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## **Japan Hands Over Upgraded Water Supply System to Vuiyakana Village and Kavika Settlement**

The Government of Japan provided FJ\$103,211 for water supply system to Vuiyakana village and Kavika settlement in partnership with Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme. Dr. Takaaki Nagasaka, First Secretary & Medical Attache, Embassy of Japan, will hand over the water supply system to **Kavika settlement at 9:00 am and Vuiyakana Village at 11:00 am, on Thursday, 21 November 2019.**

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### **Details for the Project for r Water Supply to Vuiyakana Village and Kavika Settlement**

#### **1. Basis for Implementing the Project**

Vuiyakana Village had two existing water systems that one was equipped 20 years ago and another was a borewell dug by the Fijian government 7 years ago. Vuiyakana village and Kavika settlement have experienced extended periods of dry spell resulting in low water levels which affected water quality. In order to deal with the water issue in the village, this project provided 800 meters pipeline and a 10,000L water tanks. The new water system is now ensuring regular water supply to meet the needs of 76 people from 12 households residing in Vuiyakana Village and to improve sanitation brought by the accessibility to clean water.

Kavika settlement had only a borewell as water supply system which was dug by the inhabitants over 30 years ago. The settlement is totally relying on the borewell for their daily water needs. This project developed the needed reservoir, and also provided two 10,000L water tanks, 3,900 water pipelines to connect to the village and a new borewell with a water pump. 100 people from 20 households residing in Kavika settlement are now benefiting from regular water supply for their daily consumption, also from improved sanitation brought about by improved access to clean water.

The Embassy of Japan provided support to Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme for the upgrading, installation and construction of water supply system.

#### **2. Basic Information**

- (a) Donor: Embassy of Japan in Fiji
- (b) Recipient: Rotary Pacific Water for Life Foundation
- (c) Total Value of the Funding Assistance: FJ\$103,211(US\$54,067)

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people and the community from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Fiji has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries since 1990. To date, 374 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amounts to an approximate value exceeding USD 25 million.

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