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Japan and UNOPS join hands to support critical public facilities in Hama, Syria



Hybrid solar photovoltaic system installed at Kafat Primary Health Centre in Hama, Syria @unops 2024

Damascus - March 31, 2024 - Funded by the Government of Japan, UNOPS completed the assistance to strengthen critical public services through provision of renewable energy solutions.

Severe electricity shortage in the country has been negatively impacting the continuation of the provision of essential healthcare and education services in Syria.

In order to contribute to responding to the energy needs, UNOPS installed hybrid solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at 10 public schools and health facilities in rural areas of Hama Governorate which serve more than 57,000 people. The project also carried out minor rehabilitation works in the targeted facilities that were affected by the earthquake which hit Syria and Turkey in 2023.

“Education and health sectors are among the most important areas of assistance for the Japanese Government. We are pleased that this assistance has been implemented in Hama, which was officially designated as one of the areas affected by the earthquake, and that Japanese assistance has improved the living conditions of the people in need.” said Mr. Hirofumi Miyake, Special Coordinator for Syria and Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of Japan in Syria.

“UNOPS values its continued partnership with the Government of Japan. This intervention allowed us to respond to dire humanitarian needs exacerbated by the conflict and earthquake through improved access to critical facilities. The schools and the primary health centres are in a better position to ensure provision of essential services to the communities in Hama,” said Muhammad Usman Akram, Representative and Director of UNOPS Multi-Country Office in Amman.

The project contributes to achieving SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being, SDG 4: Quality Education and SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

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