



50th

ANNIVERSARY OF
JICA VOLUNTEERS IN SAMOA

MILESTONE OF JICA PROGRAMS IN SAMOA



Japan International Cooperation Agency
Samoa Office





Greetings

JICA Samoa Office Resident Representative

JICA volunteer program was founded in 1965, and Samoa became the 15th country in the world and the first country in the Oceania region to receive JICA volunteers in 1972. In December of the same year, the first volunteer was assigned to the Ministry of Public Works to cooperate for the construction project of a power station utilizing his Civil engineering knowledge.

He came to Samoa with a great passion for the young country, which had gained Independence only a decade before. Fortunately, his effort and earnestness were recognized in Samoa and brought out subsequent requests for JICA volunteers from other ministries and government agencies. In 2022 we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of JICA volunteers in Samoa. I'd like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the country of Samoa and all the Samoan people who accepted volunteers and supported their activities warmly. And also I appreciate the assistance and passion of all the JICA volunteers and persons concerned with this program.

JICA has dispatched volunteers yearly since 1972, and the number of volunteers has now reached 676. They are allocated to various fields such as Education, Health care, Construction, Environment, IT, Sports, etc. Throughout this country, JICA volunteers have been working hard and steadily for a long time.

As a result, their activities have been highly evaluated and have earned trust of the people and the government of Samoa.

The objectives of JICA volunteer are to cooperate in socioeconomic development, deepen friendships and mutual understanding, and give back the volunteer experience to society.

Their activities have been well accepted in Samoa and contributed to the today's development of Samoa with mutual trust and bonds. This is the fruit of their hard work having the same viewpoint as the local people in the field. When they go back to Japan, their valuable experiences in Samoa are given back to society in Japan.

Looking back over these 50 years, I reaffirm the importance of working together, learning together and practicing together, and I hope to devote myself to the future development of Samoa. We will make every effort to make Samoa, Japan, and the world better through JICA volunteer program. I'm confident that we will be able to keep thinking and working together with the people of Samoa for future challenges and generations to come.

Akihiko Hoshino

Resident Representative

Japan International Cooperation Agency
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Message from the Prime Minister of Samoa Hon. Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa on the 50th Anniversary of the JOCV Program in Samoa

Prior to the onset of the COVID 19 pandemic, you would find them in classrooms, sports gymnasiums, recycling plants, health facilities, assisting with research and industry development, government ministries and even in outlying rural communities far from urban Apia and even further from the bustle of metropolitan Japanese cities. This is the backdrop to the diverse panorama of experiences that the Japanese volunteers have forged in Samoa. COVID 19 placed what hopefully is a temporary curfew on the JOCV program.

Samoa is the first country in the Oceania region to receive Japanese volunteers. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the JOCV Program in Samoa. Since the program inception in 1972, close to 700 volunteers have served in Samoa in all strata of our society helping where there is a dearth of skills and capabilities to meet our development needs. They master the language quickly and assimilate well into our communal society particularly when they adopt Samoan families as a quick pathway to understanding our cultural practices. No doubt their Samoan hosts also benefit from learning about Japanese society and their unique and different culture. This is a truly valuable outcome of the engagement and building person to person connections so much so that quite a number relationships remain long after the two year terms are completed.

The increasing number of volunteers over the years corresponds to a growing demand and interest in the program. It is also a reflection of the importance both Japan and Samoa place on the volunteer program which has contributed significantly to assist Samoa bridge the gap in human resource capacity and skills, essential to meet its development aspirations and goals.

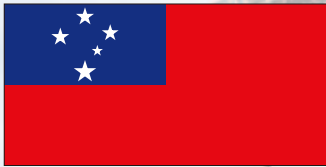
Today, we face a myriad of challenges aggravated by the impacts of the pandemic and that the work of volunteers will ever be more critical in the future uncertain as it may be. We look forward to seeing the program's achievements beyond the 50 year milestone and to welcoming the return of volunteers to Samoa in the near future.

There is much to celebrate in terms of achievement by the JOCV program and we commend the JICA Samoa Office for effectively coordinating this program in collaboration with local partner agencies.

I extend to you all my best wishes for a memorable anniversary year.

Hon. Fiamē Naomi Mata'afa
PRIME MINISTER

Chronological History of Samoa



Samoa

1722 A Dutchman, Jacob Roggeveen was the first European to see Samoa

1890 Robert Louis Stevenson migrated to Samoa
1899 Germany annexed Western Samoa (currently Samoa)

1918 Spanish influenza epidemic reached Samoa (22% of the population died)
1920 Samoa became one of United Nations Trust Territories

1700's

1701 Genroku Akou Incident

1800's

1853 Arrival of Black Ships (four American battleships)

1867 Taisei Hokan (the restoration of Imperial rule)

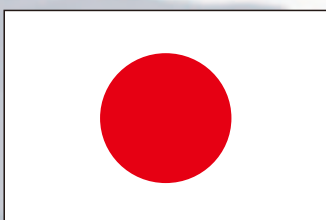
1889 Promulgation of the Constitution of the Empire of Japan

1923 Great Kanto Earthquake

1945 World War II ended

1900's

Japan



and Japan

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- 2019 Pacific Games were held in Samoa
 - 2019 Samoa rugby team participated in Rugby World Cup in Japan
 - 2018 Samoan Prime Minister was co-chair of PALM8
 - 2014 Samoa graduated from Least Developed Country (LDC)
 - 2012 Cyclone Evan hit Samoa
 - 2012 Samoa became a member of World Trade Organisation (WTO)
 - 2011 Time zone was officially changed, Samoa changed to the west side of the International Date Line
 - 2009 Samoa offshore earthquake & tsunami
 - 2009 Establishment of Embassy of the Independent State of Samoa in Tokyo
 - 1997 Country's name was changed from "Western Samoa" to the "Independent State of Samoa"
 - 1997 Samoa joined the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (the 1st PALM)
 - 1995 Samoa rugby team participated in Rugby World Cup in South Africa, Best 8
 - 1991 Samoa rugby team participated in Rugby World Cup in England, Best 8
 - 1981 Samoa joined the South Pacific Forum (renamed Pacific Islands Forum in 2010)
 - 1980 Establishment of Honorary Consulate General of Western Samoa in Tokyo
 - 1970 Samoa became one of the member states of the Commonwealth of Nations
 - 1962 Samoa gained independence (Country's former name: Western Samoa)

