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Three GGP Projects signed for Tonga

The Grant Contracts of three GGP's, Japan's Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, to upgrade two community water supply systems and one educational facility, were signed on Tuesday, 14 February 2023.

H.E. Mr. MUNENAGA Kensaku, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga signed the contracts with benefitting recipients, being witnessed by Hon. Tiofilusi Tiueti, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs. Attended the Ceremony were Rev. Samiuela Fonua, Vice President of the Free Wesleyan Church Education, Mr. Sione Tutulu Finau, CEO for Tonga Water Board, Mr. Malolo Tupou, Chairperson of the Water Committee of Puke village, Representative from project recipients, contractors and auditor agencies.

“The three new projects, that we signed today, vary, based on the immediate needs of each community,” said Ambassador MUNENAGA.

“The first project is a part of the Paletu'a Project, relocation and settlement for the people from Kanokupolu, which was severely damaged by the tsunami caused by HTHH in January 2022.” “As you know, Japan is also very prone to natural disasters. Such a devastating aftermath in Kanokupolu makes us recall many sad memories. Therefore, we are happy and even proud to be able to participate in this disaster-proof resettlement project so that we won't repeat similar tragedies anymore,” he said.

The GGP assistance includes an additional classroom building for the Free Wesleyan Primary School in Nuku'alofa to accommodate to growing number of students. The water supply system for Puke village will also be assisted by installing a new electric water pump and replacing old main water pipes with a larger diameter pipes to secure a better access to clean and safe water supply 24 hours a day.

Hon. Tiufilisi Tiueti, Minister for Finance thanked the Ambassador for the ongoing assistance from the people and Government of Japan. “We appreciate your country in making sure that our people benefitted with the right assistance for better livelihoods at the community level,” he said.

Japan's GGP have awarded over 300 projects to different communities, schools and government ministries in the Kingdom of Tonga.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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PROJECT FACTSHEET:

1) Project Title	The Project for Water Supply System in Kanokupolu Village
Grant Amount	USD \$91,399
Project Components	
- Main Water Pipes (2.5km/2543meters)	

2) Project Title	The Project for Improvement of Free Wesleyan Primary School Nuku'alofa
Grant Amount	USD \$83,971
Project Components	
- 1 New Classroom Building (2 classrooms)	

3) Project Title	The Project for Improvement of Water Supply System in Puke Village
Grant Amount	USD \$79,326
Project Components	
- 1 New Electric Water Pump	
- Protection Fence	
- Replace main water pipes (1.2km)	

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Photos:



Grant contract signing for Japan's GGP assistance to the Free Wesleyan Primary School in Nuku'alofa, signed by H.E Mr. MUNENAGA, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga and Mrs. Lavinia Tafolo, Chairperson of the PTA



GGP formalized for Puke Village water supply system on Tuesday, 14 February 2023.

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H.E Mr. MUNENAGA with Mr.Sione Tutulu Finau, CEO of Tonga Water Board signed the GGP for Kanokupolu village new settlement's water main pipes.



Japan's GGP signing ceremony on Tuesday, 14 February 2023 at Tonga's Ministry of Finance, St George Building

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