

**Signing Ceremony for
“Project for Bridge Renovation in Kembata Tembaro Zone, SNNPR”**

On 27 December 2022, the contract signing ceremony for “Project for Bridge Renovation in Kembata Tembaro Zone, SNNPR” under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was held and H.E Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, and Mr. Abinet Wotro Wanore, Executive Director of Gogota Care, signed the contract, witnessed by H.E. Ms. Martha Luigi, State Minister of Defense for Finance Division.

Japan will donate up to USD 84,241, equivalent to approximately 4.4 million ETB, for this project. This project will support the reconstruction of two bridges connecting rural residential areas to commercial areas in Kembata Tembaro zone in SNNPR. The completion of these two bridges will not only prevent accidents of falling into the river, but also enable 3,000 children to go to school safely, farmers to bring their products to the market, and all people, including pregnant women, can have better access to health service, even during the rainy season.

At the signing ceremony, Ambassador Ito stated “Eight months ago, upon the request by State Minister Ms. Martha, I visited one of two bridges of this project with her and Gogota Care. There I learned that local people construct a bridge every year by their hands, but their wooden bridge was not strong enough for vehicles to pass, and that children couldn’t go to school when the river level rose up to the bridge during the rainy season, and eventually the water swept away the bridge. I am certain that the new bridges will help raise the standard of living for local people, thus they will live safely and comfortably”.



Signing of Grant Contracts



Group Photo