

## Japan's ODA: Rolling Plan for the Cook Islands

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Basic Policy To achieve sustainable and environmental-friendly economic growth and improvements in living standards												
[Priority Area 1] Reduce Vulnerability												
Development Issue 1-1 Strengthening of Infrastructure for Economic Growth	[Background] The scale of the major industries such as tourism or fisheries in the Cook Islands is small, thus many Cook Islanders tend to migrate to New Zealand or other countries for opportunities to study or employment. This causes serious problems with depopulation in the Cook Islands. Price levels are comparably high because most consumable goods are imported. Power shortages are serious problems among remote islands and power prices are high. Water shortages can be experienced in the dry-season. In the "National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) 2011-2015", the Government of the Cook Islands set priority areas in promoting tourism/agriculture and fisheries, improving infrastrucure and security of energy to support economic growth and achieved sustainability and resilience in environment.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] Japan will provide assistance to the major industry growth sectors and to economic infrustructure development with a focus on utilising Japan's technical expertise and experience through trainig courses under Technocal Cooperation. The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security projects scheme can be used for such purposes of assistance.								
	Program Title	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	Note
					Before JFY 2012	JFY 2013	JFY 2014	JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017		
	Program for Improving Economic Infrastructure and Strengthening the Operation and Maintenance capacity	to implement technical Cooperation including training courses to improve economic infrastructure including the energy sector.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Energy Related Policy (3)	TR								
	Program for Industrial Promotion	It is important to promote major industries including tourism and fisheries to enhance the economic independence of the Cook Islands. Therefore, Japan will implement training courses to develop human resources in the tourism and fisheries sectors.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Tourism Related Industry (2)	TR								
		The Project for the Improvement of the Mangaia Fishing Association Facility	GGP							0.10		
Development Issue 1-2 Improving Social Services	[Background] The nursing care for the elderly and the disabled are under developed in the Cook Islands. The recent increase of non-communicable diseases demonstrate that social services including the health and also education sectors can be further developed. The Government of the Cook Islands set priorities in its NSDP 2011-2015 providing social welfare services to children, youths and people with disabilities and the elderly, and high quality and affordable health and medical services along with high quality education to all the Cook Islanders.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] In regard to the areas of social-welfare and health, Japan plans to promote the prevention of disease by improving medical systems in rural areas and provide life-style education through Grassroots Human Security projects and training programmes. In the education sector, Japan also supports science and mathematics through training courses and Grassroots Human Security projects.								
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	Health Medical Programme for Pacific Islands countries	To support upgrading facilities for improved social welfare services. To support enhancing the immunisation against specified infectious diseased including filariasis in order to maintain and improce the current standard. To implement traing courses to improve the health system and provision of maternal and child/reproductive health.	Project for the Improvement of the Medical Equipment in the Outer Islands and other social welfare facility (2)	GGP							0.20	
			Provision of specific medical equipment for Pacific Program to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis	EQ							0.01	
		Training and Dialogue Programme on Medical Health (7)	TR									
	Education Support Programmes for Remote Area and Island countries	To implement training courses for improved teaching methods for mathematics in primary and secondary education and for enhancing training management in vocational training management.	Training and Dialogue Programme on Education and Training and Dialogue Programme for Young Leaders	TR								
[Priority Area 2] Environment/Climate Change												

Development Issue 2-1 Environmental Conservation	[Background] The environment in the Cook Islands can be easily impacted by economic development. Thus environmental conservation and countermeasures against climate change are very important for the Cook Islands. The Government of the Cook Islands set priorities in its NSDP 2011-2015 to strengthen environmental conservation measures including natural resources and biological diversity.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] Japan aims to disseminate through the Pacific region lessons learnt from "The Solid Waste Management Project for the Pacific Region" implemented during 2006-2010 under Technical Cooperation. Japan also supports creating a recycling-based society through receiving trainees in the area of waste management. Japan further supports improving conservation measures in the Cook Islands through training courses related to conservation.								
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	Programme to Create a Recycling-Based Society for Island countries	To disseminate Japan's methodology on Solid Waste Disposal, Promotion of Recycling and Environmental education.	Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries (J-PRISM)	TCP								Regional
Programme of Environmental Conservation	To implement training courses in the areas such as management of water resource conservation	Training and Dialogue Programme on Environmental Issues (5)	TR									
Development Issue 2-2 Climate Change	[Background] Due to its geographic location, the Cook Islands is vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters such as cyclones or tsunami. In light of this situation, appropriate actions against climate change and upgrading disaster-prevention systems have become urgent and vital tasks. The Government of the Cook Islands set forth to enhance disaster-prevention systems and responses to climate change including the introduction of early warning systems in the NSDP 2011-2015. It also aims to have all electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020.			[Japan's Assistance Policy] In the area of renewable energy, Japan assists the Cook Islands in installing photo voltaic system through the PEC (Pacific Environment Community) fund as pledged at PALM 5 in 2009. Japan also supports improving disaster-prevention measures in the Cook Islands through implementing disaster-related training courses.								
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	Clean Energy Promotion Programme	To install photo voltaic systems in remote islands to support the goal of the Government of the Cook Islands to have all electricity from renewable energy sources by 2020	Rakahanga Solar PV Mini-Grid System	GA							US\$1.03 Million	PEC Fund
Disaster Prevention Programme	To implement training courses in the areas such as emergency rescue skills	Training and Dialogue Programme on disaster prevention (4)	TR									

Legend: [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [EQ] = Equipment, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [GA] = Grant Aid (other than specific grant aid schemes listed below), [GGP] = Grassroots Human Security Grant Aid