

## Japanese Grant Aid

### Groundbreaking for the Project for the Improvement of Social Infrastructure in Amhara and Tigray Regions (UNICEF Partnership)

On 6 June 2024 at Negash Primary School in Tigray Region, H.E. Mr. SHIBATA Hironori, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia, participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the project for the Improvement of Social Infrastructure in Amhara and Tigray Regions, in the presence of H.E. Mr. Getachew Reda, President of the Interim Regional Administration of Tigray Region, Dr. Aboubacar Kampo, Representative of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), and Mr. Shintaro Takano, Deputy Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The Government of Japan funded about 1 billion JPY (Approx. USD 8 million) for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the educational and WASH facilities in June 2023, which is being implemented by UNICEF in collaboration with JICA. Through this project, approx. 12,000 children can learn in a proper learning environment and approx. 48,000 people can access clean and secured water, which releases them from risks of water-borne diseases and the burden of fetching water over long distances.

During the ceremony, Ambassador SHIBATA Hironori expressed, “The Government of Japan is committed to supporting continuously the education sector in Ethiopia since it is our profound belief that education for children is crucial for the development and prosperous of any nation and community.”



Set the plaque by Ambassador and the President



Children at Negash Primary School



Classroom block looted during the conflict  
at Negash Primary School



Director of Regional Education Bureau explaining the status of  
classrooms and other damages to Ambassador

