

Annex of the Country Assistance Policy

Rolling Plan for the Republic of Vanuatu

As of April 2016

Basic Policy of Assistance	Accomplishment of Sustainable and Environment-Friendly Economic Growth and Improvement of Living Standards
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Priority Area 1	Overcoming Vulnerability											
Development Issue 1-1 Sustainable Economic Development	[Background and current situation] Vanuatu maintains its economic growth with a sound fiscal position. The Government of Vanuatu prioritizes sustainable economic growth by focusing on "Private Sector Development and Employment Creation" and "Economic Infrastructure and Support Services" through its development framework – "Priority and Action Agenda (PAA)". Currently tourism is the main driver for economic growth. However, the essential economic and social infrastructures for the tourism industry are relatively underdeveloped. Therefore, it is a higher priority to develop economic and social infrastructure and to improve management and maintenance ability of such infrastructure. Reflecting the fact that economic growth led by tourism and infrastructure development were only seen at a few town centres in the country, the Revised PAA (2013) aims at agricultural-based income generation at the village level providing further assistance to agriculture sector. In the PAA, it is the "Primary Sector Development (natural resources and the environment)", which attempts to diversify the economic output by focusing on the agricultural sector. In Vanuatu approximately 70% of the population lives in rural areas and rely on subsistence methods. In recent years, there has been an enlarged urban-rural disparity due to the increase in the number of people moving from the rural areas to the urban areas. Revitalization of Industry and rural development are urgent needs and key factors to addressing these issues.				[Strategy] Japan supports the development of vital infrastructures such as port facilities for the Capital and Luganville which are core areas for economic and tourism growth, through financial cooperation with other development partners. Japan also provides support for human resource development and improvement of livelihoods in rural areas through vocational training and training in Japan in areas of agriculture, fisheries and tourism and dispatching Volunteers to the vocational institutions.							
	Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	Note
	Program for Economic Infrastructure Development with Improvement of its Management and Maintenance	This program supports development of social and transport infrastructure through financial assistance and technical assistance such as volunteers and training for sustainable management of infrastructure.	Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development Project	LA	Before JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017	JFY 2018	JFY 2019	JFY 2020	49.45	
			Port Vila Lapetasi International Multi-Purpose Wharf Development Project (Phase II)	LA							45.98	
			Volunteer Programme for Economic Infrastructure Improvement and Maintenance	JOCV/SV								
			Trainings for Economic Infrastructure Improvement and Maintenance	TR								
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR								Also written in other program
	Program for Industrial promotion	This program provides Volunteers, Training and other programmes to revitalize small scale economic activities, as well as income generation.	Volunteer Programme for Rural Development / Manufacturing Technical Support / Women's Empowerment	JOCV/SV								
			Trainings for Rural Development	TR								
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR								Also written in other program

Development Issue 1-2 Improvement of Health and Medical Services	[Background and Current Situation] The Ministry of Health is promoting measures such as more efficient project implementation and the allocation of resources to villages and rural areas, where 70% of the population lives. In 2015, the Ministry started making decisions by holding regular meetings at the managerial level and above. In this sector, there is an increasing demand for health services due to the rapid rise in population and NCDs, in response to this situation, the allocated budget amount per citizen has been decreased slightly. Even though the health budget is increasing. Because of this, prevention is now emphasised and aside from multi-sector countermeasures that are being taken to implement NCD control programmes, there is also a need for strengthening financial and personnel management and for increasing the number of medical staff in accordance with the existing data. In March 2015, Cyclone Pam caused damage to health facilities so additional assistance is also necessary.			[Strategy] While focusing on the themes of the revision of the development plan and health strategy plan, Japan supports the implementation of the Government of Vanuatu's health policy in collaboration with development partners that provide assistance to the health sector in line with the Government of Japan's issue-based policy "Basic Design for Peace and Health". Japan will be assisting in areas such as infectious disease control, Public Health, complementing to infrastructure assistance including Vila Central Hospital and rural health centers, in line with Health Sector Strategic Plan to improve the efficiency as well as quality of services.								
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	Islands Area Health and Medical Program	The Program contributes to increasing capacity development and quality of health services by providing coordinated assistance using schemes including Technical Cooperation Projects, Grant Aid, Trainings, and Volunteers program. The comprehensive support is delivered in cooperation with the Ministry of Health and other Development Partners.	Volunteer Programme for Primary Health Care and Infectious Disease Control	JOCV/SV	Before JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017	JFY 2018	JFY 2019	JFY 2020		
			Training for Primary Health and Medical Care Services	TR								
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR								Also written in other program
Development Issue 1-3 Improvement of Educational Function	[Background and Current Situation] Vanuatu Education Sector Strategy (VESS) was established in 2006. The new program, in which Year 7 and 8 are included in Basic Education, implemented a pilot programme of 8 year education. In 2009, Vanuatu Education Road Map was established as Medium Term strategy to improve access, quality and relevance, planning and financial management. The 2013 Revised PAA reports an increase in access to education since 2010, but there are still some challenges preventing the improvement of the quality of education, especially at the provincial school level. In addition, in March 2015, Cyclone Pam damaged several educational facilities, and immediate assistance for school infrastructure is necessary.			[Strategy] Japan provides support for implementing VESS2007-2016 and Vanuatu Education Road Map (VERM). Japan focuses on mathematics and science teaching at basic education level to improve the quality of education with infrastructure support. The assistance complements the Vanuatu Education Sector Program. Japan works in coordination with other Development Partners to improve the effectiveness of assistance for Education sector.								
	Japan's Assistance Program	Program Summary	Project	Scheme	Schedule						Assistance Amount (100 Million Yen)	Note
	Pacific Islands Education Support Program	This program provides comprehensive assistance in both policy making and implementation through Volunteers, Training and GGP schemes for improving the basic education system.	Volunteer Programme for Basic Education	JOCV/SV	Before JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017	JFY 2018	JFY 2019	JFY 2020		
			Trainings for Basic Education	TR								
			Projects for Upgrading of Primary School	GGP								
			Cyclone Pam School Reconstruction Project	ML							5 million USD	ADB
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR								Also written in other program