2000's

- 1965 JICA volunteer program inaugurated
- 1968 JICA Training Program began (Two participants were dispatched from Samoa to Japan)
- 1972 JICA volunteer program to Samoa began
- 1973 Establishment of diplomatic relations between Samoa and Japan
- 1992 Senior volunteer program to Samoa began
- 1995 Hanshin Awaji Earthquake disaster
- 2003 Prince Fumihito and Princess Kiko paid a State Visit to Samoa
- 2006 1st Project of Technical Assistance Program started (Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic)
- 2007 1st Project of ODA Loans started (Power Sector Expansion Project)
- 2011 Great East Japan earthquake (11 Mar, 2011)
- 2012 Emergency relief goods were supplied (Cyclone Evan)
- 2013 Establishment of Japan Embassy in Samoa
- 2015 JICA volunteers dispatched to Samoa exceeded 600 in total
- 2015 JICA volunteers celebrates its 50th Anniversary
- 2018 Grant Assistance (The Project for Enhancement of Safety at Apia Port)
- 2019 Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief, Infectious Diseases Response Team
- 2020 Grant Assistance (The Project for Reconstruction of Vaisigano Bridge)
- 2022 50th Anniversary of JICA volunteers to Samoa

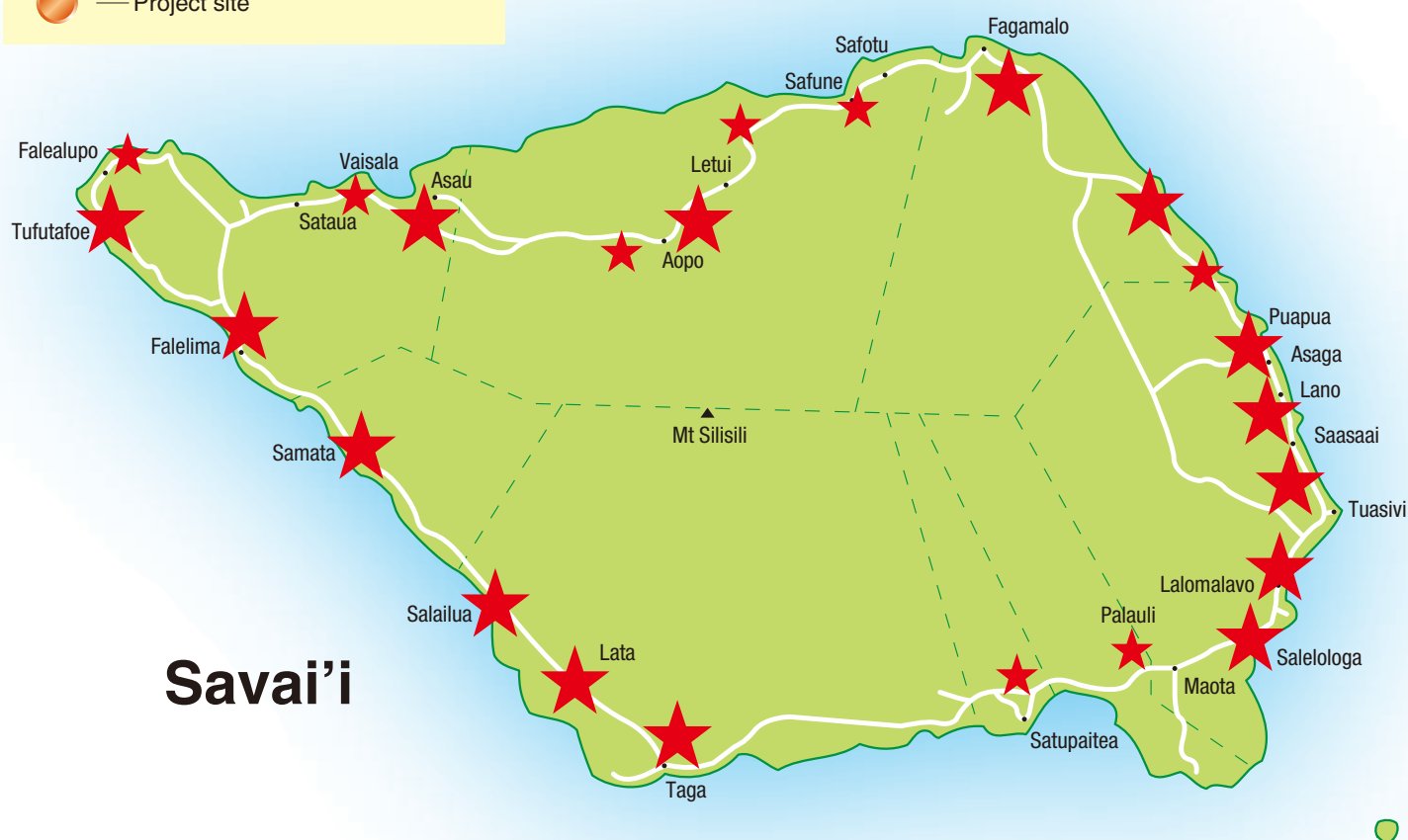
JICA Samoa Office - Main Projects and the Dispatch Areas

JICA Project Schemes

- T** — Training
- TC** — Technical Cooperation
- GTC** — Grassroots Technical Cooperation
- GA** — Grant Aid
- L** — Loan
- JDR** — Japan Disaster Relief
- ★ — Volunteer Working site
- — Project site

Education

- T** Enhancement of Training Management in Vocational Training Institutes
- T** Education Finance and Administration: Focused on Basic Education Quality, Internal Efficiency, and Equity
- GTC** Development of Problem Solving Lessons in Primary Science and Mathematics Education (2014-2017) ②
- T** Improving Teaching Methods for Science and Mathematics in Primary Education
- GA** **TC** Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic (2002-2006)



