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UNHCR Recognizes Japan's Humanitarian Contribution to Refugees Amidst Surging Needs in Algeria

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The United Nations Refugee Agency, UNHCR, extends its sincere appreciation to the People and Government of Japan for their generous contribution of 375,000 dollars towards supporting refugees in Algeria. This vital contribution will be allocated towards enhancing health, sanitation, and hygiene services for refugees, particularly in the five camps, where humanitarian needs are surging.

Japan's consistent commitment to supporting UNHCR humanitarian efforts since 2021 has been instrumental in sustaining humanitarian assistance to refugees in Algeria. This latest contribution will further bolster the UN Refugee Agency's ability to deliver essential services and ensure refugees have access to quality healthcare, sanitation, and hygiene in the camps.

In expressing gratitude for the support from the People and Government of Japan, M. Alistair Boulton, UNHCR Algeria Representative, stated: *"The support comes at an important moment, following the launch of the Sahrawi Refugee Response Plan (SRRP) for refugees in the camps near Tindouf last November which outlined the needs of 173,600 persons in need of humanitarian assistance. The challenges posed by global emergencies have made it difficult to adequately provide humanitarian aid to refugees and asylum seekers in the country. Japan's contribution will substantially enhance our efforts to meet the needs of refugees in Algeria"*.

KONO Akira, Ambassador of Japan to Algeria, remarked: *"The government of Japan has continuously contributed to supporting the most vulnerable refugees in Algeria. This year, the fourth time in a row in collaboration with UNHCR, our support prioritizes on improving the access to and the quality of health care, especially for girls and women of childbearing, pregnant and breastfeeding age. This is in line with the priorities set in the new UNHCR plan launched last year, which emphasizes on health sector, and special cares for women and children. I hope our support will help boost the said plan"*.

The Government of Japan is a strategic partner for UNHCR in Algeria focusing on the provision of lifesaving and essential needs to refugees.

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