

Opening Ceremonies and Site Visits of Japan-UNDP Joint Projects in Ararat and Armavir Regions

On April 29, 2026, H.E. Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, together with Ms. Natia Natsvlishvili, UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia, visited Ararat and Armavir regions, where joint projects between the Government of Japan and the UNDP are being implemented.

The Azat Reservoir, located in the Ararat Province of Armenia, was equipped with meteorological and hydrological stations and other modern monitoring equipment as part of the Climate Risk Resilience related project (USD 1 million) to strengthen risk management and climate resilience. This project directly supports about 167,000 local residents. At the same time, it helps keep residents safer by improving early warning systems and making weather forecasts more reliable.

The next two ceremonies in Ararat and Armavir regions were covered by the Project for Supporting Displaced People from Nagorno-Karabakh and host communities (USD 3 million). In Zorak settlement of Masis community (Ararat region), a multifunctional community center was opened to meet the needs of over 1,100 local residents, nearly half of whom are displaced people. The facility is part of a broader initiative benefiting around 126,000 people across five communities, providing inclusive services, learning opportunities, and social support for vulnerable people. In Haytagh settlement (Armavir region) the ambulatory and shelter were renovated. The ambulatory has been upgraded with modern medical equipment and solar-powered energy systems. It now serves 2,740 residents, including 60 displaced people and 70 people with disabilities.

In his speech, Ambassador Aoki emphasized that supporting displaced people and their host communities is critically important. He reaffirmed the Government of Japan's commitment to working alongside the UNDP and the Government of Armenia to assist those in difficult situations.



Ambassador AOKI delivering speech



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Public space in Zorak



Dance performance in Zorak



Renovated ambulatory in Haytagh



Dance performance in Haytagh



New public space in Zorak



ODA Plate at Azat Water Reservoir