

# NABBANJA HAILS CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

By Nelson Kiya

China has extended sh3.7b to boost Uganda's refugee response, which is currently grappling with funding shortfalls.

The support was announced by the charge d'affaires ad interim of the Chinese Embassy in Kampala, Fan Xuecheng, during the launch of the China-funded Humanitarian Assistance Grant Project (CHAP), officiated by Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja at the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) last Wednesday.

"Today, we officially kick off the implementation of China's \$1m cash emergency humanitarian assistance for refugees sheltered in Uganda. Last December, the assistance fund was fully disbursed to the Ugandan side," Fan said.

He added: "Starting today, hot meals, bread, hygiene supplies and other daily necessities will be delivered to those in urgent need, effectively alleviating their hardship and easing the humanitarian situation."



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**Fan Xuecheng and Nabbanja during the launch of the China-funded Humanitarian Assistance Grant Project at the Office of the Prime Minister in Kampala, last week**

"China has always maintained that wars and conflicts are the primary root causes of large-scale displacement. The international community should actively promote ceasefires, end violence, advance political solutions to relevant issues and prevent worsening humanitarian

disasters," Fan added.

He said the refugee issue remains a global challenge, and countries with primary responsibility should shoulder greater obligations.

"China highly commends Uganda's long-standing generosity and important efforts in hosting and

supporting refugees. This demonstrates not only the spirit of humanitarianism and international solidarity, but also Uganda's commitment to peace and stability in the region and the world," Fan said.

The diplomat reiterated that China would continue

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Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja said the latest support reflects the growing and mutually beneficial partnership between Uganda and the People's Republic of China, grounded in shared values of solidarity, co-operation and a common commitment to advancing global humanitarian efforts.

"As you are aware, Uganda's progressive open-door refugee policy continues to serve as a model of compassion and inclusivity. However, the growing refugee numbers and the challenges of hosting displaced persons demand that we continually strengthen our national systems and response mechanisms," Nabbanja said.

The Prime Minister said the project is both timely and strategic and will significantly enhance Uganda's capacity to respond effectively in priority locations, while ensuring that refugees and host communities receive the protection, assistance and opportunities they deserve.

Nabbanja reaffirmed the Government's commitment to ensuring that all refugees in the country are protected, supported and empowered to rebuild their lives.

supporting Uganda to play a greater role in the international community.

"President Xi Jinping has pointed out that China upholds the principles of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith,

as well as the correct approach to justice and interests in its co-operation with Africa, always putting justice first and pursuing the greater good and shared interests," Xuecheng said.