

Fact Sheet by Japan on Assistance Measures to the Pacific Island Countries

This Fact Sheet is an illustrative list of assistance measures being considered by the Government of Japan and its affiliated agencies and is released on 26 May 2012. Measures enumerated in this sheet will be implemented in consultation with each Pacific Island Country (PIC) through such occasions as bilateral aid policy dialogues as well as with other partners and organisations including the PIF Secretariat, if necessary. The sheet is compiled and released solely on the responsibility of the Government of Japan, and is not a part of the Leaders' Declaration of PALM6. The structure of the Fact Sheet is based on the goals and objectives established in the PIF's Pacific Plan.

Purpose of Assistance	Implementing Bodies	Assistance Measures
1. Economic Growth		
Trade and Investment		
● Improve investment environment	GoJ (MOFA/ METI)/JICA/ Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the improvement of investment environment GoJ (MOFA/METI): Consultations with PICs at a working-level for the improvement of investment environment GoJ (METI)/JOGMEC : Support exploration of natural resources in PICs
● Enhance functions of the Pacific Islands Center (PIC)	GoJ (MOFA)/PIF/ PIC	GoJ (MOFA)/PIF Secretariat/PIC: Contribute to PICs' activities and seek to utilise external fund, etc.
● Promote products of Pacific island countries	GoJ (METI)/JETRO/PIC	GoJ(METI)/JETRO/PIC : Hold the Pacific Islands Festa
● Promote the cooperation between the public and private sectors or create business opportunities	GoJ(MOFA/MOF/METI)/JETRO/PIC	PIC: Dispatch trade and investment promotion mission JETRO: Promote products of Pacific Island countries by holding an exhibition JETRO: Co-host investment seminar with Pacific Island countries to create business opportunities GoJ(MOFA/MOF/METI): Promote cooperation between the public and private sectors for sustainable development, including effective use of ODA GOJ(MOFA)/PIF Secretariat: Provide opportunity of investment and business development in PICs.
Infrastructure Development		
● Increase energy supply	GoJ(MOFA/MOF)/JICA/Asian Development Bank (ADB)/	GoJ(MOFA)/JICA/ADB: Cooperation in the electric power sector for stable supply of energy GoJ(MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the improvement of maintenance and management capability of energy infrastructure
● Improve transport infrastructure	GoJ(MOFA/MLIT)/JICA/Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) GoJ(MLIT)	GoJ(MOFA)/JICA: (i) Financial cooperation on transport infrastructure, (ii) technical cooperation for the improvement of maintenance capability of infrastructure GoJ(MLIT)/OPRF: Invitation programs for maritime transport and ship-building sectors GOJ(MLIT)/JICA: JICA group training course on the total planning of airport construction management and maintenance
● Assistance in the area of ICT (Information Communication Technology)	GoJ(MIC)/Asia Pacific Telecommunity(APT)	GoJ(MIC)/ APT: Human resource development programs in the ICT field, pilot projects for eliminating digital divide and Pacific workshop with Japan's Extra Budgetary Contributions
Fisheries		
● Promote sustainable fisheries	GoJ(MOFA/MAFF)/JICA/ Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)	GoJ(MOFA)/JICA : Cooperation in aquaculture, sustainable fishing method, etc. GoJ(MAFF)/WCPFC : Improve management capability for tuna resources through WCPFC
● Assistance for improvement of fishery-related infrastructure	GoJ(MOFA)/JICA	GoJ(MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the improvement of fishery-related infrastructure
● Promote regional fisheries and capacity building	GoJ(MAFF)/OFCF(Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan)	GoJ(MAFF): Support holding training courses, dispatch experts and provision of equipments, etc. OFCF: Implement training courses, dispatch experts and provide equipments, etc.
Agriculture		

