

## Launching ceremony of Agricultural Project (Crop and Livestock) through FAO

On 17 November 2023, Ambassador ITO Takako visited Afar Region and attended the launching ceremony of the vaccination campaign, which is one of the main activities in the project named “Emergency Livelihood Support for Conflict Affected Households in Amhara and Afar Regions of Ethiopia”.

FAO, with the financial contribution from the Japanese government, will distribute the appropriate inputs and basic tools for improved farming, train the farmers, and also provide vital vaccinations for livestock during this project for reviving livelihoods in the conflict affected area.

The conflict started in November 2020 had a lot of negative impacts on the people in Northern Ethiopia. In addition to losing the opportunity to harvest their crops, people in the conflict affected area have faced multiple shocks such as droughts and infectious diseases. Food insecurity has been so serious that the prevalence of stunting among the population in Afar region is 43 percent.

At the launching ceremony, Ambassador ITO stated that this project will be provided in a timely fashion in order to improve their crop and livestock farming, and help improve the livelihoods of as many people as possible, and bring much hope, many smiles and increased wealth to the people.

### [Photos]



Ambassador Ito listening to FAO staff



Livestock (goats and sheep) taken to the venue for the vaccination



Demonstration of the vaccination to livestock



Photo with the community representative and FAO staff