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## **Japan Provides Assistance to the Water Authority of Fiji**

The Government of Japan will provide funding worth FJ \$154,510 FJD (US \$77,799) to the Water Authority of Fiji as part of the Government of Japan's on-going support towards Fiji's Development Plan under inclusive socio-economic development. The project will be implemented through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme.

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Fiji, signed the Grant Contract with Mr. Seru Soderberg, the Chief Operating Officer for Water Authority of Fiji, to formalize Japan's assistance, at the Embassy of Japan today.

Ambassador KAWAKAMI says "Navunivesi Settlement residents and Malabi villagers have not had a regular supply of clean water for years. I am pleased that we will be alleviating such struggles of the 300 people who populate Navunivesi and Malabi communities. Japan's commitment to this project is very much aligned to the vision of the Water Authority of Fiji, which is "Clean Water and Sanitation for a Better Life", and it will certainly improve the living standards of the communities. This project is also in line with the Fijian Government's 5 year and 20 year National Development Plans, and Sustainable Development Goals of SDG 3- Good Health and Wellbeing and SDG 6- Clean water and Sanitation". He also says "I believe that this project will further strengthen the friendship between the Governments and peoples of Japan and Fiji."

Mr. Seru Soderberg states that the people of Navunivesi Settlement and Malabi Village will forever be grateful for this assistance. He also mentions that this assistance, will allow the Water Authority of Fiji as a service provider, an additional avenue to providing safe drinking water to Fiji's rural communities and help bring Fiji a step closer to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6.1.

He also adds that with this assistance, being the first of its kind between the Water Authority of Fiji and the Government of Japan, and the Water Authority of Fiji looks forward to further strengthening this relationship in the future.

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## Details for the Project

### Basic information

- (1) **Project title:** The Project for Water Supply to Navunivesi Settlement and Malabi Village
- (2) **Recipient:** Water Authority of Fiji
- (3) **Grant amount:** FJ \$154,510 FJD (US \$77,799)
- (4) **Purpose:** Provision of Water Supply to Navunivesi Settlement and Malabi Village

### Project outline

This project will improve the water supply system and sanitation/hygiene environment for Navunivesi Settlement and Malabi Village through the installation of the necessary systems, thus ensuring access to constant water and improving its sanitation system.

Since 1990, the Embassy of Japan in Fiji has widely implemented GGP projects in areas such as education, water supply, health, transportation, IT, agriculture and fisheries. To date, the Embassy has formalized 415 projects, which amount to an approximate value of USD \$31 million.

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