



## Press Release

# Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023: Completion Ceremony for the Project for the Renovation of Zaritap Kindergarten

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On December 6th, 2024, the Completion Ceremony for the Project for the Renovation of Zaritap Kindergarten within the framework of Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) FY 2023, was held at Zaritap Village.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Mkhitar Matevosyan, the Head of Vayk Community, Ms. Rima Aslanyan, the Director of Zaritap Kindergarten, along with other project stakeholders and local residents.

This project expanded the capacity of the preschool education in Zaritap Village and nearby communities through renovation of the kindergarten and provision of educational equipment. As a result of this project, the kindergarten can not only accommodate 70 children on the waiting list, including displaced ones from Nagorno-Karabakh, but will also provide more vacant time for their parents to engage in agricultural or entrepreneurial activities, thereby is expected to contribute to the revitalization of the local economy in their region.

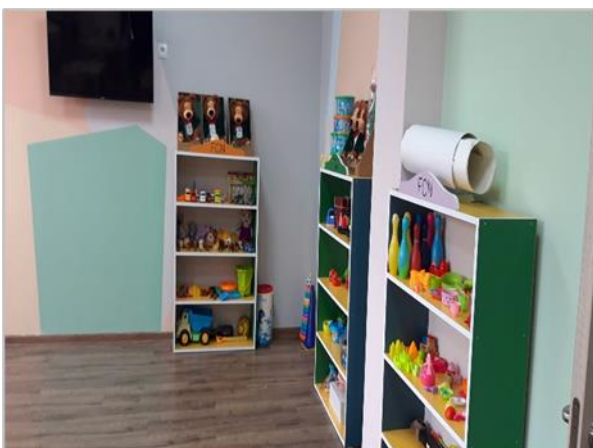
Mr. Matevosyan expressed his gratitude, stating, “The words are not enough to express our gratitude to the Embassy of Japan in Armenia and the Japanese Government for this fruitful collaboration. The renovation of Zaritap Kindergarten is a perfect example of collaboration between Armenian and Japanese Governments. We are hopeful that the collaboration will continue and more positive changes will be implemented in our community.”



Ambassador Aoki giving a speech



Group photo with the stakeholders



Inside look to the renovated kindergarten



Mr. Matevosyan delivering his speech of gratitude