

## The E/N Signing Ceremony between Japan and UNICEF to Support Mental Health Services for Displaced Persons from Nagorno-Karabakh and Host Communities

On February 27, 2025, the signing ceremony of the Exchange of Notes (E/N) between the Government of Japan and UNICEF Armenia for the “Project for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support for Displaced Persons from Nagorno-Karabakh and Host Communities” took place in Yerevan.

The Notes were signed by Ambassador AOKI Yutaka and the UNICEF Representative in Armenia, Ms. Christine Weigand, in the presence of Deputy Ministers from the four relevant Ministries. Also, as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will implement this project together with UNICEF, Mr. Junji Wakui, Resident Representative of JICA Georgia Office, signed a Grant Agreement (G/A) with UNICEF.

This is a new partnership between Japan and UNICEF worth over US\$3 million to provide mental health and psychosocial services for displaced children from Nagorno-Karabakh and their host communities. Through various mental health services, the project aims to reach approximately 300,000 children and adolescents, plus up to 150,000 parents. It will also engage and train 5,600 service providers who work directly with children across different sectors, improving coordination and referral systems across education, health, and social services.

This Japan-UNICEF partnership represents a significant investment in strengthening Armenia’s mental health support systems for children affected by displacement, while simultaneously building long-term capacity within the country’s social service infrastructure.



Ambassador AOKI delivering speech



Exchange of Notes



Completion of signing of E/N and G/A



With Deputy Ministers of relevant ministries