Health

- TC** Elimination of Filarisis in the Pacific Region (2018-2022)
- T** Improvement of Maternal health (Including Remote Care for Maternal and Child)
- T** Seminar for Food Safety Policy Making & Management
- TC** Japanese Support to the Pacific Immunization Programme Strengthening (J-PIPS) Phase I (2005-2010) Phase II (2011-2016)
- T** Lifestyle-Related Disease Prevention
- T** Enhancement of Community Health Systems for Infection Control
- GA** Medical Equipment

Disaster Management

- T** Fire Management and Disaster Risk Reduction
- T** Disaster Management on Infrastructure (River, Road, and Port)
- JDR** Infection Diseases response team, Measles Outbreak (2019)
- JDR** Cyclone Evan Emergency Relief Supplies (2013)
- JDR** Provision of Relief Supplies for Tsunami victims (2009)
- T** Rescue Techniques

Environment / Waste Management

- T** Planning and Management of National Mapping and Surveying
- T** Enhancement of Solid Waste Management Capacity (Advance, Planning & Policy)
- TC** Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific (2019-2023)
- GA** Construction of the Pacific Climate Change Centre (2018-2019)
- TC** **T** Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Region, Weighbridge Instalment at Tafaigata Landfill (2011-2022)
- TC** **T** Solid Waste Management in Oceania Region, Expert. Rehabilitation of Samoa's dump site at Tafaigata (2000-2010)
- GA** Forest Preservation Programme (2010-2013)
- TC** Enhancing Management Capacity National Parks and National Reserves in Samoa (2007-2010) **5**

Water Supply

- T** Water Supply Administration for Better Management of Water Supply Services (2019)
- TC** Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority in Cooperation with Okinawa (CEPSO) (2014-2019)
- GA** Improvement of Urban Untreated Water Supply Schemes (2014-2016) **3**
- T** Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority (2014)
- T** Management of Water Resources and Water Supply Services for Pacific Island Countries (2013)
- GTC** Miyako-jima's Water Supply Model Project in Samoa (2011)

Economic Infrastructure

- GA** Reconstruction of Vaisigano Bridge Project (2018-2020) **1**
- T** Bridge Maintenance
- T** Project Management in Infrastructure Development for Civil Engineering
- GA** Enhancement of safety of Apia Port Project (2016-2018)
- T** Sustainable Port Development Planning
- GA** Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (2012-2016)
- T** The Improvement for Electric Power Distribution
- T** Promotion of Hydropower Development
- GA** **TC** Programme for Improving Weather Forecasting System and Meteorological Warning Facilities (2009-2013)
- GA** Construction of Inter-Island ferry (2008-2010)
- L** Power Sector Expansion Project (2008-2017) **4**
- GA** Improvement of Apia Port II (2000-2003)
- GA** Construction of Tugboat for Apia Port (2000)



Scheme and Objectives

The program dispatches eager Japanese citizens who wish to assist developing countries. These volunteers live and work at the grassroots level, learning and speaking the same language as the local communities.

The main objectives are as follows.

- (1) To cooperate in economic and social development, as well as the reconstruction of developing countries
- (2) To deepen mutual understanding and coexistence in cross-cultural societies
- (3) To give back the volunteer experience to society in Japan

This program consists of not only assistance to developing countries mentioned in (1) as a contribution to the development, but also (2) as friendship and mutual understanding at the grassroots level, and (3) as returning their experiences back to the society in Japan. That's why it is called "Civil Participation."

Program History

In December 1972, the first JICA volunteer was sent to Western Samoa (currently known as Samoa). He worked as a civil engineer for the construction project of a power station, and his activity contributed to the stable electric power supply in the country.

The Minister of the Public Works recognized his earnest work, and since then, many requests for JICA volunteers came from other ministries, government agencies, and NGOs.

In the early stages, public works and agriculture were the main fields of volunteer's activity.

However, when the Prime Minister of Samoa came to Japan in 1980, he was highly impressed by the Japanese education system, and since then, the volunteers have been dispatched in the field of education. Today the majority of JICA volunteers are working there.



Tomoko Tanaka JICA Volunteer

2018-2020

Primary Education

Matautu Falelatai Primary School



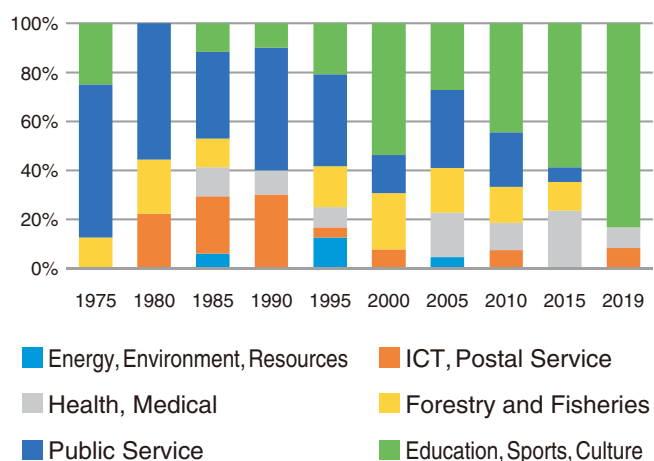
Misaki Fujihara JICA Volunteer

2014-2016

Primary Education

Saleaula Primary School

Transition of the Dispatched Fields



Kenji Sakamoto Senior Volunteer

2014-2016

Science

Scientific Research Organization of Samoa (SROS)

Achievements and Issues

At the beginning of the program in the 1970s, the number of JICA volunteers in Samoa was limited, but even so, their activities were fully recognized by the Samoan government, and today 20 to 30 JICA volunteers are dispatched regularly every year. Considering the population of Samoa is only 200,000 (as of 1 July 2021), the number of JICA volunteers per population is quite large compared to other countries.

This means there are high demands for JICA volunteers in Samoa and their activities are well-received by the government and the people of Samoa.

When the JICA volunteer program began in Samoa, volunteers were dispatched mainly in the fields of infrastructure and agriculture. But in recent years, various cooperation activities, including training in education and industry, special support to the disabled people, and education for young people through sports, have already started.

Looking ahead to the coming 50 years, we will create further cooperation programs together with the people of Samoa.



