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Japan Hands Over Water Distribution Truck to Nanumea Kaupule, Tuvalu

The Government of Japan provided funding worth AU\$ 130,722 to Nanumea Kaupule, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme for a new Water Distribution Truck. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to Tuvalu, will hand over the truck to HE. Ms. APINELU Eselealofa The High Commissioner Designate of Tuvalu to Fiji, **at 12:30pm on 30 August 2022.**

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Details for The Project for Provision of Water Distribution Truck for Nanumea Island, Tuvalu

1. Basis for Implementing the Project

Nanumea island is the furthest atoll from Funafuti and located in the north-west region of Tuvalu, and has been experiencing several droughts in the past few decades. During the drought, most households suffer from shortage of water for their daily use. Part of the Nanumea Kaupule's responsibility, was to distribute clean water to households through an old agricultural tractor with a small water plastic tank and a portable water pump. This method was slow and it usually takes lot of effort and time. In order for the Kaupule to improve its current water supply service, the Kaupule mapped out a plan to purchase a 3,500 litres water distribution truck.

Recognising the hardships faced by the people of Nanumea, Japan decided to provide a 3,500 litres water distribution truck. This project will assist the Kaupule in its timely provision of clean water for households in Nanumea during severe water shortages and increase resilience of the communities to natural disasters.

The new Water Distribution Truck will provide immediate assistance to the Nanumea Kaupule in distributing clean water to one hundred and twenty four (124) households during extreme drought periods.

2. Basic Information

- (a) Donor: Government of Japan
- (b) Recipient: Nanumea Kaupule
- (c) Total funding: AU\$130,722 (US\$111,948)

The GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese ODA implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Tuvalu has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, health and transportation since 1992. To date, 49 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amount to an approximate value of US\$ 3.4 million.

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