●Promote sustainable agriculture	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for sustainable development of agriculture
●Develop technology for conservation of ground water resources	JIRCAS(Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences)	JIRCAS : Implement research project on "Development of Environment-friendly Agricultural Production Technology in Islands"
● Prevent and control major transboundary animal diseases	GoJ(MAFF)/OIE(World Organisation for Animal Health)	GoJ (MAFF)/OIE: Support the SPC member countries to prevent and control major transboundary animal diseases through the OIE
●Support animal health activities in Asia and the Pacific	GoJ (MAFF)/OIE (World Organisation for Animal Health)	GoJ (MAFF)/OIE: Support OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific to collect, analyse and provide disease information as well as to hold meetings, workshops and training courses for technical support and advice.
Tourism		
●Support human resources development in the area of tourism	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA) / JICA: Human resources development through regional training programmes and dispatch of volunteers
●Promote Pacific island countries as tourism destination in Japan	PICs	PICs: Implement tourism promotion projects (Participation in travel fairs, development of publicity tools, etc.)
2. Sustainable Development		
Climate Change		
●Hold a policy dialogue on climate change with small island nations	GoJ(MOFA)	Hold a policy dialogue on climate change with experts of Pacific and Caribbean small island nations in Tokyo in July 2012.
●Enhance community resilience and cope with climate change and disasters	United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (GoJ (MOFA))	Implementing Organization; UNICEF, UNHABITAT, UNFPA Enhance community resilience and response mechanism to adverse effects of climate change such as frequent occurrence of natural disaster, with special focus on the vulnerable.
●Enhance capacity to deal with sea-level rise	GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/ JICA/ Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)	GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/JICA/JST: Support adaptation measures against sea-level rise
●Promote the Global Mapping Project	GoJ (MLIT/ GSI(Geospatial Information Authority of Japan))	GoJ (MLIT/GSI): Provide technical support for the development and utilization of Global Map.
●Build climate resilience in the Asia-Pacific Region	Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network(APAN)/GoJ(MOE)/ADB/UNEP/ROAP/AIT	APAN/GoJ/(MOE)/ADB/UNEP/ROAP/AIT: Cooperate to improve regional capacity and knowledge sharing of climate change adaptation
Renewable energy		
●Promote the introduction of renewable energy	GoJ (MOFA/METI)/JICA/ PIF Secretariat/ Japan Electric Power Information Center (JEPIC)	GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF Secretariat: Provide solar power generation for PICs through Japan's contribution GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Assistance for introduction of renewable energy in relation to environment and climate change GoJ(METI)/ JEPIC: Provide opportunities for technical cooperation on renewable energy including solar power

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support transition to low carbon economies through development and deployment of renewable energy (RE) resources and promotion of greater energy efficiency (EE) 	GoJ (MOF) /WB / UNDP/ Alliance of Small Island States(AOSIS)	GoJ (MOF): Make financial contribution to the Trust Fund established by the WB WB: Invest RE and EE projects in SIDS by utilizing the Trust Fund based on the coordination with AOSIS, GOJ, UNDP and other donors.
Water and sanitation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Build water supply and sewage systems and capacity building for management and maintenance of these infrastructures 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA/ PIF Secretariat	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA: Comprehensive cooperation for the improvement of access to water resources by using the knowledge of Okinawa GoJ (MOFA)/ PIF Secretariat: Provide sea water desalination plants through Japan's contribution to the PICs
Waste management		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support PICs' efforts to implement the regional master plan for waste management in the Pacific ● Promote effective utilization of resources through "3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)" initiatives and development of various physical distribution business 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the implementation of the regional master plan for waste management in the Pacific (Improvement of landfill system through the "Fukuoka Method", promotion of 3Rs initiatives, etc.) GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for development of various physical distribution business in cooperation with private sectors and NGOs
Environmental conservation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support sustainable use of forestry resources 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Cooperation for forest conservation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support research on forest tree breeding 	Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute(FFPRI)- Forest Tree Breeding Center/JICA	FFPRI-Forest Tree Breeding Center/JICA: Support research on forest tree breeding in collaboration with Secretariat of Pacific Community
Health		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Support improvement of healthcare infrastructure and human resource development of healthcare workers for the enhancement of health system in the Pacific region ● Assist the improvement of access to health service 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the training of regional nursery leaders GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Cooperation for the improvement of hospitals, clinics, etc. GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the enhancement of health systems including non-communicable diseases prevention and control
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enhance measures for infectious diseases in the Pacific region, including PacELF (the Pacific Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis) 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Cooperation for the promotion of vaccination, malaria control, eradication of filaria
Education		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capacity building of teachers and support the creation of educational opportunities in isolated islands and rural areas 	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA GoJ (MOF)/ADB	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for distance learning program at University of the South Pacific (USP) GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the improvement of educational infrastructure GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for elementary and secondary education focused on science and mathematics GoJ(MOF)/ADB: Assistance for education sector through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction(JFPR)
Community Development		

