

## - Water and sanitation to be provided to thousands of displaced children in Eastern Chad

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TOKYO, 20 July 2007 - Some 30,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Eastern Chad, including 18,000 children, will have better access to clean water and sanitation as a result of emergency funding of \$1.18 million from the Government of Japan to build new boreholes and communal latrines.

“We are very grateful for this timely funding, as we have been facing a serious funding gap which did not allow us to keep up with the critical needs of the growing number of IDPs” says Steve Adkisson, UNICEF Representative in Chad. “This funding will make a huge difference in the lives of internally displaced children, as access to clean water not only affects the health of people, but many children have been forced to sacrifice their time in school as they have to spend hours fetching water under the scorching sun.”

The already scarce water source was stretched to its limit after the influx of the vast number of internally displaced persons into these villages in Eastern Chad. UNICEF, the lead agency in water and sanitation, says that lack of funding has been a challenge.

The \$1,179,450 contribution from the Government of Japan will allow UNICEF to drill 16 additional boreholes, two water mini systems and 1,000 communal latrines in the next months, benefiting some 30,000 IDPs throughout Eastern Chad. In parallel, hygiene promotion campaigns will be organized to reach 20,000 people, while 5,000 people will be reached with family water kits.

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