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### **WFP welcomes the Government of Japan contribution to improve food security of most vulnerable people across Mozambique**

**10 August 2022** – The Government of Japan provided a total of US\$ 3.9 million (JPY 520 million) to the World Food Programme (WFP) in Mozambique to address food insecurity in communities affected by the drought in the South and the displaced families by the violence in the North of Mozambique.

Out of the US\$ 3.9 million donated by the Government of Japan, US\$ 2.4 million will support WFP to purchase emergency food and provide humanitarian assistance for more than 36,100 people displaced by the ongoing violence in Northern Mozambique. Currently, 946,500 people are displaced by the conflict (IOM, July 2022) and in need of assistance.

The remaining US\$ 1.5 million donated by the Government of Japan will be used to response to the global food security affected by the situation in Ukraine. Food security in the county is expected to be highly impacted by the situation of Ukraine with vulnerable people struggling to procure sufficient nutritious food. In this context, WFP will provide emergency food assistance to 17,800 food insecure people at risk of having insufficient food because of the drought in the Southern provinces of Gaza and Inhambane from October 2022 to March 2023 – the lean season.

The contribution of the Government of Japan will help to address food security among the most vulnerable families of Mozambique that have been affected by recurring climate disasters and the prolonged conflict in the North ongoing since 2017.

“The Government of Japan is extremely concerned about the food security situation in Mozambique”, said the Ambassador of Japan, Mr. KIMURA Hajime. “Japan has decided to cooperate with WFP for US\$2.4 million food assistance to support Mozambique facing food crisis. In addition, Japan has decided to donate US\$1.5 million to support Mozambique as a response to the deterioration of global food security, which has been exacerbated by the situation in Ukraine. This is to embody food security assistance conveyed by Japanese Prime Minister Kishida at the G7 summit held in this June. We will continue to make efforts to ensure a global security in collaboration with the international community, including the G7. We stand side by side of the people of Mozambique and we will continue to support our Mozambican friends to face the challenges of the ongoing crisis”, stressed the Ambassador of Japan.

“We appreciate the generous contribution of the Government of Japan that is helping WFP to provide humanitarian food assistance to people most in need in the South and North of Mozambique”, said WFP Deputy Country Director, Pierre Lucas. “The continuous contributions of Japan are saving lives by improving the food security of the most vulnerable families while helping to build communities’ resilience to future shocks”.

The Government of Japan is a long-standing partner of WFP in Mozambique. Japan’s prior contribution to WFP humanitarian assistance was in 2020 and the beginning of 2021 with a budget of US\$ 5.29 million in total to provide food assistance and livelihoods support to refugees and asylum-seekers in Maratane Refugee Camp (Nampula Province) and to internally displaced people in Cabo Delgado province. In May 2019, Japan contributed with US\$ 6.9 million for the provision of emergency food assistance to cyclone Idai affected people in Central Mozambique.

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