The KUSANONE Grant Assistance Project was initiated in Cambodia in 1991. KUSANONE means grassroots and, since the project started, the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia has provided KUSANONE grants to over 580 grassroots level projects. In 2003, the name of the scheme was changed to the “Grassroots Human Security Projects” to reflect an increased focus on human security. Typical project areas are as follows; (1) basic education, (2) health and medical care, (3) agriculture and irrigation, (4) road improvements and bridges, (5) water supply and sanitation, (6) vocational training, and (7) social welfare.
**Primary School**

"I am very happy to study in this new school building. Before, I learned in an old classroom with decayed blackboards and a damaged roof, so I was afraid that the roof would fall down when it rained. But I can now study in a comfortable classroom and focus on learning. As a result, my reading and writing skills and my grades have improved."

**Student**, Banteay Meanchey Province

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**VOICES from Cambodian people**

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**Agricultural Cooperative (AC)**

I would like to sincerely thank the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia for supporting my community, strengthening AC’s work and improving the livelihoods of AC’s members.

**AC Leader**, Preah Vihear Province

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**Maternity Ward**

Thanks to this new maternity ward, that was supported by the KUSANONE grant, I was able to give birth to my baby safely. I really appreciate the people of Japan’s support for maternal and child health in Cambodia.

**Mother, Kampong Speu Province**

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**Road Improvement**

The KUSANONE Grant has allowed us to improve access from the villages to the provincial towns via the province’s national roads. This has helped the farmers transport their agricultural products to market and improved access to health centers. These measures are contributing to the reduction of poverty in rural areas.

**Director, Preah Vihear Province**

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**Health service**

Thanks to the KUSANONE Grant, the quality of the health services that we can provide at Prey Kambas Referral Hospital has significantly improved. We are grateful to the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia for its contribution to the improvement in people’s health and the saving of patients’ lives.

**Doctor, Takeo Province**

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**Farmer Water User Community**

This canal has helped us to irrigate our rice fields properly and, as a result, we have been able to increase our income. We would like to thank the Government and people of Japan, especially the Embassy of Japan in Cambodia, for supporting us.

**FWUC members, Prey Veng Province**

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**COLUMN**

“Now, we can drink clean water!!”

A water treatment plant was built by Teuk Saat 1001 at Trapeang Thom Primary School in Takeo Province in 2017. Before that, there was no safe drinking water at the school and students had to drink from a muddy pond. The dirty water caused diarrhea and other stomach problems and pupils were often absent from school. The students now have a free supply of clean and safe drinking water and this has reduced sickness and improved awareness of good water and sanitation practices.

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**KUSANONE Q&A**

**Q** Who can apply for a KUSANONE Grant?

**A** Basically, NGOs, Local Governments and other Non-Profit Associations such as Hospitals and Schools. Ministries, Individuals and Profit Associations are NOT eligible. Applicants must have at least two years’ experience working in the sector of the proposed project within Cambodia.

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**Q** How long is a project period?

**A** An approved project must be completed within 1 year of the date of the grant contract.

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**Q** How much is a project budget?

**A** The grant amount is, in principle, up to 10 million Japanese Yen per project. The value of the grant in US Dollars depends on the prevailing exchange rate between Japanese Yen and US Dollars. The currency exchange rate is fixed at the beginning of each fiscal year of Japan. The types of activity covered by a grant include mainly the construction of facilities and procurement of equipment.

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**Q** How to apply?

**A** For the details, please visit our website or consult the KUSANONE Grant Unit of the Embassy of Japan.

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