



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023: Completion Ceremony for the Project for the Provision of an Ambulance to Shikahogh and Neighboring Villages

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On January 29th, 2025, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "The Project for the Provision of an Ambulance to Shikahogh and Neighboring Villages" (grant up to: USD 67,498) was held at the Syunik Regional Administration Office. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Robert Ghukasyan, Governor of Syunik Region, Ms. Nare Ghazaryan, Deputy Governor of Syunik Region along with medical professionals and local residents.

This project aimed to provide one ambulance to the Shikahogh clinic located in mountainous area to enable safe transportation of emergency patients and injured persons from Shikahogh Village and five neighboring villages to the Kapan Medical Center, which serves as the region's core hospital. As a result of this project, approximately 1,050 residents in the area have quick access to necessary emergency medical services. The clinic had no ambulance for a long time, and in emergencies, patients had to wait for an ambulance from the Kapan Medical Center, located 13-50 km away, with transportation taking up to 4 hours; therefore, this project has addressed such urgent challenges.

Mr. Robert Ghukasyan, Governor of Syunik Region, expressed his gratitude, saying, "Due to the mountainous nature of this region, transportation has always required time, but the ambulance provided by Japan are of high quality and have enabled more efficient transportation. While we are facing various challenges with the influx of many refugees from Nagorno-Karabakh, I would like to express my gratitude for providing support that addresses the urgent needs of local residents."



Photo taken in front of the ambulance



Ambassador Aoki
delivering congratulatory speech to stakeholders



Ambassador Aoki inspecting the ambulance



Ambulance equipped with medical devices