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JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION HELPS WFP PROVIDE VITAL FOOD ASSISTANCE TO IVORIAN REFUGEES

ACCRA – The Government of Japan has donated US\$300,000 to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to provide food assistance to 8,500 Ivorian refugees in Ghana. The contribution will allow WFP to distribute enough food to cover their needs for the next two months.

Refugees located in three camps around the country – including Ampain in the Western Region, Egyekrom in the Central Region and Fetentaa in the Brong Ahafo Region—will receive beans, Super Cereal (a blended cereal fortified with vitamins and minerals), vegetable oil and salt.

“This contribution comes at a critical time when funding is depleted for these populations that still rely heavily on assistance. We need to continue to meet immediate needs while building self-reliance through skills training,” said Pippa Bradford, WFP Ghana Representative and Country Director. “We are very grateful to the Japanese Government for their timely support.”

WFP began an emergency operation in August 2011 to assist the Government to provide food assistance to Ivorian refugees who fled to Ghana following political crisis in their country. The emergency operation ended in January 2014 and has been succeeded by a joint-UN strategy which runs from March 2014 to March 2015.

Under the joint-UN strategy for refugees, WFP has reduced food rations for 80 percent of the population whilst the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is increasing skills and language training programmes to enable them become self-reliant. The most vulnerable refugees will continue to receive full food rations until all food assistance ends in March 2015.

Japan is a key donor to WFP programmes in Ghana.



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