# Japan’s ODA: Rolling Plan for the Independent State of Samoa

**As of April 2015**

**Basic Policy**
To achieve sustainable and environment-friendly economic growth and improvements in living standards

## Environment / Climate Change

### [Priority Area]

#### Environment Conservation

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**[Background]**
Solid waste management has become an obvious issue as life styles in Samoa have rapidly modernised. Waste reduction and its proper disposal has become an urgent issue. Samoa is required to take concrete actions for improving waste management in accordance with the Solid Waste Management Strategy for the Pacific Region (2010-2015) drawn up by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). Regarding water supply, untreated mountain stream sourced raw water is supplied in some areas, this results in serious problems such as decreased water quality due to muddy water during periods of heavy rainfall, the risk of waterborne infectious diseases and high rates of water leakage. The Strategy for the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2012-2016 prioritises access to a safe water supply and the required works of water-source management.

**[Japan’s Assistance Policy]**
Japan aims to disseminate to the whole Pacific region, lessons of waste management learnt from improvements of the "Tafaigata Landfill" (Utilising the semi-aerobic landfill model) and its succeeding Technical Cooperation Project called "the Solid Waste Management Project in the Pacific Region 2006-2010". Japan will also assist the promotion of a society with an environmentally-sound material cycle model through volunteers and training programs in areas such as the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and environmental education. Japan has provided technical assistance in waterworks management utilising the slow sand filtration method (Okinawa/Miyakojima Model) under Technical Cooperation Grassroots. From financial year 2014, Japan has been constructing water purification facilities (Grant Aid) adopting the slow sand filtration method and implementing the appropriate waterworks management (Technical Cooperation) through joint efforts with Okinawa prefecture.
### Development Issue 1-2: Climate Change

**Background:** Due to the major impact of natural disasters such as cyclones and fear of the threat of climate change, the Government of Samoa sets disaster risk reduction as a priority in the national strategy and established the National Adaptation Program and Disaster Management Act. Improvement of the meteorological observation systems and development of early warning systems are necessary as disaster prevention measures.

#### Program: Disaster Risk Management Program

**Project:** To support capacity building of weather forecasters and upgrading communities’ capability for disaster risk reduction and disaster countermeasures with a view to minimise the damage of natural hazards.

**Scheme:** JOCV/SV

**Program Summary:**
- Training and Dialogue Programme related to Climate Change
- Programme for Improving the Weather Forecasting System and Meteorological Warming Facilities for Samoa and Meteorological Applications to Other Sectors
- Adviser for Pacific Climate Change
- Preparatory Survey of the Pacific Climate Change Project

**Note:** US$4.0m

### Development Issue 2-1: Improvement of Health and Medical Services

**Background:** Although health indicators including the infant mortality rate show a relatively favourable situation in Samoa, there remains a need to strengthen the national immunisation system in order to maintain and improve the current situation in combating specific infectious diseases such as filariasis. Comprehensive human resource development in health and medicine is needed, in order to tackle various diseases and provide health education. In recent years lifestyle-related disease due to obesity has become serious issues.

#### Program: Islands Area Health and Medical Program

**Project:** To support the provision of quality health care. Japan implements regional projects such as the dispatch of volunteers and training programs. Japan also assists enhanced and improved medical services in central and rural hospitals.

**Scheme:** JOCV/SV

**Program Summary:**
- Dispatch of Volunteers concerning Medical, Health and Social Welfare
- Training and Dialogue Programme for Medical Health

**Note:** Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)

### Development Issue 2-2: Strengthening Education

**Background:** By prioritizing education in Government policy, Samoa’s primary education enrollment rate has remained over 95% for the past few years, which is very high as a developing country. However, basic educational achievement remains relatively low due to the standard of teachers and other factors. The ‘Strategy of the Development of Samoa (SDS) 2012-16’ identifies the development of education as an important agenda and the Government of Samoa, mainly the Ministry of Education, is prioritizing the improvement of the quality of education.

#### Program: Grant for The Poverty Reduction Efforts

**Project:** Grant for The Poverty Reduction Efforts

**Scheme:** GA

**Program Summary:**
- Grant for The Poverty Reduction Efforts

**Note:** Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)
### Program for Capacity Building of Economic Infrastructure Development and Improvement of Management and Maintenance

To overcome the vulnerability of infrastructure and contribute to rural development through improving the systematic improvement and sustainable maintenance of infrastructure.

#### Project
- Power Sector Expansion Project
- Dispatch of Volunteers for the Infrastructure Sector
- Preparatory Survey of the Project for Enhancement of Safety of Apia Port
- The Project for Enhancement of Safety of Apia Port
- Training and Dialogue Programme on the Infrastructure
- The Project to Strengthen the Capacity for Fire-Fighting Facility

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#### Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)

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### Program for Industrial Promotion

In the field of agriculture, fisheries and tourism, Japan supports the establishment of an administrative agency that is able to plan and stimulate the promotion of agriculture, fisheries and tourism through human resource development and training courses. In other areas, Japan promotes technical development and the development of useful resources for small-scale industry development in areas such as agriculture and fisheries, appropriate to market size.

#### Project
- The Project for the Sustainable Growth of Fragrant Plants for Poverty Reduction
- Dispatch of Volunteers for the Tourism Sector
- Training & Dialogue Programme on the Community Development and Agricultural Sector
- Projects to Promote Cooperation in the International Fisheries

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