

Japan's ODA: Rolling Plan for the Cook Islands

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<p>Basic Policy To achieve sustainable and environmental-friendly economic growth and improvements in living standards</p>												
<p>[Priority Area 1] Reduce Vulnerability</p>												
<p>Development Issue 1-1 Strengthening of Infrastructure for Economic Growth</p>	<p>[Background] The scale of major industries such as tourism and fisheries in the Cook Islands is small, thus many Cook Islanders tend to migrate to New Zealand or other countries for opportunities to study or employment. This causes serious problems with depopulation in the Cook Islands. Price levels are comparably high in proportion to the national income level because most consumer goods are imported. Power shortages are a serious problem among remote islands and power prices are high, and water shortages can be experienced in the dry-season. In the "National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) 2011-2015", the Government of the Cook Islands has set priority areas promoting tourism/agriculture and fisheries, improving infrastructure and the security of energy to support economic growth and achieve sustainability and a resilient environment.</p>			<p>[Japan's Assistance Policy] Japan will provide assistance for the major industry growth sectors and economic infrastructure. Development with a focus on utilising Japan's technical expertise and experience through training courses under Technical Cooperation. The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security projects scheme can be used for such assistance.</p>								
	Program Title	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	Note
					Before JFY 2014	JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017	JFY 2018	JFY 2019		
	Program for Improving Economic Infrastructure and Strengthening the Operation and Maintenance capacity	To implement technical Cooperation including training courses to improve economic infrastructure including the energy sector.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Energy Related Policy	TR	—	—						
	Program for Industrial Promotion	It is important to promote major industries including tourism and fisheries and re-promote agricultures to enhance the economic independence of the Cook Islands. Therefore, Japan will implement training courses to develop human resources in these sectors.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Tourism Industry	TR	—	—						
		The Project for the Development of irrigation system to promote sustainable taro plantation	GGP	—	—					0.10		
		The Cooperation Project for the Promotion of International Fisheries	TCP by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	—	—						Dispatch to FFA PIF	
<p>Development Issue 1-2 Improving Social Services</p>	<p>[Background] Nursing care for the elderly and the disabled are under developed in the Cook Islands due to a declining population. The recent increase of non-communicable diseases demonstrates that social services including the health and education sectors need to be further developed. The Government of the Cook Islands set priorities in its NSDP 2011-2015 to provide social welfare services to children, youths and people with disabilities and the elderly, and to make high quality and affordable health and medical services along with high quality education available to all Cook Islanders. The Government of the Cook Islands also prioritises Good Governance amongst its 8 priority areas of the NSDP.</p>			<p>[Japan's Assistance Policy] In regard to the areas of social-welfare and health, Japan plans to promote the prevention of disease by improving medical systems in rural areas and provide life-style education through Grassroots Human Security projects and training programmes with an eye on "International Health Policy 2011-2015". In the education sector, Japan supports science and mathematics through training courses and Grassroots Human Security projects. In the governance sector, Japan supports the relevant area through training courses.</p>								
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	Health/Medical Programme for Pacific Islands countries	To implement training courses to improve the health system and the provision of maternal and child/reproductive health.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Medical Health	TR	—	—						
Education Support Programmes for Remote Area and Island countries	To implement training courses for improved teaching methods for mathematics in primary and secondary education and for enhancing training management in vocational training management.	The Project for the Reconstruction of Apii Te Uki Ou Primary School	GGP	—	—					0.10		
		Training and Dialogue Programme on educational field	TR	—	—							

	Support Programme to Strengthen the Governance of Island Countries	To Implement training courses for Justice, Local Administration, Statistics, and Gender for Strengthening Governance	Training and Dialogue Programme on Governance	TR										
[Priority Area 2]	Environment/Climate Change													
Development Issue 2-1 Environmental Conservation	[Background] The environment of the Cook Islands can be easily impacted by economic development. Thus environmental conservation and countermeasures against climate change are very important for the Cook Islands. The Government of the Cook Islands set priorities in its NSDP 2011-2015 to strengthen environmental conservation measures including natural resources planning and biological diversity.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] Japan aims to disseminate through the Pacific region lessons learnt from "J-PRISM: The Solid Waste Management Project for the Pacific Region (2011-2016)" under Technical Cooperation. Japan also supports creating a recycling-based society through receiving trainees in the area of waste management. Japan further supports improving conservation measures in the Cook Islands through training courses related to conservation.										
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	Programme to Create a Recycling-Based Society for Island countries	To disseminate Japan's methodology on Solid Waste Disposal, Promotion of Recycling and Environmental education.	Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries	TCP									Regional	
Programme of Environmental Conservation	To implement training courses in areas such as the management of water resource conservation	Training and Dialogue Programme on Environmental Issues	TR											
		The Project for the Establishment of Water Tanks in Atiu Island	GGP								0.10			
Development Issue 2-2 Climate Change	[Background] Due to its geographic location, the Cook Islands is vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters such as cyclones and tsunamis. In light of this situation, appropriate actions against climate change and upgrading disaster-prevention systems have become urgent and vital. The Government of the Cook Islands intends to enhance disaster-prevention systems and responses to climate change including the introduction of early warning systems in the NSDP 2011-2015. It also aims to have all electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] In the area of renewable energy, Japan assists the Cook Islands in installing photo voltaic systems through the PEC (Pacific Environment Community) fund. Japan also supports improving disaster-prevention measures in the Cook Islands through implementing disaster-related training courses.										
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	Clean Energy Promotion Programme	To support installing photo voltaic systems in remote islands	Projects for Solar PV System in 4 outer islands in South	Multi								US\$ 4 Million	PEC Fund	
Disaster Prevention Programme	To implement training courses in areas such as emergency rescue skills	Training and Dialogue Programme on disaster prevention	TR											

Legend: [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [EQ] = Equipment, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [GA] = Grant Aid (other than specific grant aid schemes listed below), [GGP] = Grassroots Human Security Grant Aid, [Multi] = Scheme among multi lateral countries through an international organisation