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Dear Ms. Akamatsu

UNICEF would like to express its appreciation and thanks for the recent generous contribution of US\$ 2,000,000 made by the Japan National Committee for UNICEF for the humanitarian response to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) emergency in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) of Pakistan.

About 2 million people have been displaced by fighting in north-western areas of Pakistan, and an estimated 60 per cent are children. They have taken refuge with host communities and in IDP camps in nearby districts of the NWFP. Over three-quarters of these arrived in 2009 when fighting intensified and resulted in the greatest internal displacement in Pakistan's history.

UNICEF has worked with the government, other UN agencies and partners to support people displaced by conflict in camps and communities in Pakistan since 2008. In the next six months we hope to work together to provide emergency support for women and children, preventing the outbreak of disease, providing information on health, hygiene and child protection, keeping children within the educational system, and ensuring that vulnerable children are protected.

With this contribution, UNICEF will be able to continue its support to the Government of Pakistan in provision of services including safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene; health and nutrition; primary education and child protection for the displaced population currently living in IDP camps and in host communities.

On behalf of UNICEF Pakistan and on my own behalf, I would like to express our gratitude to the Government and the people of Japan for their strong and continued support to our endeavours. It is only with continued support like this that UNICEF is able to fulfil its mandate for improving the lives of hundreds and thousands of displaced children and their families in Pakistan.

Sincerely



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