

# Embassy of Japan

## Tonga

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### Japan formalize Assistance to four Grassroots Human Security

#### Projects in Tonga

The Grant Contract formalizing the Government of Japan assistance for four Grassroots Human Security Projects in the Kingdom of Tonga were signed between H.E Mr. Yukio Numata, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan in Tonga, and representatives of respective recipient committees on Thursday, 8 December 2016 at the Conference Room of the Ministry of Finance and National Planning.

Present at the ceremony in supporting their constituencies were Hon. Penisimani Fifita, Minister for Internal Affairs, Hon. Semisi Fakahau, Minister for Agriculture, Food, Forestry and Fisheries and Hon. Semisi Sika, Minister for Infrastructure and Tourism, along with Mrs. Natalia Palu Latu, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Rev. Feke Mafi and representatives from benefiting communities.

H.E Mr. Yukio Numata in his key note address reiterated that Japan's Grassroots Human Security Projects, commonly known as GGP, strives to reduce the socio-economic constraints that causes much vulnerability for people in Tonga. "We are happy to take another step towards reducing Human insecurities caused by the lack of water or the lack of educational facilities because we completely understand that water and education are critical for sustainable socio-economic development," stated the Ambassador.

Communities and Schools in Tonga benefited from Japan's GGP projects since 1990 with Tonga's Ministry of Finance and National Planning as the implementing agent. The grant contract formalized today reassured upgrade into the village water supply system for Ha'asini and Hamula village, Folaha village, Tatakamotonga Village, and construction of a new classroom building for the Government Primary School of Havelu/Tofoa. Kindly refer to the attachment for details of projects.

The vote of thanks partially in Japanese language by Mr. Siaso Schaaf from Ha'asini and Hamula village, expressed the community and committee's gratitude for the Government of Japan's kindness and assistance.

The assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and Government of Tonga to ensure Human Security and continue to enrich the existing warm and close relations between the people and the Government of Japan and the people of the Kingdom of Tonga.

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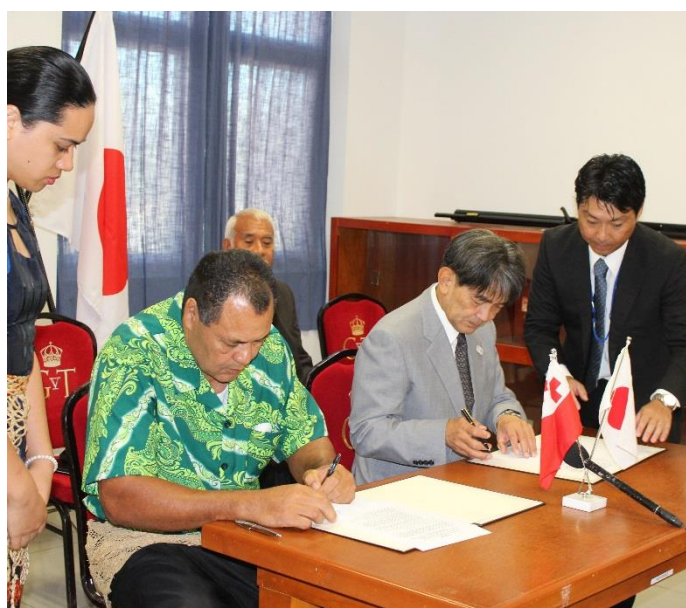
**Project Fact Sheet**  
**Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)**

1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System for Ha’asini Village and Hamula Village
Recipient	Ha’asini Village and Hamula Village water supply committee
Grant Amount	USD\$81,432.00
Project Outline	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PVC Pipes</li> <li>- 1x Tank Stand (14m)</li> <li>- 1x Water Tank (5,000gal)</li> <li>- Audit</li> </ul>	

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H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with Hon. Penisimani Fifita and the Village Water Committee of Ha’asini and Hamula Village formalized Japan’s assistance on Thursday, 8 December 2016.



Grant Contract Signing for the Project for Upgrading of the Water Supply System for Ha’asini and Hamula village.

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2) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading of Water Supply System for Folaha Village
Recipient	Folaha Village Water Committee
Grant Amount	USD\$81,388.00
<b>Project Outline</b> - 1x Solar Water Pump Unit - 1x Tank Stand (30ft) - 1x Water Tank (5,000gal) - Fence - Pipes - Audit	

Photos;



Mr. Sione Na'a, signing the Grant Contract for Folaha Village



3) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Government Primary School of Havelu/Tofoa
Recipient	GPS Havelu/Tofoa PTA
Grant Amount	USD\$82,660.00
Project Outline	
- New Classroom Building (3 rooms)	

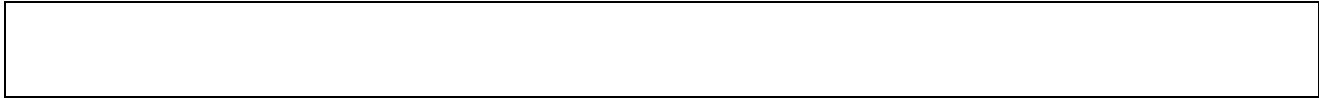
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Mrs. Ngaluafe 'Akauola formalized Japan's assistance for the GPS Havelu/Tofoa.



Hon. Semisi Sika supporting signing contract for GPS Havelu/Tofoa.



4) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System for Tatakamotonga Village
Recipient	Tatakamotonga Village Water Committee
Grant Amount	USD\$81,827.00

**Project Outline**

- 1x Solar Water Pump Unit
- 2x Tank Stand (6m)
- 1x Tank Stand (9m)
- 2 x Water Tank (5,000gal)
- Fence
- Pipes

Photos;



Mr. Tevita Fakatou signed for Tatakamotonga village water upgrade project.



H.E Mr. Yukio Numata with Hon. Penisimani Fifita and Tatakamotonga Water Committee.

Event Photos;



H.E Mr. Yukio Mumata's keynote address.



Grant Contract Signing Ceremony, Thursday 8 December 2016.