Priority Area 2	Environment / Climate Change											
Development Issue 2-1 Environment Conservation	[Background and Current Situation] Vanuatu has customary conservation management systems; however, they face difficulties coping with recent development and changes of life style. Following the Environmental Management and Conservation Act 2002, the Waste Management Act and Pollution Control Act were enacted in 2014, showing the progress of environmental legislation. However, due to lack of resources, the Act cannot fully enforce its jurisdiction. Environment degradation caused by population growth and the increasing amount of waste (solid and sewage) is becoming more serious, particularly in urban areas. The national solid waste management plan is difficult to move forward since waste management is a wide ranging issue concerning many different sectors with potential to hamper progressive development. Marine resource management is also an area of concern. Although there are existing traditional marine resource management systems such as taboo areas which are prohibited for fishing, they have been weakened by the introduction of commercial economy and increasing population growth pressures and some marine resources have started to face depletion.				[Strategy] Japan supports improvement of landfill, reduction of waste water, resource management with empowering communities and developing capacity of government.							
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	Program for Sound Material Cycle Society in the South Pacific	This program provides assistance to reduce waste and strengthen the waste management level capacity of both the Government and Local Authorities by way of combining the regional technical cooperation projects, Volunteers, Training and GGP schemes.	Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries (Phase II)	TCP		-----	-----	-----	-----			Regional Project based in Samoa
			Volunteer Programme for Environmental Education	JOCV								
			Trainings for Improvement of Waste Management	TR								
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR	-----							Also written in other program
	Program for Natural Environment Conservation	This program provides assistance in capacity development to maintain and utilize coastal resources, through technical cooperation projects, Volunteers and Training.	Project for Promotion of the Grace of the Sea in Coastal Village Phase 3	TCP		-----	-----	-----	-----			
			Volunteer Programme for Environmental Preservation and Conservation	JOCV/SV								
			Training for Environmental Prevention and Conservation	TR	-----	-----						
Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)			TR	-----							Also written in other program	

Development Issue 2-2 Climate Change	[Background and Current Situation] Vanuatu is located on the Circum Pacific Volcanic Zone and has suffered major damages from Natural Disasters such as Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Cyclones and Volcanic Eruption. Natural disaster management was added as a priority agenda upon revision of Priorities and Action Agenda (PAA) in 2013. Project implementation will proceed with the common understanding of all stakeholders of the vision of sustainable development as it is clarified in the National Sustainable Development Plan (currently being finalised) and the Vanuatu Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Policy 2016-2030, which incorporates climate change-related plans. When Category 5 Cyclone Pam, then the strongest of its kind hit Vanuatu directly in March 2015, the prior warnings that utilized mobile phones functioned effectively to some extent. Making use of this experience, further disaster prevention, emergency assistance, and improvement of recovery efforts as well as restoration works are expected.			[Strategy] Japan contributes towards strengthening Government capacity to improve disaster management systems as part of its measures to support Vanuatu adapt to climate change by providing equipment as well as technical assistance. Japan works closely with Government of Vanuatu and respective partners. The consideration of climate change and disaster risk reduction will also be incorporated in the implementation of projects for all programmes.								
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					Before JFY 2015	JFY 2016	JFY 2017	JFY 2018	JFY 2019	JFY 2020		
	Disaster Risk Management Program	This program provides assistance to strengthen natural disaster prevention systems and capacity development of disaster management through Training and development of infrastructure for meteorological warning systems.	Economic and Social Development Programme	GA							2.00	
			Project for Reinforcing Meteorological Training Function of FMS	TCP								Regional Project based in Fiji
			Seismic Network Project	TCP								
			Volunteer Programme for disaster-related	JOCV								
			Project on Advancement of vernacular constructions in Tanna island	GTA								Kyoto University
			Mainstream the reduction of disaster risk in Vanuatu	ML							3 million USD	World Bank (PHRD)
			Project for Strengthening Multi-hazard Risk Assessment and Early Warning Systems in Pacific Island Countries	ML								UN/ESCAP
			Pacific Leaders' Educational Assistance for Development of State (Pacific LEADS)	TR								Also written in other program
			Support for Climate Change Impact Assessment in the Pacific Region	MOE-TA								

Legend: [PS] = Preparatory Survey, [DD] = Detailed Design, [TCP] = Technical Cooperation Project, [TCDP] = Technical Cooperation for Development Planning, [EXP] = Expert, [EQ] = Equipment, [CTR] = Country-focused Training, [TR] = Issue-based Training / Training Program for Young Leaders, [JOCV] = Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers, [SV] = Senior Volunteers, [TEXP] = Third-country Expert, [TTR] = Third-country Training, [ICT] = In-Country Training, [STC] = Science and Technology Cooperation on Global Issues, [JPP] = JICA Partnership Program, [xx-TA] = Technical Assistance implemented by organizations other than MOFA and JICA, [GA] = Grant Aid (other than specific grant aid schemes listed below), [NPGA] = Non-Project Grant Aid, [GGP] = Grassroots Human Security Grant Aid, [JNGA] = Grant Aid for Japanese NGO's Projects, [CGA] = Cultural Grant Aid, [GCGA] = Grassroots Cultural Grant Aid, [LA] = Loan Aid (ODA Loan), [ML] = Multilateral Cooperation, Solid Line [-----] = Schedule, Dash Line [- - - -] = Tentative Schedule, [GTA]= [MOE]=