Yamato Yamaguchi JICA Volunteer
2016-2018
Science & Mathematics Teacher
Palalaua College



Yukiko Motoe JICA Volunteer
2019-2020
Dental Hygienist
Dental Division, TTM Hospital

Field	No.	Field	No.
Science & Mathematics Education	62	Electric Power Plant	6
Primary School Education	40	School Administration	6
Automobile Maintenance	38	Aquaculture	6
Civil Engineering	28	Fishery Production	6
Vegetable Growing	26	Music	6
System Engineering	24	Construction Machinery	5
Industrial Education	22	Kindergarten Education	5
Telecommunications	22	Program Officer	4
Architecture	20	Electronic Engineering	4
Dental Hygiene	19	Surveying	4
Veterinary Medicine	18	Science	4
Laboratory Technician	16	Fine Arts	4
Home Arts	14	Aquatic Products Processing	4
Electrical Engineering	13	Occupational Therapy	3
Marine Engines	12	Soccer	3
PC Instructor	11	Infection Control	3
Audio-Visual Education	11	Museology	3
Welfare for Persons with Disabilities	11	Animal Husbandry	3
Radio Communications	11	Fruit Growing	3
Carpentry	10	Tennis	3
Judo	9	Hydro Engineering	3
Japanese Language Education	9	Mushroom Culture	3
Marine Navigation	8	Tourism	3
Physical Education	8	Meteorology	3
Stock Management	8	Agricultural technology	3
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	7	Botany	3
Ecological Research	7	Audio-Visual Equipment	3
Public Health Nursing	7	Environmental Engineering	2
Nursing	7	Track and Field	2
Community Development	7	Business Administration	2
Welding	6	Physical Therapy	2
Environmental Education	6	Economics And Marketing Research	2
Machine Tools	6	Midwifery	2
Public Health	6	Swimming	2
Road Construction	6	Others	15
Automobile Body Work	6	Total	676

From the Recipient Organisations : Aoga Fiamalamalama

Fiamalamalama has fond memories of almost 10 years of continual partnership through JICA's volunteer program.



Ms. Sharon Suhren
Director

We have been blessed and enriched by the knowledge and skills that the Volunteers impart to us. We are a Disability School and we rely on the knowledge and the skills of those from overseas to widen our own knowledge and experiences especially in the field of Disability.

We learned a lot from Megumi who shared her skills and knowledge on Occupational Therapist she played a part in the design of our new building that was also funded by Japan under grassroots program. We also were enriched and blessed by Mitchi who had a wealth of knowledge on Disability and she was so generous in her sharing and also building connections with other JICA volunteers who can help us. Like Computer Technicians to help repair our computers and introducing Japanese culture into the school through food and music. We also are grateful for this volunteer program because our Senior Pathways for employment program kicked start from the knowledge and skills shared to us by Miyazaki. Today we have continued this and maintained it for the next lot of students that go through our Senior Program. This was also reflected in the music that we have in the school. Through an initiative started by Miyazaki and continued by Koichi who left us in March 2020 when the COVID started in 2019. We are really appreciative of all we have been blessed with because of the JICA volunteer program. Happy 50th Anniversary.



Hiroshi Miyazaki Senior Volunteer
2016-2018
Welfare for Persons with Disabilities
Aoga Fiamalamalama



Koichi Hayashi Senior Volunteer
2018-2020
Welfare for Persons with Disabilities
Aoga Fiamalamalama

● From a Former JICA Volunteer

Looking back on my life, I have three keywords in mind, "Filaria Control," "Mosquito," and "Pacific."



Kazuyo Ichimori JICA Volunteer
1977-1979
Public Health
Ministry of Health

In February 1977, I was dispatched to Samoa as the first woman JICA volunteer. I was eager to work in the actual field where the people had been fighting against the tropical disease and mosquitoes which I had been studying.

For two years, I visited the villages with the local staff every day to collect mosquitoes and see many patients with filariasis. Everything amazed me, I learned a lot from this experience, and I felt the door opened.

After that, I studied tropical diseases professionally. Then in June 1992, as a WHO staff, I was involved in the work for filaria control in Samoa.

My fields expanded further from Samoa to Vanuatu, Fiji, and all of the Pacific. I set up the "Project for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in the Pacific Region (PacELF)". Based on my experiences and outcomes in the Pacific regions, I took charge of the "Global Programme for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis" at Geneva where the WHO main office was located. Today I'm back in Japan, and I'm hoping to make an opportunity to think and talk about tropical diseases, mosquitoes, and the Pacific islands with Japanese people.

My career began as a JICA volunteer, and Samoa was my starting point toward the world. I sincerely appreciate it. Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of JICA volunteer program in Samoa.



1978
Going to church with a family in Manono



1995
Campaign for Filaria Control by the government



2005
Washing legs of Filariasis patient



2018
Reunion with Samoan staff at WHO conference

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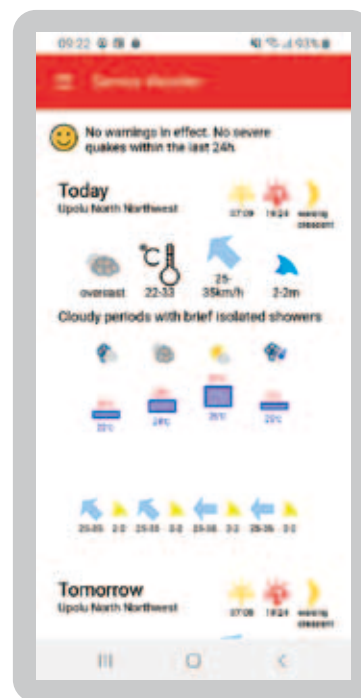
Widespread Smartphone Application for Weather forecast and Disaster prevention

Large-scale cyclones are generated in the Pacific region every year, and some of them reach Samoa, causing significant damage every several years.

In 2009 a great earthquake of magnitude of 8 caused a tsunami of more than 4m in height, which reached the south coast of Upolu island within 20 minutes and destroyed many villages severely. Samoa is constantly menaced by natural disasters like this, geographically and environmentally.

