reducing social disparities, and empowering vulnerable children in Jordan.

Since the onset of Syrian crisis in 2011, Jordan has provided humanitarian support for Syrian refugees. It is critically important to mitigate Jordan's burden on general social services such as education, health care and water sanitation that are overstretched due to the influx of Syrian refugees. In addition, Inclusive education will play a key role in realising a society where "no one will be left behind" by offering equal educational opportunities for the vulnerable. Based on these recognitions, the government of Japan decided to extend the grant assistance for the project.

World Vision Japan has supported remedial education in public schools in Irbid and Zarqa governorates between 2014 and 2021. In addition, the organization has provided Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assistance in Al Azraq Refugee Camp to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus among the camp residents.

