



Press Release

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2023: Completion Ceremony for the Project for Improvement of Gyumri Care Center

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On October 9th, the Completion Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "The Project for Improvement of Gyumri Care Center" (grant up to: USD 66,137) was held at Gyumri Care Center in Shirak Region. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. David Nersisyan, President of the Armenian Red Cross Society, H.E. Mr. Arsen Torosyan the Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Mr. David Arushanyan, Governor of Shirak Region along with project stakeholders and other donors.

Within the scope of this project partial, renovation of Gyumri Care Center (second floor corridor, renovation area of 380 square meters) was carried out, a residential facility for the elderly and people with disabilities located in Gyumri, and provided new living equipment. Through these improvements, approximately 160 elderly people and people with disabilities are able to live their daily lives safely and securely in a proper environment. The center has been in use for 47 years since its construction and has harshly deteriorated, and there were risks of residents falling and injuring themselves due to the damaged floors, walls, and ceilings. Moreover, chairs, beds, and other equipment had worn out considerably, and there were no desks or sofas in the common spaces, making it difficult for residents to interact with each other and consult with staff. Gyumri is the second largest city in Armenia, but has a high poverty rate of over 40%, and support for vulnerable elderly people and people with disabilities has been demanded.

Mr. Nersisyan, President of the Armenian Red Cross Society, stated at the ceremony, "Japanese assistance has changed the daily lives of residents of Gyumri Care Center as currently they live in a renovated shelter with all needs provided to ensure their happiness and satisfaction." Ambassador AOKI Yutaka also remarked, "Every time I visit Gyumri, I am reminded of the efforts devoted to recovery from the Spitak earthquake. We are pleased to be able to support survivors of the earthquake who never gave up despite experiencing difficulties, and I sincerely congratulate the completion of this project."



Mr. Nersisyan,
President of the Armenian Red Cross Society,
delivering words of gratitude



Ambassador AOKI delivering congratulatory messages



Residents of the renovated facility



Staff and residents of the facility