

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY2019:
Completion Ceremony of
“The Project for Construction of Water Pipe to an Irrigation Reservoir in Hors
Community”**

On June 29, 2021, the Completion Ceremony of “The Project for Construction of Water Pipe to an Irrigation Reservoir in the Hors Community” in the amount of USD 84,120 within the frameworks of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of Japan was held at the Hors community. The Ceremony was attended by Mr. Masanori Fukushima, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Ararat Grigoryan, Governor of Vayots Dzor region, Mr. Artur Stepanyan, Head of Yeghegis community, Mr. Shmavon Aragulyan, Head of Hors community, Mr. Samvel Geghamyan, Project Coordinator from Bezoar NGO and representatives from the partner organizations.

The Project aimed at increasing the volumes of water and supplying the water for irrigation to the community in the dry season in Hors community in Yeghegis cluster of Vayots Dzor province by constructing the water pipe to an irrigation reservoir. As a result, 420 villagers in the Hors Community benefited from the Project.

During the Ceremony, warmly welcoming the participants, Mr. Geghamyan expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan, as well as the Embassy of Japan in Armenia for their contribution and trust, as a result of which “Bezoar” NGO successfully accomplished the construction of water pipe to an irrigation reservoir in Hors Community.

Ambassador Fukushima, in turn, stressed that he is particularly glad to know that as a result of the Project, more than 420 people in Hors community already have sustainable supply of water for irrigation. In view of the crucial importance which agriculture has in the economic development of Armenia, this Project is perfectly in line with the Armenian Government’s priorities to increase the efficiency of agriculture by improving access to irrigation.

The Governor of Vayotz Dzor, Mr. Grigoryan, first of all congratulated the newly appointed Ambassador on assuming the responsible mission, expressing confidence that he would make an exceptional contribution to the strengthening of Armenian-Japanese relations. Mr. Grigoryan expressed his gratitude to the Government of Japan for the support provided within the Project, which will provide irrigation water to the community and will also contribute to the ecological sustainability of the community.

At the end of the Ceremony, the representatives of community thanked Mr. Ambassador Fukushima and the Government of Japan for the contribution.



A tank installed at the upper mountain flowing down to the reservoir



Mr. Geghamyan showing irrigation reservoir to Ambassador Fukushima



Unveiling the ODA Plate



Ambassador Fukushima, Governor Grigoryan and representatives of partner organizations after Opening the ODA Plate



Congratulatory Address by Ambassador Fukushima



Speech by the Governor of Vayots Dzor, Mr. Ararat Grigoryan