

**Embassy of Japan**

**Tonga**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Japan's GGP Handover of the Upgraded Water Supply System for Vaini Village Water Committee No.1**

His Excellency Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Tonga handed over upgraded water supply system to the Vaini Village Water Committee No.1 on Friday, 28 January 2022. This was funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass Roots Human Security Project (GGP)

The Ambassador expressed his condolences to the people of Vaini for the loss of their Noble Estate Holder, Lord Ma'afu, and his sympathy to the victims of the disaster caused by volcanic eruption and tsunami.

“Under the sever situations after the unprecedented disaster, securing access to clean water is very important to maintain a healthy life,” said the Ambassador. He hopes that the community could make good use of the new system to overcome the aftermath of the disaster and to improve their standard of living.

The Vaini Water Committee No.1 is one of the eight water committees of Vaini village in central Tongatapu. They sought for Japan's assistance to replace a malfunctioning old system installed in the 1990's. This assistance enabled the installation of a new water tank, tank stand, electric water pump and renewed the main water pipes of the water system. The new and upgraded water facility will benefit the 750 people living in the area.

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Attached: Factsheet & Photos

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1) Project Title	The Project for Upgrading the Water Supply System of Vaini village
Recipient	Vaini Village Water Committee No.1
Grant Amount	USD \$89,329
Project Outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 1x Electric Water Pump</li><li>- 1x Water Tanker (20,000l)</li><li>- 1x Tank Stand (12m)</li><li>- Main Water Pipes (610m)</li></ul>	

## Photo



H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku commissioned the upgraded water supply funded by Japan's GGP for Vaini village water committee no.1 on Friday, 28 January 2022.

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The community of Vaini village no.1 were happy with their new upgraded water supply.



The new 12m tank stand for Vaini village water committee no.1

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