A JICA volunteer assigned to the Samoa Meteorology Division developed a Smartphone application ("Samoa Weather") for weather forecast and disaster prevention, which can inform the people of any outbreak of natural disasters in the fastest way possible.

This application updates daily the weather in Samoa, the distribution of atmospheric pressure, the outbreak of earthquakes and cyclones generated in nearby areas. Not only the Samoan people but also many foreigners living there use this application, which contributes dramatically to Samoan disaster prevention.



Smart Phone Application
"Samoa Weather"



Takeshi Matsumura JICA Volunteer
2016-2018
Computer Technician
Samoa Meteorology Division



Noriyuki Arai JICA Volunteer
2016-2018
Primary Education
Leulumoea Primary School



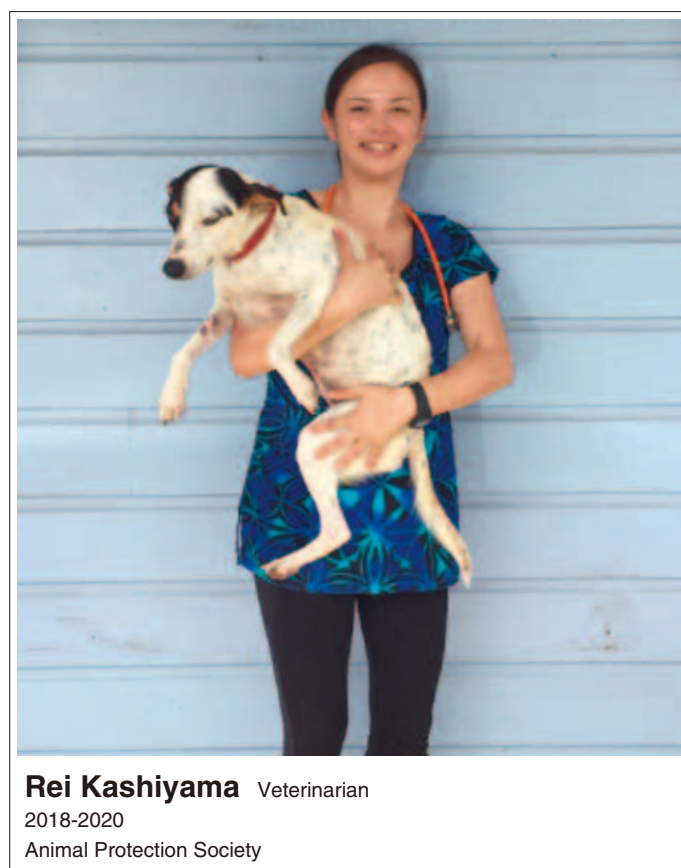
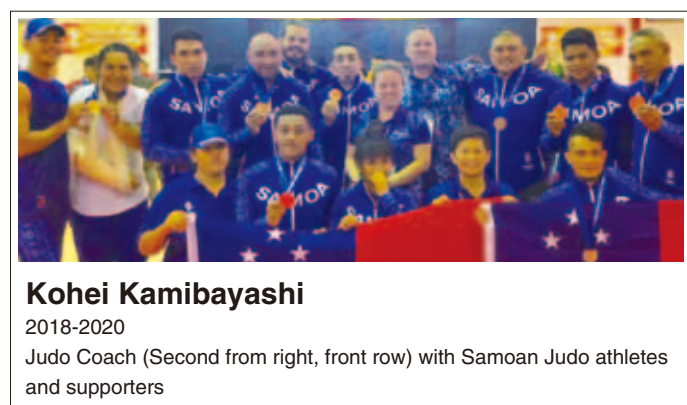
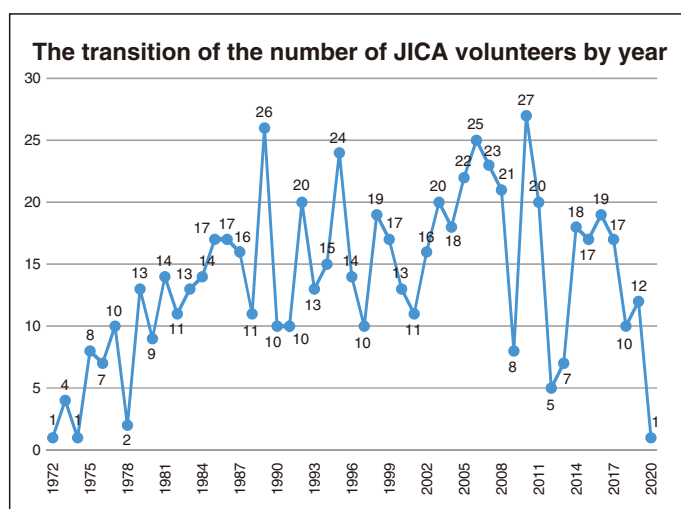
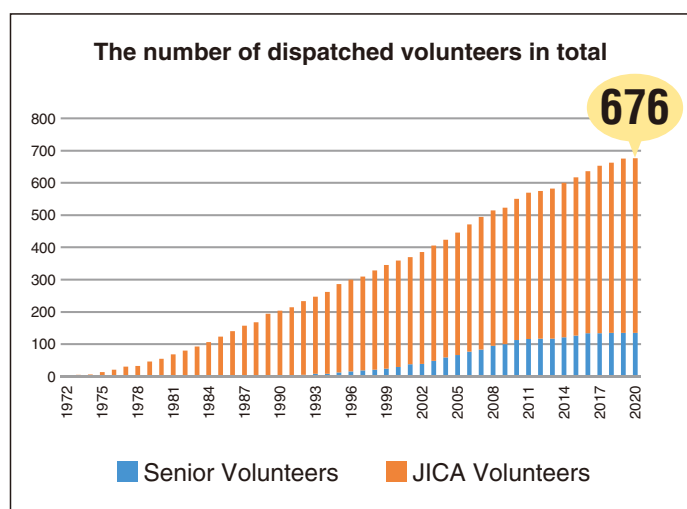
Misaki Sasajima JICA Volunteer
2018-2020
Physical Therapist
Loto Taumafai Society



Masahiro Ikeshita JICA Volunteer
2014-2016
Primary Education
Iva Primary School, Savai'i Island

