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The Government of Japan Supported the Installation of Water Supply System in Leolima Village, Balibo Sub-district, Bobonaro District

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On 26 June, 2014, the Government of Japan has supported the project of installing the water supply system in Leolima Village, Balibo Sub-district, Bobonaro District through the project called “*Bobonaro WASH Improvement through Community Empowerment Project*” by World Vision Japan (WVJ), an international NGO from Japan. This project has been funded through the Grant Assistance for Japanese NGO Projects by the Government of Japan, and was signed contract in February 2013. WVJ has currently been launching its 2nd year of their project to contribute to the improvement of livelihood and health of the people in the community in Balibo, Atabae and Lolotoe Sub-districts. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Toshihide Kawasaki, Counsellor of the Embassy of Japan in Timor-Leste, H.E. Mr. Elias Pereira Moniz, Secretary of State for Water, Sanitation and Urban Development, a representative from the Office of the President of RDTL and the local government authorities and the people of the communities.

The Government of Japan has provided over US\$1,170,000 for the first and second years of this WVJ’s project to improve the situation in water and sanitation in Bobonaro District. The Government of Japan determined to continue to work together especially with the Government of Timor-Leste to improve the infrastructure of people’s daily life.

With this 1st year of their project, WVJ constructed 2 water supply systems in Hataz and Leolima villages which provide approx. 1,800 people with 352 households with access to water. These constructions were completed with good collaboration and contribution of the local authorities, communities and WVJ, and the water supply systems will be managed and maintained by the Water Facility Management Group (GMF). WVJ is planning to continue this project until February 2016 to improve the sanitation, hygiene and health including school health promotions and constructing water supply systems in these areas.

In this inauguration ceremony, Counsellor Toshihide Kawasaki celebrated the completion of the water supply system and expressed his hope that the water supply system will be used for a long time with proper maintenance by the community, and the close cooperation and friendship between Japan and Timor-Leste will continue and further be strengthened.

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