

**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2022:**

**Signing Ceremony of**

**“The Project for Establishing a Community Social-Educational Center for Vulnerable Population in Berd” and “The Project for Improvement of Consultation Support Center and Shelters for Women Victims of Domestic Violence”**

On December 23, 2022, the Signing Ceremony of the Grant Contract for “The Project for Establishing a Community Social-Educational Center for Vulnerable Population in Berd” up to USD 92,159 and “The Project for Improvement of Consultation Support Center and Shelters for Women Victims of Domestic Violence” up to USD 71,044 within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects of the Government of Japan was held at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.

The Grant Contract for “The Project for Establishing a Community Social-Educational Center for Vulnerable Population in Berd” was signed between Mr. FUKUSHIMA Masanori, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia and Ms. Inga Harutyunyan, the Chief Executive Officer of Pahapan Development Foundation. The Grant Contract for “The Project for Improvement of Consultation Support Center and Shelters for Women Victims of Domestic Violence” was signed between Mr. Fukushima and Ms. Hasmik Gevorgyan, the Director of Operations of Women's Support Center. The Ceremony was also attended by Ms. Tatevik Stepanyan Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Affairs and Father Aram Mirzoyan of Tavush Diocese.

“The Project for Establishing a Community Social-Educational Center for Vulnerable Population in Berd” aims to improve economic independence and quality of life of vulnerable population in Berd, Tevush Region by assisting interior works of a community social-educational center which is under construction. As a result, approximately 2,850 people will get access to vocational trainings, psychosocial care and after-school activities annually.

“The Project for Improvement of Consultation Support Center and Shelters for Women Victims of Domestic Violence” aims to increase the security of the buildings and to improve the living environment for victims of domestic violence through the provision of furniture as well as partial renovation of the buildings. As a result, approximately 300 women and children will annually benefit from the Project.



Speech by Ambassador Fukushima



Signing of the Grant Contract  
in witness of Deputy Minister Stepanyan



(from left) Ambassador Fukushima, Deputy  
Minister Stepanyan and Ms. Gevorgyan



(from left) Ambassador Fukushima, Ms.  
Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister Stepanyan and  
Father Mirzoyan