Brief History of JICA Volunteer Program

Year	Events
September 1971	Agreement for JICA volunteer program in Samoa
December 1972	JICA volunteer program in Samoa began
December 1992	20th Anniversary of JICA volunteer program in Samoa, Senior volunteers program began
April 1996	JICA volunteer program in Samoa reached 300 volunteers in total
September 2009	Senior volunteers program reached 100 volunteers in total
July 2015	JICA volunteer program in Samoa reached 600 volunteers in total
December 2015	JICA volunteer program celebrates its 50th anniversary (Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines)
December 2022	50th Anniversary of JICA volunteer program in Samoa, JICA volunteer to Samoa has now reached 676 in total



Scheme and Objectives

The needs of developing countries are becoming increasingly diverse and multifaceted. In addition to agricultural development and the development of the social infrastructure covering areas such as water supply and healthcare improvements. In recent years, these needs have extended to support for formulating measures against climate change, transitioning to a market economy, and developing legal systems as well as peacebuilding and reconstruction assistance in Afghanistan, Sudan and elsewhere.

To respond to such wide-ranging needs, JICA's Technical Cooperation supports human resource development, research and development, technology dissemination, and the amelioration of institutional frameworks essential for the improvement of economies and societies in developing countries by dispatching experts, accepting training participants and/or providing equipment.

Program History

There are three achievements as follows based on the characteristic of the Oceania area:

- 1 Technical Cooperation in Samoa
- 2 Wide-range Technical Cooperation based in Samoa
- 3 Wide-range Technical Cooperation based outside of Samoa

1 Technical Cooperation Project based in Samoa

● Technical Cooperation Project

Starting with the "Project for Enhancement of Solid Waste Management Capacity" in 2004, JICA conducted six projects such as the "Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic" (since 2006) and the "Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority in Cooperation with Okinawa" (since 2014).

● Dispatch of Experts

Since 1990, JICA has dispatched Experts to seven projects, such as the "Project for Enhancement of Solid Waste Management Capacity" and the "Pacific Climate Change Center."

2 Wide Range Technical Cooperation based in Samoa

JICA is conducting the "Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management" from 2021 until 2022 and also the "Project for Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific" since 2019.

3 Wide Range Technical Cooperation based outside of Samoa

Since 2000, several Wide Range Technical Cooperations such as the following projects have been carried out mainly in FIJI.

"Project for Reinforcing Meteorological Training"

"Project for Hybrid Power Generation in the Pacific "

"Project for Lifestyle-Related Disease Prevention"

"Project for Regional Filaria Control in the Pacific"



Activities of the "Project for Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific"



Activities of the "Project for Enhancement of Solid Waste Management Capacity"



Activities of the "Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority in cooperation with Okinawa"

Achievements and Issues

Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority in cooperation with Okinawa - [CEPSO] Project

A partner of this project, Samoa Water Authority(SWA), is providing their service for 85% of the total population (2020).

In Apia, a high Non-revenue water (NRW) percentage by leaking was a problem. In the largest water supply area, Alaoa (the supplied population is 18,000), the NRW percentage had reached 85% when the project started.

In addition, SWA was facing financial difficulties due to a vicious cycle caused by complicated issues, such as water quality, low collecting rate of water rates and measures against NRW.

To solve these problems, JICA started the project in cooperation with the Okinawa local government of Japan which has knowledge and experience of the similar island's condition to Samoa. Combining several programs including Grass Roots Technical Assistance, Group and Region Focus Program and Grant Aid, JICA aimed to reinforce the following five capabilities:

ties: water pipeline construction and repairing, water supply management, leak detection, water quality control, and the management of water treatment plants.

As a result, the NRW percentage of Alaoa, which is a target area, improved from 68% to 36% (2019). The drinking water quality standard at seven water treatment plants of Apia passed 100%. As a consequence, E. coli was no longer detected in tap water.

Moreover, the financial situation of SWA improved, which led to improving their services. In this project, for sustainability, JICA made a standard operating procedure and conducted internal training to contribute to the skill and personnel development of SWA. The present staff who work at the headquarter and the water treatment plants were involved in this project, and they are working day and night to keep the water quality and protect people's daily lives.

From the Project Partner : Samoa Water Authority

There were training programs that took staff from Samoa to Okinawa Japan to ensure that knowledge of the Water Supply Systems was learned in detail and the practices of Japan were to be transferred to what is relevant in Samoa. The

areas covered in these training in Okinawa included water treatment processes, water treatment plant processes, pipeline network Operations and Maintenance, Asset Management, tools and equipment training, billing and debt recovery and Non-revenue water (NRW) and leak detection.

One of the major achievements of this project in the duration of 5 years was to reduce the NRW percentage of Alaoa Water Supply System, (one of the major Water Treatment Plants in Samoa). The percentage of NRW of Alaoa System at the beginning of the project was 68%, which was a major loss of production water and revenue for SWA. The goal for the 5-year project to be achieved was set at 35% NRW. By the end of the project in 2019, the CEPSO team and SWA staff managed to not only achieve this milestone goal but further reduced it to 29% in 2019.

I have been blessed and grateful to all the expert knowledge learned from the kind people of Japan who have worked and become close friends and colleagues in the CEPSO project. We keep in touch with everyone when we need their expert advice and counsel.



Mr. Semi Lesa

NRW/LD Team Urban Division
Engineer

Year	Project Name
2000-2010	Enhancement of Solid Waste Management Capacity
2005-2010	Pacific Immunization Programme Strengthening
2006-2008	Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic
2007-2010	Forest Preservation Programme
2011-2022	Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Region
2014-2019	Capacity Enhancement Project for Samoa Water Authority in Cooperation with Okinawa
2018-2023	Regional Filaria Control in the Pacific
2019-2023	Capacity Building on Climate Resilience in the Pacific

Scheme of the Program

JICA invites competent personnel in developing countries, who have significant responsibility in social and economic development, to Japan as training participants. They participate in training programs in Japan and obtain knowledge and technologies needed in their home countries ("In-Country Training Program"). JICA also organizes training programs in partner countries or in third countries ("Third Country Training Program").

