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## **Japan To Donate \$2.86 Million In Aid To Central American & African Refugees**

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On March 28, the Japanese Foreign Ministry announced that Tokyo will donate \$2.86 million in direct and indirect aid to Central American and African refugees. Of the total, the Costa Rican Red Cross is to receive \$980,000 in aid for purchasing medical equipment and food for Central American refugees in that country. An estimated 200,000 refugees have fled to Costa Rica from El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua to escape armed conflict and political persecution. Officials said \$1.88 million in aid will also be channeled through the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to help purchase medicine, agricultural machinery and fertilizer for refugees and victims of civil war in Angola and Namibia. (Basic data from AFP, 03/28/89)

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