

## Opening Ceremonies and Site Visits of Japan-UNDP Joint Project in Gegharkunik and Kotayk Regions

On May 12, 2026, H.E. Mr. AOKI Yutaka, Ambassador of Japan to Armenia, together with Ms. Natia Natsvlshvili, UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia, visited Gegharkunik and Kotayk regions, where a joint project between the Government of Japan and the UNDP is being implemented.

Opening ceremonies of the Chambarak water reservoir and the public space and playground in Charentsavan were held within the framework of Project for Supporting Displaced People from Nagorno-Karabakh and Host Communities (USD 3 million). In Chambarak community (Gegharkunik Region), a new 11,000 m<sup>3</sup> water reservoir was opened, expected to restore irrigation across up to 200 hectares of land and benefit around 200 households. In addition, solar energy systems installed in the kindergarten and rescue service in the community will further strengthen energy resilience and ensure uninterrupted essential services. In total, nine systems have been installed in Gegharkunik region, eight of which serve the Chambarak community. In Charentsavan community (Kotayk Region), a new public space and playground were established to promote social cohesion, inclusion, and community interaction, benefiting both displaced families and host communities.

In his speech, Ambassador Aoki emphasized that these initiatives are not only about infrastructure, but also about what can be achieved when communities, governments, and international partners work together, highlighting the importance of Japan–UNDP cooperation in supporting climate resilience, sustainable development, and human security in Armenia.



Ambassador AOKI delivering speech



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Group photo at Chambarak Water Reservoir



Group photo in the kindergarten



Ambassador with the Rescue Service Team



Dance performance in Charentsavan



Chambarak Water Reservoir



ODA Plate at Chambarak Water Reservoir