



Embassy of Japan in Lebanon

January 24, 2020

Press Release

Japan Supports the Rehabilitation of Arida Public School through Akkar Network of Development

Japan will support the rehabilitation of Arida Public School in Arida, Akkar, with a grant of 73,890 U.S. dollars. On January 24, 2020, Ambassador OKUBO Takeshi signed a grant contract with Nadine Saba, President of Akkar Network of Development (AND), an organization that has been providing services to the people of Akkar.

Arida village lacks a local governing entity, which has resulted in insufficient public services of the desired standards. Arida Public School is no stranger to the predicament, with its building being damaged by floods and having not been able to secure necessary funding for its maintenance. The grant, delivered through Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Program (GGP), will allow the NGO to put back Arida Public School to a good condition, providing more than 200 students with a decent learning space.

At the signing ceremony, President Ms. Saba explained harsh conditions that residents and refugees face in Akkar, and appreciated the Japan's assistance. Ambassador Okubo expressed his hope that the Japan's grant would have positive impact on the most vulnerable segment of the local community.