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A Japanese Grant of US\$ 640,702 for the Project for Supporting Implementation of Correctional Services Focused on Psychological Care at the Detention Centre in Russeifa, Jordan(Phase 3)

The Government of Japan has decided to extend a grant of six hundred and forty thousand and seven hundred and two US dollars (US\$640,702) to a Japanese Non-Government Organization, Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCOD) for the capacity enhancement of the Detention Centre in Russeifa.

A grant contract was signed on October 5, 2022 by Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru, Ambassador of Japan to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Mr. KITAGAKI Kenta, Country Representative of NICCOD Jordan Office. The grant signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Saqer Maaita, Manager of the Osama Ben-Zaid Detention Centre where NICCOD has been implementing the project.

This project is the third phase of a three-year project and the Government of Japan extended a grant of 448,231USD for the first phase and 697,492 USD for the second phase.

This grant assistance aims to support the capacity enhancement of the Osama Ben-Zaid Detention Centre, which is a pre-trial detention and rehabilitation facility for boys between 16 and 18 years old located in Russeifa, Zarqa. In the third phase, NICCOD will focus on establishing a framework for the detention centre to implement activities independently in a sustainable manner and raising awareness of local communities and staffs working for detention centres.

Although Jordan preserves a considerable level of peace and stability at the heart of the Middle East, Jordan is still vulnerable to the region's volatility amid a growing risk of radicalization and destabilization of economy since the onset of Syrian crisis. Under this circumstance, it is critically important to enhance the capacity of justice system in order to provide and implement appropriate rehabilitation and social reintegration program as well as to reduce the repetition of the crime after the release of inmates. Based on this recognition, the government of Japan has decided to extend the grant assistance continuously for the third phase of the above-mentioned three-year project aiming to contribute to maintain the stability of Jordan and also, of the region.

NICCOD is a Japanese Non-Government Organization that has been working for emergency relief and supporting self-reliance with consideration to the environment since 1979. Subsequent to launching a micro credit project in Karak in 1993, NICCOD has been implementing a wide range of projects in various area across Jordan. Since the onset of Syrian crisis, NICCOD has been engaging in humanitarian support activities for Syrian refugees and Jordanian impoverished people living in Zarqa and its activities have also been expanded to Zaatari refugee camp since August 2014.

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