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The Embassy of Japan in Uganda is receiving applications under the Grant Assistance Grassroots Projects (GGP) with an aim of funding small scale development initiatives.

The programme seeks to provide up to Japanese Yen 10,000,000 (about sh219m) to eligible non-profit organisations implementing projects that directly benefit communities at the grassroots level.

The GGP programme seeks to support grassroots entities to implement practical, high-impact projects to deliver tangible benefits to local communities. The programme focuses on small scale interventions which directly address real community needs while strengthening institutional capacity at the local level.

**IMPORTANCE OF THE GGP GRANT**  
The critical role of community development is one of the key driving factors of this

# Japan Embassy offering grants to support small-scale initiatives

programme as well as supporting locally driven solutions. Reaching vulnerable populations, strengthening the capacity of grassroots entities and promoting sustainable people-centred development are the other crucial aspects the funding aims at empowering.

Local leadership and ownership are other facets that the programme aims to address.

In addition, the programme intends to support projects which will address immediate development needs, strengthen community resilience and self-reliance to deliver measurable output. Within a year of implementation, the programme expects the projects to have practical output.

For an organisation to access the grant,

it must be a non-profit, development-oriented organisation with at least two years of experience implementing grassroots development projects.

The firm must be holding valid legal registration status and employing full-time paid staff. Eligible entity types include non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, medical institutions such as health centres, educational institutions such as government-aided schools, co-operatives and local authorities.

## HOW THE GRANT OPERATES

The eligible organisation designs a small-scale community development project and submits the proposal to the Embassy

of Japan in Uganda. The applications will be assessed for feasibility, impact and organisational capacity.

Thereafter, the selected organisations will receive one-time grant funding to implement projects within a year, with financial and narrative reporting completed by the recipient organisation.

## ABOUT THE GGP GRANT

GGP is a flagship development co-operation programme of the Government of Japan implemented through the Embassy of Japan in Uganda.

It provides financial support to non-profit, development-oriented organisations delivering community-level projects that address immediate needs.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for applications for this grant is February 15, this year. For more information, kindly visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2vwwprtj>