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## **Japan Formalises Grant Aid for the Procurement of Medical Containers for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services**

The Government of Japan will provide funding to the Government of Fiji to support the procurement of medical containers for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, valued at 150 million Japanese Yen (App. FJ\$2.5m) under its 'Economic Social Development Programme' (ESDP).

H.E. Mr. KAWAKAMI Fumihiro, Ambassador of Japan to Fiji and Dr. James Fong, Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Health and Medical services, will formalize Japan's assistance to the Government of Fiji at an Exchange of Notes signing ceremony hosted by the Government of Fiji, at **10:00am, on Monday, 21 August 2023**, at the Ministry of Health and Medical Services conference room. 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 "Economic Social Development Programme"**

1. Purpose: Procurement of Medical Containers
2. Ministry: Ministry of Health and Medical Services
3. The Government of Japan will be providing two (2) fully equipped medical containers, the first of their kind for Fiji. The purpose of the containers are to cater to family health and maternal child health care. Being mobile, they can also be used as medical centres in disaster-affected or under-populated areas. With built-in negative pressure equipment to prevent the spread of infections, these containers are designed to reduce the risk of infection to healthcare workers to the greatest extent possible.
4. The Government of Japan has supported to the Ministry of Health in various areas such as the dispatch of experts and volunteers in the areas of 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 paediatric unit at CWM Hospital (1998, US\$10.7M) and the construction of the Fiji Pharmaceutical Service Centre (2001-2003, US\$8.8M). The Government of Japan also provides assistance through multilateral partners such as UNICEF and WHO through the provision of cold chain equipment for COVID-19 vaccines
5. **ESDP In Fiji**  
This project is the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) project to be implemented under this scheme. The total funding allocated, including this project amounts to 2.5B JPY approximately FJ\$48.52M

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Year	Amount	Recipient	Items
2016 (Handed Over)	300m JPY (FJ\$5.8M)	Ministry of Rural Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Office	Heavy Machineries including boats with engine
2017 (Handed Over)	100m JPY FJ\$1.82M	Office of Prime Minister	Machineries including excavators, tractors and Chainsaws
2018 (Handed Over)	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 <b>(Will be handed over later this month)</b>
2020 (Ongoing)	500 JPY FJ\$10M	Ministry of Health	Medical Equipment <b>(Most equipment have been handed over)</b>
2021 (Ongoing)	300 JPY (App. FJ\$6M)	Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Waterways	Procurement of heavy equipment
2022	150 JPY (App. FJ\$2.4M)	Ministry of Health and Medical Services	Procurement of two Medical Container

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