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Japan Hands Over 4WD Ambulance to ProMedical Santo Station

The Government of Japan provided US\$67,154 (VUV 6,194,910) to Vanuatu Emergency Medical Services Association for the procurement of a brand new, standard equipped, 4WD Ambulance under Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Programme.

H.E. Mr. CHIBA Hirohisa, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Vanuatu, will hand over the new ambulance to the Promedical Santo Station at 2.30 pm on Wednesday, 16 December 2020.

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Details for the "Project for Provision of Ambulance to ProMedical Santo Station"

1. The ProMedical Santo Station operated two Ambulances to support the emergency response services in and around the island of Santo. However, due to extreme road conditions and aging of the ambulance fleet, ProMedical faced challenges in the efficient provision of emergency services to both the urban and rural communities of Santo.
2. Understanding the importance of accessibility to emergency medical services, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters, the Government of Japan under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP), procured a standard equipped 4WD Ambulance for the ProMedical Santo Station. Not only will this address the transport challenges faced by ProMedical, it will also support the expansion of the service area of the Station in their endeavour to make the emergency medical response accessible to all.
3. GGP Programme is part of the overall Japanese Development Cooperation implemented by the Embassy of Japan in order to empower the people from the grassroots level. The GGP Programme in Vanuatu has been widely implemented in areas such as education, water supply, and health since 1996. To date, more than 129 projects have been implemented under the GGP Programme which amounts to an approximate value of USD 10.3 million.

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