

<Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GPP) in FY 2015>

Inauguration of the Project for the Construction of a Shelter cum Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Rangareddy, Telangana

The inauguration was held on 14th March 2018 in Rangareddy, Telangana

Project Name: The Project for the Construction of a Shelter cum Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Rangareddy, Telangana

Recipient Organization: Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust

Grant Amount: US\$88,677

Ms. Shiho Bamba, Consul, Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, inaugurated the Project for the Construction of a Shelter cum Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Human Trafficking for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Rangareddy, Telangana on 14th March 2018, on behalf of the Consulate-General of Japan in Chennai, which signed the grant contract with Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust for the amount of US\$88,677 on 11th March 2016. Staff of the organization, honorable guests, beneficiaries and local residents took part in the ceremony to celebrate the milestone for the organization's relief efforts against human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust (KGNMT) was established in 1945, as a result of a national movement, led by Mahatma Gandhi. Today with 22 branches across India, the organization works towards empowerment of women and girls, particularly in rural areas. Since its establishment in 1965, the Hyderashokote branch of KGNMT has been dedicated to serving women from various traumatic conditions, including victims of rape, human trafficking, and social distress. Through the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects scheme, the Hyderashokote branch received the amount of US\$88,677 to construct a shelter cum rehabilitation center exclusively for victims of human trafficking. The new center will shelter more than 100 human trafficking victims annually, and will provide skill trainings to 80 women. The center is expected to play a pivotal role in rehabilitating and reintegrating human trafficking victims into life with dignity.

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More than 100 victims will be accommodated annually



Ms. Shiho Bamba, Consul, delivers speech



ODA plate representing the support from the People and the Government of Japan



About 200 participants join the inauguration



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