The training in Japan is called Knowledge Co-Creation Program(KCCP). KCCP is composed of "Group and Region Focus Program" based on developing countries' requests, "Country Focus Program" provided on a specific for a certain country and "Young Leaders Program" designed for young people who will forge the future in developing countries.

Program History

Japan achieved its unique development based on its own culture by applying knowledge and technologies from foreign countries. To transfer these unique Japanese experiences, JICA invites the people concerned from developing countries to learn in the actual Japanese societies or organizations. This is "In-Country Training Program" of Technical Cooperation. Every year about 10,000 people are invited to Japan by JICA. Since 1945 when the program began, JICA has accepted participants from all over the world. In 2019, the total number



Online training (2021)

reached over 378,000 participants.

The JICA training program for Samoa started with two participants in 1968, and so far, the total sum of participants dispatched to Japan has reached 1,051. In the initial stage, there were only a few participants a year, however, in 1988, numbers reached 13, which was the first time to exceed 10 participants. Moreover it exceeded 20 in 1994 and exceeded 30 in 2000. The number of participants are growing yearly.

Achievements and Issues

To meet the participants' needs, JICA provides various training programs such as a long-term study abroad program, short-term training, and Young Leaders' Training Program. There is also a program held in third countries to meet their requirements. The programs are sometimes arranged according to the request of the Samoan government and carried out by a local government or a company that has the special knowledge and know-how. In 2021, 27 programs in total are being prepared for Samoa as follows: Education (Primary education, Vocational school), Health (infectious disease), Governance, Support for the Disabled, Rural development (branding, women's empowerment), support for the private sector (SMEs, tourism), ICT, Energy (Renewable energy), Transportation (Port, Natural Disaster prevention), Urban and Regional development (development policy, survey management), Waste management, Climate resilience, Disaster prevention, Water management. JICA provides the training programs, which contribute to efficient human resource development, just as described above for Samoa.

Since late 2020, due to the pandemic of Covid19, it was difficult to travel to Japan. Therefore, JICA was forced to provide the training programs online, but there are still many eager participants from Samoa.



Training in Japan

Action Plan from the Training Participant

At the final stage of the training period, the participants are supposed to plan how to utilize the training outcomes for their jobs once they go back to their counties.

Ms. Puaseisei is a teacher working in a center for the Disabled, and she participated in the training program of "Promotion of Social Participation of Persons with Disabilities through Sports" held by JICA Tohoku in 2019.

With the knowledge acquired through this training program, she made a plan to introduce and spread Takkyu Volley in Samoa, a sport that disabled students can play. She returned home hoping that someday she would organize a Takkyu Volley event to enable the students to enjoy their school life.

After she came back to Samoa, to fulfill her plan, she had a lot of discussions with the people involved regarding subjects such as groundwork to spread this sport and procurement of the necessary equipment (tables, balls, etc.). Finally, she succeeded in introducing Takkyu Volley to Samoa in February 2021.

Moreover, when she presented her activities to the Samoa JICA Alumni Association (SJAA), the members realized the importance of taking action after returning home from JICA training program. They are now willing to make a new plan regularly to contribute to their society.



School staff around Takkyu Volley table



Ms Puaseisei (center)

From the Training Participant : Electric Power Corporation

The training provided relevant solutions to electricity issues in developing countries concerning power distribution, especially technical loss and non-technical loss; the insufficient and unstable distribution facilities causing technical loss and overload. Moreover, insufficient and unstable inspections of meter system and tariff collection as well as maintenance causing the aggravation of management. It is a very informative training that have helped me gain the techniques and experience to help with Samoa's Power Network contributing to the planning, designing, operation & maintenance of the nation's power grid, improving its reliability.



Ms. Da Young Mary Magdalene Tuuau

Participated in JICA training for Power Distribution Grid (JICA Okinawa) 2019

Number of the Training Courses

Year	Group and Region Focus Program	Young Leaders' Program	Number of Participant of SDG's Global Leader Program
2021	27	2	5
2020	28	3	5
2019	26	3	1
2018	34	3	1
2017	35	3	1
2016	33	3	0

Assistance is given to development projects that are essential in developing countries' nation building, including: Construction of hospitals or schools and increasing access to safe water supply to satisfy basic human needs; Improvement of irrigation systems to promote development of communities and agricultural productivity; Construction of roads and bridges to build socioeconomic foundations; Building facilities to promote environmental conservation; and Developing human resources.

The Grant Aid implementation cycle is comprised of the following series of steps: a preliminary research, a request for assistance, screening, cabinet approval and an Exchange of Notes (E/N) is signed between the developing country and Japan. And then the contract is made and the project starts.

The project implementation is examined and verified by JICA and guidance is provided throughout the implementation process.

Some examples in Samoa are as follows.

1. The Project for Reconstruction of Vaisigano Bridge

(E/N: July 2017, Grant Aid Amount: 1,806 million yen)

This project aimed to reinforce infrastructure of a road and a bridge against frequent natural disasters in Samoa. Through this project, the Vaisigano Bridge on the main road in Apia was reconstructed. As a result, a safe and disaster-resilient main road was secured and this contributes to environment-friendly and sustainable economic growth in Samoa.



New Vaisigano Bridge



Old Vaisigano Bridge



Stages of Construction



From the Grant Aid Partner : Land Transport Authority

The Vaisigano Bridge has become one of Samoa's landmarks and has greatly improved the connectivity of land transport from the Matautu wharf to the Central Business District and more importantly it is a crucial link for land

transport travelling from the East to the Western side of Upolu.

Throughout the design and construction phase, the LTA and government agencies as well as Samoa's consultancy firms and road contracting companies' capacities have been enhanced. These were the objectives that our Government aimed to achieve from project initiation so that our Samoan people have the required skills and knowledge to build infrastructure of this same magnitude.

Furthermore, during the COVID pandemic that is affecting the world, the Vaisigano Bridge project was able to provide employment opportunities as our local tourism industry has been negatively impacted and moreover it has contributed to Samoa's economy.

The completion of Vaisigano Bridge project which was marked by the official opening by the then Prime Minister of Samoa- Honourable Tuilaepa Dr Sailele Malielegaoi and the Ambassador of Japan to Samoa- Genichi Terasawa in August 2020, is testament to the successful partnership that our Government of Samoa has nurtured and maintained with the Government of Japan.



