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Mr. Karim Amer,
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I hereby would like to inform you that the Government of Japan has decided to contribute thirty-five million and three-hundred ten thousand and eighty-seven US dollars (US\$35,310,087) (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant") to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for the execution of its projects listed in the Attachment (hereinafter referred to as the "Projects").

The Government of Japan will make a payment of the Grant to an account designated by UNRWA.

I would also like to inform you that the Government of Japan requests UNRWA to assure the following:

- (1) The Grant and its accrued interest will be used immediately, appropriately, and exclusively for the Projects, will not be used for military purposes, and will be administered in accordance with its regulations, rules, directives and procedures.
- (2) All necessary efforts will be made to publicize Japanese contributions through, for example, the issuance of a press release or organising launching ceremonies.
- (3) A letter to inform the completion of the Projects, as well as a detailed report in the form of the Report of the Commissioner-General will be submitted to the Diplomatic Establishments of Japan concerned.
- (4) The Government of Japan and UNRWA will consult each other in respect of any matter that may arise from or in connection with the Grant.
- (5) After the completion of the Projects, the unused balance of Japan's Grant and its accrued interest will be refunded to the Government of Japan as soon as possible.

Furthermore, in accordance with the discussions between Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Commissioner-General of UNRWA on March 28, 2024, the Government of Japan requests UNRWA to confirm the following commitments:

- (6) A new "Japan-UNRWA Project Management and Monitoring Mechanism" will be established to monitor the progress of assistance, to ensure the transparency and traceability of fund flows, and to assess the impact of the assistance on its targeted beneficiaries.



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- (7) For the projects funded by Japan, all funds are transferred through financial institutions, and those institutions vet the recipients and beneficiaries against the international sanction lists, including that of the U.S. In case matches are found, UNRWA will immediately inform the Government of Japan and confirm that no funds contributed by Japan to UNRWA will be transferred directly or indirectly to the persons concerned.
- (8) UNRWA will promote the participation of female staff as leaders in UNRWA's efforts for its governance reform and reconstruction of Gaza. Reflecting the concept of WPS in the programme, UNRWA will develop a training programme for the senior management level area staff like front-line managers and supervisors, to foster and strengthen accountability and compliance with the emphasis on integrity, neutrality and effective management practices, to be supported as a project funded by the FY2023 supplementary budget.
- (9) UNRWA will report on its activities to implement these commitments and Japan and UNRWA will consult on any necessary follow-up action through the mechanism referred to in paragraph 1 above. Further to such consultations, in case of inappropriate use of Japanese contributions, Japan reserves its rights within the terms of the contribution agreement to take all necessary measures to ensure the sound financial management of Japanese contributions to UNRWA.

Yours Sincerely,

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(Attachment)

The Grant is earmarked for the following activities:

(UNRWA) Grant amount: USD 35,310,087

Breakdown:

No	Project Title	Location	Grant Amount (USD)
1	Supporting UNRWA Flash Appeal: Provision of NFIs in Gaza - dignity kits and baby hygiene kits	Gaza	10,094,726
2	Delivering essential services and humanitarian assistance in the conflict affected West Bank	West Bank	2,956,834
3	Emergency Rehabilitation and Provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Vulnerable Palestine Refugees in Syria	Syria	12,566,546
4	Life-Saving Support for the Most Vulnerable Palestine refugees Cancer Patients	Lebanon	2,134,834
5	Critical Humanitarian Assistance to Palestine Refugees in Jordan in Education, Psychosocial and Protection Services	Jordan	3,325,855
6	Provision of health services to Palestine Refugees and training for improved governance in all UNRWA field of operation	Multiple fields (West Bank, Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan)	4,231,292
Total:			35,310,087