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Japan GGP Handover of the Upgraded Water Supply System for Ha'asini and Hamula Village

The Government of Japan and the Ha'asini and Hamula Village Water Committee celebrated the completion of their Upgraded Water Supply System funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Projects, known as the GGP, on Wednesday 30 January 2019.

Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada, Acting Ambassador of Japan congratulated the completion of the project at a brief commissioning ceremony and reiterated that "water is a basic need and crucial to everyone." He emphasized to the people of Ha'asini and Hamula village, to unite as one in maintaining the new water supply for the health of the community in many years to come.

Mr. Sione Ta'u Nisa, Representative of the Ha'asini and Hamula Water Committee thanked the people and Government of Japan for their support, committing the community to have access to water 24 hours. This project was formalized in August 2017, with a grant amount of USD\$81,432 to fund the replacement of the main pipes, the installation of a 14 meter tank stand, and installation of a 5,000 gallon water tank.

Japan's GGP was introduced in 1990 to respond directly to the basic human needs at the grass-roots level. The assistance epitomized Japan's commitment to support efforts by the people and the 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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Attachment: Project Factsheet & Photos

Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GGP)

Project Fact Sheet

1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Ha'asini Village and Hamula Village
Recipient	Ha'asini Village and Hamula Village Water Committee
Grant Amount	USD\$81,432
Project Outline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Main Pipes (replaced to PVC)- 1x Tank Stand- 1x Water Tank- Audit

Photos;



Mr. Yasuhiko Kamada, Acting Ambassador of Japan to Tonga commissioned the Upgraded Water Supply System for Ha'asini and Hamula village, funded through Japan's GGP on Wednesday 30 January 2019.



An additional tank stand (14m) with 5000 gallon water tank installed under Japan's GGP for Ha'asini and Hamula village.



People of Ha'asini and Hamula grateful for Japan's GGP assistance.