

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Japan Formalizes Grant for Provision of Medical Equipment to Fiji**

The Government of Japan will provide assistance worth 500 million Japanese Yen (approximately FJ\$10 million) to the Government of the Republic of Fiji through its Economic Social Development Programme (ESDP). The funding assistance will enable the procurement of equipment to support the efficient delivery of health and medical services in Fiji.

Hon. Dr. Ifereimi Waqainabete, Minister for Health and Medical Services, and H.E. Mr. Masahiro Omura, Ambassador of Japan, will formalise Japan's assistance to Fiji at Signing and Exchange of Notes Ceremony hosted by the **Ministry of Health and Medical Services, at Main Conference Room, at 11:00 AM, on Monday, 29 June 2020.**

We welcome your attendance at the ceremony, and for further queries please contact Mr. Peni Saurara on email address: [peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:peni.saurara@fj.mofa.go.jp) or [eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp](mailto:eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) and telephone number: (+679) 3304633.

### **Details of the Project for Procurement of Medical Equipment**

- 1) The Government of the Republic Fiji will receive 500 Million Japanese Yen (App FJ\$10M) for the procurement various medical equipment to support health and medical service delivery. Fiji reported its first COVID-19 case on 19 March 2020 and since then Fiji has been working progressively to prevent the spread of this virus. Apart from dealing the pandemic, Fiji has suffered severe damage by tropical cyclone Harold and that has exacerbated other health challenges such as leptospirosis, dengue fever, diarrhoea and typhoid (LDDT) in communities. The proactive measures taken by the Fiji Government has resulted in Fiji being declared COVID-19 free.
- 2) The grant will enable the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to procure necessary medical equipment and accessories. The procurement will be assisted by Japan International Cooperation Systems (JICS). This grant assistance supports Fiji's National Development Plan 2017-2036, which focuses on providing quality and affordable health care to the people of Fiji.
- 3) The Government of Japan has supported to the Ministry of Health through assistances such as the dispatch of experts and volunteers in the areas like non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and total quality management (5S Kaizen), and the implementation of infrastructure projects like the construction of Fiji School of Nursing (1984-1985, US\$8.2M), the redevelopment of Fiji School of Medicine and CWM Hospital (1991-1992, US\$16.2M), the construction of a pediatric unit at CWM Hospital (1998, US\$10.7M) and the construction of the Fiji Pharmaceutical Service Center (2001-2003, US\$8.8M).

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4) ESDP In Fiji

This project is the fifth project to be implemented under this scheme. The total funding allocated, including this project amounts to 2.3B JPY approximately FJ\$40.12M

Year	Amount	Recipient	Items
2016 (Handed Over)	300m JPY (FJ\$5.8M)	Ministry of Rural Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Office	Machineries including boats with engine
2017 (Handed Over)	100m JPY FJ\$1.82M	Office of Prime Minister	Machineries including excavators, tractors and Chainsaws
2018 (ongoing)	300m JPY FJ\$5.5M	Fiji Police Force	Maritime Safety and Security Equipment
2019 (ongoing)	848 JPY FJ\$17M	Office of Prime Minister	1) Tsunami Early Warning Systems 2) Dredger 3) Ice Plant
2020	500 JPY FJ\$10M	Ministry of Health	Medical Equipment

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