

# JICA's Approach to the Pacific Region



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## Approach

In line with "Joint Action Plan for Strengthening Pacific Bonds and for Mutual Prosperity" agreed in PALM9, JICA formulates projects based on the following Principles;

1. All Japan Initiatives under the “**Pacific Bond (KIZUNA) Policy**”
2. Utilizing Japan’s strengths, including its technology and know-how, in line with the **development priorities of the Pacific Islands Countries**
3. Strengthen the **PALM partnership**.

## 5(Five) Priority Areas

**I COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

**II Sustainable Oceans based on the Rule of Law**

**III Climate Change and Disaster Resilience**

**IV Strengthening Foundation for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development**

**V People-to-People Exchanges and Human Resource Development**



# III Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction

## (1) Renewable energy and forest management (Mitigation)

### Promotion of renewable energy implementation

#### ● Hybrid-Islands Program (2016-2021)

- ⇒ “Best Mix” of **diesel power generation** (stable but high-cost) and **renewable power generation** (less cost and CO2 emission but unstable)
- ⇒ **Regional TC: Hybrid Power Generation System in the Pacific Island Countries (2016-2021)**
- ⇒ Grant assistance: Construction of Electrical Power Plants in some countries
- ⇒ More than 10 projects, implemented with Japanese lessons-learnt in Okinawa

#### ● Green-Islands Program (2021 onwards)

- ⇒ **To set renewable energy as a primary and stable energy source**
- ⇒ Re-importing technology and knowledge gained through the program to Japan  
(Reverse innovation)

### Cooperation for forest conservation as carbon sink

#### ● Capacity development for reducing carbon emissions from forest degradation in PNG by improving monitoring system of forest logging operations (2021-2024, PNG)

- ⇒ **Aiming reducing CO2 emission** by employing capability enhanced forest information management system

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## (2) Disaster Risk Reduction(Adaptation)

### Preliminary investment in disaster prevention

- **Technical Assistance: Planning of the Nadi River Flood Control Structures (2014-2016, Fiji)**
- Climate resilient infrastructure (ex. Teouma Brdg: Vanuatu, Honiara Airport: Solomon)

### Capacity building of Disaster Management Agencies; **Mainstreaming of DRR**

- **Technical Assistance: Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction (2020-2024, Fiji)**
- **Expert: Regional DRR Advisor (2021-, Fiji)**  
⇒ **First official endorsement in the region for National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy (2018-2030).**
- **Construction of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) (2016-2018, Samoa)**  
**Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific (2019 onward)**

### Recovery and Reconstruction

- **Post Disaster Stand-by Loan (2020, JPY 5 Billion, Fiji)**
- **Assistance for Infrastructure reconstruction; Build Back Better**  
⇒ Grant Assistance: Construction of the Nippon Causeway (2019, Kiribati)

# Pacific Climate Change Centre



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# The Pacific Climate Change Centre

- ❖ **Established in September 2019**  
Grand Aid through JICA  
Hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Apia, Samoa
- ❖ **New Zealand and Ireland providing support to operationalize the PCCC**

## VISION

- ◆ Highly valued by Pacific Island countries and territories, as it **provides practical support, knowledge and training.**
- ◆ Underpinned by strong partnerships with Pacific Governments, **research institutions, donors and the private sector.**
- ◆ Trusted source of user-friendly, scientifically robust information on climate and meteorological science, climate change impacts and responses
- ◆ Lead to better decision-making and innovative products which will increase resilience in the Pacific.



# Thank you

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