

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Japan formalized further GGP Projects for Tonga**

The Grant Contracts to formalize further Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project, by the Government of Japan were signed on Tuesday, 10 September, 2024 in Nuku'alofa.

H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan to Tonga formalized these contracts along with the benefitting communities of Koulo village of Ha'apai and 'Utulau village in Tongatapu. The ceremony was witnessed by Hon. Tiofilusi Tiueti, Minister for Finance and Minister for Revenue and Customs, Reverend Dr. 'Ungatea Kata and Representatives of the benefitting communities.

Japan's GGP will fund the construction of a new evacuation centre multipurpose community hall for the village of Koulo in Ha'apai island, and will also upgrade the water supply system for the people of 'Utulau village located in Western, Tongatapu.

"Today's two new projects have different objectives based on the immediate needs of each community," said the Ambassador, H.E. Mr. INAGAKI. "I hope that these project will play an important role in building stronger and more resilient societies in the Kingdom, and that our friendship will continue to be enriched by our cooperation."

Benefitting communities acknowledged Japan's GGP assistance which addresses basic human needs at the grassroots level. The village of Koulo looks forward to utilizing their first evacuation centre community hall. The people of 'Utulau village expects to enjoy better access to a cleaner and safer water supply, 24 hours a day.

Hon. Tiofilusi Tiueti expressed gratitude on Japan's commitments and ongoing assistance, "There generous assistances have assisted our local community's development in achieving a more equitable distribution of economic and social benefits. We also commit to play our role in ensuring that these assistances are effectively managed to bring sustainable social and economic transformation to the lives of our people.

Japan's GGP have formalized over 300 projects for communities in Tonga since its inception in 1990.

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Attached; Project Factsheet & Photos

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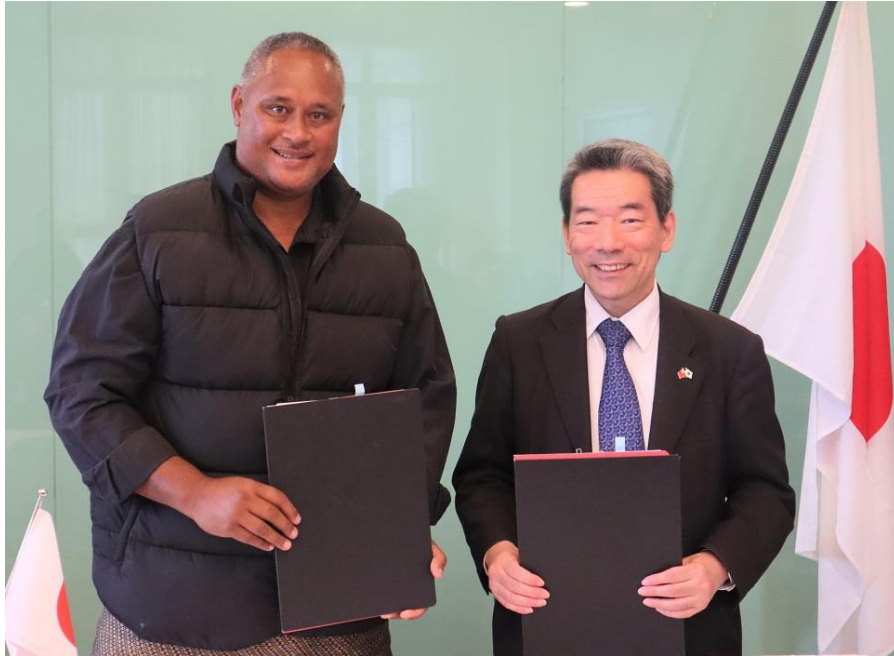
## PROJECT FACTSHEET:

1) Project Title	The Project for the Construction of Koulo Evacuation Centre and Community Hall
Grant Amount	USD \$128,127
Project Components - 1 New Community Hall (+ storage room, kitchen and bathroom facility)	

2) Project Title	The Project for the Improvement of Water Supply System in 'Utulau Village
Grant Amount	USD \$141,449
Project Component - 1 Electric Water Pump - 1 Diesel Water Pump - 1 Water Tank - 1 Tank Stand - 2 Pump Houses - Main Pipes (2.4km)	

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Photos:



H.E. Mr. INAGAKI Hisao, Ambassador of Japan and Mr. Tevita Kaufana of Koulo, Ha'apai formalized Japan's GGP to fund the construction of an Evacuation Centre and Community Hall for Koulo.



Mr. Viliami Po'ese after formalizing Japan's GGP to Upgrade the Water Supply for 'Utulau Village, on Tuesday 10 September 2024.

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Grant contract formalized for upgrading of the Water Supply System for 'Utulau village.



Japan's GGP signing ceremony on Tuesday, 10 September at the Conference Room, Ministry of Finance in Nuku'alofa.

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