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Press Release:

Launching of the

**“SUPPORT TO HOSTING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY SOUTH SUDANESE REFUGEES  
IN WHITE NILE STATE”**

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Through the support of the Government of Japan, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Sudan has launched today the project to Support to Hosting Communities Affected by South Sudanese Refugees in White Nile State. The project aims to deliver safe, clean and accessible market places as centers for the hosting communities and South Sudanese refugees in Aljabalain Locality, White Nile State, Sudan that prevent widespread of diseases including Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD).

The project will also enhance self-reliance of the hosting communities and South Sudanese refugees particularly youth and women through on-the-job training of self-help construction through the improvement of market places in Aljabalain.

The Project Launching Ceremony was held in Khartoum on 21 March 2018, Mr. Wael Al-Ashhab, Head of UN-Habitat Sudan Country Programme, welcomed the guests and assured that the UN-Habitat is committed to work with the governments and partners and emphasized the need to support communities as a whole, in collaboration with the hosting communities, South Sudanese refugees, civil societies, local governments and private sectors, to ensure seamless transition from the emergency response to long-term solutions, and to prevent deterioration of living environment and health condition for the future.

Mr. Wael underlined the huge challenge in Sudan, caused by significant number of the population consists of Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees and returnees those who need urgent humanitarian assistance, durable solutions and development support. Particularly, a large number and unexpected influx of South Sudanese refugees fled into Sudan has been



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radically increasing, and high percentage of the refugees are temporary accommodated to White Nile State that severely impacted the hosting communities.

Mr. Wael thanked the Government of Japan for the support the project in Sudan that contributing broader aspects of the town, including living environment, livelihood and health to ensure that both South Sudanese refugees and the hosting communities can live in dignity.

H.E. Mr. Shinji Urabayashi, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of the Sudan, said in his statement, "It is very important to bring both the refugees and the local community members together, and involve them in bettering their own living environment. Also, I believe this co-working process will lead to creating a harmonious integration between the community members and the refugees" and praised the government of Sudan and the government of Sudan for their generosity in accepting the South Sudanese refugees.

Dr. Abdul Hameed Musa Kasha, the Governor of White Nile State expressing gratitude to the Government of Japan for supporting this important project, and the strong commitment of the Ministry as well as the White Nile State to engage substantively and provide full support to the project in White Nile State.

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