● "Tensions" reduction, reconciliation and rehabilitation	United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (GoJ (MOFA))	GoJ(MOFA)/UNDP/UNICEF/ILO: Empower local government; improve livelihood of ex-combatants, community reintegration, water and sanitation, vocational training
Culture		
● Safeguard intangible cultural heritage	GoJ (MOFA/MEXT)/ UNESCO	GoJ (MOFA) : Assistance through UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (workshops, intangible cultural heritage preservation projects, etc.) GoJ (MEXT) : Research for the protection of intangible cultural heritage, etc.
● Preserve of cultural heritage	GoJ (MOFA)/ UNESCO	GoJ (MOFA) : Assistance through UNESCO/Japan Funds-in-Trust for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (workshops, assistance of preservation of cultural heritage, etc.)
3. Good Governance		
● Support enhancement of policy-making capacities	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA GoJ(MOF)/ ADB	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Dispatch advisors for strengthening policy-making capacities GoJ(MOF)/ADB: Assistance for capacity building for statistics through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction(JFPR)
● Assistance for strengthening institutions and administrative capacities	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/ JICA : Support for strengthening institutions and administrative capacities
● Assistance for the improvement of governance and elimination of corruption	GoJ (MOF)/ADB	GoJ(MOF)/ ADB: Support the implementation of Pacific Regional Audit Initiative (PRAI) through the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR)
● Facilitate cross-border procedures	GoJ (MOF)	GoJ (MOF) : Technical cooperation in the area of customs (Dispatch of experts, training, etc.)
4. Security		
Improve natural disaster prevention capability		
● Improve disaster risk management capabilities	GoJ (MOFA/MLIT)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for capacity building in community-level GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for the improvement of the regional network of comprehensive disaster forecasting and warning systems GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for earthquake observation GoJ (MOFA)/JICA: Cooperation for capacity development on regional meteorology, seismic and tsunami observation GoJ (MLIT): Provision of Tsunami related information through Northwest Pacific Tsunami Advisory Center (NWPTAC)
● Provide meteorological information by geostationary meteorological satellite	GoJ (MLIT)	GoJ(MLIT):Provide meteorological information by geostationary meteorological satellite "MTSAT"
● Use satellite technologies to enhance measures for natural disaster management	GoJ (MIC/MEXT)/ Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)	GoJ (MIC/MEXT)/ JAXA: Provide disaster management support through the Sentinel Asia project. Its implementation is led by Japan following the proposal and enables to share disaster-related information, including satellite images, as well as through the use of satellites such as the Wideband Internet Networkig engineering test and Demonstration Satellite (WINDS), or "KIZUNA" including outside the project
● Emergency assistance	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA	GoJ (MOFA)/JICA:Provide emergency assistance to PICs, where appropriate, in case of natural disasters, and coordinate with neighbouring countries (Australia, New Zealand, etc.) if necessary.
● Pacific Natural Catastrophe Risk Insurance	GoJ(MOF)/ World Bank	GoJ(MOF)/ World Bank: Create a new insurance mechanism which enables the disaster-affected country to receive quick liquidity support through index-based payment scheme. Launch pilot project for Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Mechanism

● Monitor crustal movement in the Asia-Pacific region	GoJ (MLIT/ GSI(Geospatial Information Authority of Japan))	GoJ (MLIT/GSI(Geospatial Information Authority of Japan)) : Establish and operate observation networks of Global Navigation Satellite System in the Asia-Pacific region in cooperation with PICs. Monitor crustal movements and clarify seismogenic mechanism in order to contribute disaster prevention.
● Capacity building for military forces or relevant organisations	GoJ (MOD)	GoJ (MOD): Capacity building for military forces or relevant organisations in the area of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (Dispatching specialists, accepting trainees, etc.)
● Support human resources development in the area of maritime safety	GoJ (MLIT)/JICA	GoJ(MLIT)/JICA: Provide training courses for the improvement of maritime safety
5. People to People Exchanges		
● Increase youth exchanges	GoJ (Cabinet Office /MOFA/ MEXT)/JICA	GoJ (Cabinet Office/ MOFA / MEXT)/ JICA :Multi-layered exchanges, with a particular focus on young generation, including overseas students, pupils and youth exchange, invitation programs, etc. (ex. "World Youth Ship Program," Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV), 30th Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Jamboree(16th Nippon Jamboree)(2013), the 23rd World Scout Jamboree(2015), the Children Exchange Programme with Micronesian Islands)
● Creation of a new exchange scheme and expansion of existing schemes	GoJ (Cabinet Office/MIC/ MOFA/ MEXT)Local Government/The University of South Pacific (USP)	GoJ (MOFA)/The University of South Pacific (USP): Implement a new youth exchange program between Japan and PICs (over 300 people). GoJ (Cabinet Office): Explore new participating countries and calling ports for the “Ship for World Youth Program” in the Pacific region. Conduct programs focusing on Pacific island countries. GoJ (MIC/MOFA/MEXT)/Local Governments: Implementation of JET Programme, in which Local Governments invite youth from PICs for promoting international exchange and supporting foreign language teaching
● Promote defence cooperation with Japan	GoJ(MOD)	GoJ(MOD): JMOD Opinion Leader Programme: provide opportunity to personnel of the Asia-Pacific countries to deepen their understanding of the defence policies and activities of Japan through programmes including visit to high-ranking officials of JMOD and to JSDF bases.

Notes:

JICA: Japan International Cooperation Agency
MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery
METI: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
MIC: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications
MLIT: Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
MOE: Ministry of Environment
MOF: Ministry of Finance
MOFA: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOD: Ministry of Defense
PIC: Pacific Islands Center