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## Japan's New Grant Assistance to Iraq

On January 20, 2016, the Diet of Japan has approved a new package of humanitarian and stabilization support to Iraq amounting to 105 million US, which was proposed by the Government as part of its supplementary budget of FY 2015.

This additional support, which will be implemented through UN agencies, international humanitarian organizations and Japanese NGOs, aims to alleviate the plight of Internal Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Syrian Refugees as well as to facilitate IDP's return to liberated areas from ISIL:

✓ Humanitarian assistance

- Provision of food, water, shelter, non-food items
- Construction of prefabricated houses
- Medical and educational support
- Protection of children
- Host community support

✓ Stabilization assistance in liberated areas

- Support to fostering environment conducive to the early IDP's return such as trainings on IED and explosives clearance and rehabilitation of houses
- Life-sustaining support for returned IDPs such as vocational trainings, educational assistance, reconciliation support
- Some parts of the contribution is allocated to the Funding Facility for Immediate Stabilization (FFIS)

It is worth mentioning that Japan already provided grant assistance to Iraq, amounting 151.3 million US dollars since 2012, and that, together with this new assistance Japan's humanitarian and stabilization support to Iraq exceeds 256.3 million US dollars.

Japan hopes that the new package of support will do its part to lessen the burden Iraq has been bearing since ISIL's invasion of Iraq in June, 2014.

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