



## Press Release

# **Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects FY 2025: Signing Ceremony for the Project for the Provision of Emergency Transport Vehicle with Snow Plow Equipment in Tsakhkadzor City**

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On March 9th, the Signing Ceremony for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project "the Project for the Provision of Emergency Transport Vehicle with Snow Plow Equipment in Tsakhkadzor City" (grant up to: USD 50,570) was held at the rescue base in Meghrazor Village. The ceremony was attended by Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, Mr. Aharon Sahakyan, Governor of Kotayk Region, Mr. Narek Harutyunyan, Mayor of Tsakhkadzor City, Mr. Vorodya Hovanisyan, Head of Meghrazor Village, and Ms. Marine Tadevosyan, Chairman of NGO Spitaki "Huso Luis", along with rescue personnel and residents from Meghrazor Village.

This project aims to ensure access for emergency services by resolving road blockages caused by heavy snowfall in winter and to strengthen rapid response capabilities against wildfires that frequently occur in summer, through the provision of one emergency transport vehicle equipped with a snow plow. The project will contribute to securing a safe living environment for 22,000 residents of Tsakhkadzor City, including 7,000 displaced persons from Nagorno-Karabakh. In this region, road blockages have frequently occurred when winter snowfall exceeds one meter, and this have severely limited emergency vehicle access to isolated households. Also, amid frequent wildfires in summer, the shortage of emergency transport vehicles has caused delays in arriving at the scene and conducting firefighting operations, resulting in greater damages; therefore, these circumstances have created a demand for support.

Ms. Tadevosyan, Chairman of "Huso Luis", expressed her gratitude at the ceremony, stating, "This project is a symbol of economic cooperation between Japan and Armenia. We will responsibly manage and utilize the provided equipment and devote ourselves to create an environment where residents can live with peace of mind and to protect them from the threat of natural disasters in this region." Ambassador AOKI Yutaka also delivered a speech, stating, "I am pleased that by equipping this rescue base under the GGP framework one year ago and now further providing an emergency transport vehicle, the community's emergency



response capabilities will be strengthened. I hope the vehicle will be utilized for the swift transport of firefighters to the scene and for snow removal on roads during winter and safeguard the lives and safety of residents in this region for many years to come."



Signing Ceremony #1



Signing Ceremony #2



Mr. Sahakyan, Governor of Kotayk Region,  
expressing his gratitude



the rescue base developed under the FY2023 "the Project for  
Building Resilience to Wildfires in Tsakhkadzor"