

Signing Ceremony for “the Project for the Construction of Fruit and Vegetable Market for Women in Gode City, Shabelle Zone, Somali Regional State”

On 6th March 2026, a signing ceremony for “the Project for the Construction of Fruit and Vegetable Market for Women in Gode City, Shabelle Zone, Somali Regional State” under the Japanese Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) in the presence of H.E Mr. Shibata Hironori, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia together with Mr. Abdullahi Sultan Ali, Executive Director of Association Develop Horn (AD-Horn).

Japan provides grant assistance of up to \$60,946 (about 9.4 million ETB) to construct three market sheds, one toilet block, and one pedestrian gate and one vehicle gate for this project. This support will enable 100 women, currently forced to sell their products on the roadside under the blazing sun, to sell fruits and vegetables throughout the year protected under the sheds. Furthermore, approximately 20,000 nearby residents will gain access to safe and hygienic agricultural products year-round, contributing to improved livelihoods and enhanced access to safe food.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Shibata emphasized that for the peace and economic development of Somali Region and Ethiopia, it is crucial to supporting their infrastructure, education, water sanitation, and agriculture. The Ambassador expressed his hope that this cooperation will soon lead to a stable supply of fresh products in a hygienic environment, unshaken by weather conditions, for the benefit of female vendors and community members.



(From Left to right) Mr. Abdullahi Sultan Ali and Ambassador



Ambassador’s speech



Group Photo