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### **Japan's GGP handover for Nukunuku Upgraded Water Supply System**

The Embassy of Japan and the people of Nukunuku village celebrated the completion of an upgraded water supply system funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Human Security Project, or GGP, on Thursday, 8 April 2021.

His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Tonga handed over the upgraded facility to the water committee of Nukunuku Village in the presence of Lord Tu'ivakano, estate holder. Hon. Losaline Ma'asi, People's Representative for Tongatapu Constituency 5 attended the ceremony along with a representative from the Ministry of Finance, District Officer, Town Officers and the people of Nukunuku.

The upgraded water supply system aims to improve access to stable and clean water at all times for the growing settlement, which is extending into the western side of Nukunuku. His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA believes that the people of Nukunuku will no longer suffer from water shortages, and will enjoy a stable supply of water which is an essential element to sustain and maintain a healthy life.

He said "GGP is a small, but significant grant scheme to meet various basic needs at the Grass-roots level, and very similar to Tonga's proverb "*Sii 'a ma'anga ika maka.*" "I hope that our GGP will keep playing a great role in constructing stronger and more resilient societies in the Kingdom" added Ambassador MUNENAGA.

Lord Tu'ivakano was thankful for Japan's assistance and said, "it is not only helping Nukunuku community, but Tonga nationally."

The Nukunuku Water Supply Committee sought for Japan's GGP assistance in 2020, prioritizing distribution of stable and clean water to its growing population. Under the assistance a new water pump was installed at the eastern water system facility, and a new water tank and tank stand installed at the villages' new western water supply facility to benefit the 2,150 population of Nukunuku village.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Nukunuku Village
Recipient	Nukunuku Water Supply Committee
Grant Amount	USD 90, 121

Project Outline:  
1x Electric Water Pump System  
1x Diesel Engine for Water Pump System  
1x Water Tank (27,000l)  
1x Tank Stand (9m height)  
Labour n Audit

Photo;



H.E. Mr. and Mrs. MUNENAGA with Lord Tu'ivakano and guests at the handover of Water Supply System for Nukunuku village funded by Japan's GGP on Thursday, 8 April 2021.

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H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA commissioned the new upgraded water supply system for Nukunuku village.



People of Nukunuku to benefit from Japan's GGP assistance.

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The new water tank and tank stand installed at the western water supply facility of Nukunuku village. .



Mr. and Mrs. MUNENAGA with the people of Nukunuku Hihifo. .