**Ms. Galumalemana
Ta'atialeoititi Agnes Tutuvanu**
CEO

2. The Project for Enhancement of Safety at Apia Port

(E/N: June 2015, Grant Aid Amount: 3,477million yen)

In Samoa, people's lives as well as economic activities profoundly depend on Maritime transport. Apia Port, the only international port in the country, plays a vital role in handling a significant part of the international cargoes. However, due to increase in size of vessels, safety for entering into and departing from port, reaching and leaving wharf and berthing had been difficult. This project aimed to secure a safe and efficient port function by the facility rehabilitation, such as the extension of the wharf, renovation of the container yard and repair of tugboats.

Main results of the Project :

- The main wharf was extended 137m and it became 302m
- 1,300m² of the container yard was renovated
- 1,100m² of the wharf was renovated
- The navigation lights were replaced and the lamps were changed to LED
- Two tug boats were repaired



Apia Port



A large-scale passenger ship came to be able to anchor, too.



Port Construction in progress

From the Grant Aid Partner : Samoa Ports Authority

The successful completion of this Project has significantly improved the capacity of the Apia International Port to berth

larger ships. For the first time, Apia Port can now berth two container ships at once and additional space has been made available for container storage. In addition, this project also saw the replacement of channel lights including the leading light on Mount Vaea plus the rehabilitation of the two tug boats. This project is testimony to the close bilateral relationships between the Government of Samoa and the People and Government of Japan.

This Project has greatly benefited all the people of Samoa and has immensely improved the capacity and service of the Samoa Ports Authority for all the Port users and the improved financial performance by the Authority to date is testimony to the positive impacts of this project to the Authority.

The completion of this important project is one step closer to the achievement of one of the pillars of the Government's Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2016/17 to 2019/20 ; Priority Area 3 –Key Outcome 10: To ensure we provide a *sustainable, safe, secure and environmentally responsible transport network that supports Samoa's economic and social development.*



Mr. Sooalo Kuresa Sooalo
CEO

3. The Project for Construction of the Pacific Climate Change Center

(E/N: February 2017, Grant Aid Amount: 962 million yen)

In the Pacific Island countries, improving a regional center for disaster prevention and developing related human resources become urgent issues for climate resilience against the frequent and severe Natural disasters caused by Climate change.

Pacific Climate Change Center with training facilities was built on the site of SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program) to reinforce SPREP's operation for climate change and develop the human resources of each country in the Pacific region.



Construction of the Pacific Climate Change Center



New Pacific Climate Change Center



Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic (2004-2006)



Improvement of Urban Untreated Water Supply Schemes (2013-2016)



Reconstruction of Vaisigano Bridge Project (2017-2020)

Main Projects of Grant Aid

Year	Project	Amount (100M JPY)
1978	Fisheries Development Project	4.00
1979	Increase of Food Production	3.00
1980	Educational Development Project	2.00
1980	Fishing Port Complex Construction Project	6.00
1981	Educational Development Project	1.10
1981	Increase of Food Production	2.00
1982	Project for the Re-construction of Clinics	5.70
1983	Increase of Food Production	2.00
1984	Domestic Transportation Strengthening Project (Phase1)	3.90
1985	Domestic Transportation Strengthening Project (Phase2)	4.33
1985	Construction Project for Terminal Facilities of Faleolo International Airport (Phase1)	6.63
1986	Construction Project for Terminal Facilities of Faleolo International Airport (Phase2)	4.49
1986	Increase of Food Production	2.00
1987	Ferryboat Building Project	6.73
1988	Project for the Development of Apia Port (Phase1)	6.90
1989	Project for the Development of Apia Port (Phase2)	9.13
1990	Project for Rehabilitation of Cyclone-damaged Ports and Construction of Quarry Plant (Phase1)	4.90
1990	Increase of Food Production	1.84
1991	Project for Rehabilitation of Cyclone-damaged Ports and Construction of Quarry Plant (Phase2)	6.87
1991	Increase of Food Production	1.50
1992	Rural Electrification Project (Phase1)	5.34
1992	Project for Rehabilitation of Cyclone-damaged Ports and Improvement of Foreshore Protection (Phase1)	9.16
1993	Rural Electrification Project (Phase2)	4.45
1993	Project for the Reconstruction of the Tuasivi Hospital	6.24
1993	Project for Rehabilitation of Cyclone-damaged Ports and Improvement of Foreshore Protection (Phase2)	6.80
1994	The Increase of Food Production	2.00
1995	Project for upgrading of the National University of Samoa (Phase1)	6.67
1995	Project for the Development of Rural Telecommunications (Phase2)	4.06
1996	Project for upgrading of the National University of Samoa (Phase2)	10.55
1997	Project for Construction of the Inter-Islands Navigation Vessel	14.43
1997	Increase of Food Production	2.50
1998	Project for Upgrade of USPNet Communications System	0.67
2000	Project for Construction of South Pacific Regional Environment Program Training and Education Centre	3.68
2000	Project for Construction of a Tugboat for Apia Port	3.98
2001	Project for the Renovation and Extension of Apia Fisheries Wharf and Related Facilities (Phase1-4)	22.94
2004	Project for the Renovation and Extension of Apia Fisheries Wharf and Related Facilities	7.09
2004	Project for Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic (Phase1)	9.02
2005	Project for Upgrading and Extension of Samoa Polytechnic (Phase2)	7.23
2008	Project for Construction of the Inter-Islands Ferry	13.00
2009	Programme for Improving the Weather Forecasting System and Meteorological Warning Facilities	7.45
2011	Poverty Reduction Efforts	1.00
2013	Project for Improvement of Urban Untreated Water Supply Schemes	18.31
2015	Project for Enhancement of Safety of Apia Port	34.77
2016	Project for Construction of the Pacific Climate Change Center	9.62
2017	Project for Reconstruction of Vaisigano Bridge	18.06

In many developing countries, economic and social infrastructures such as electricity, gas, transportation, and communications services are insufficient.

ODA loans support these countries by providing low-interest, long-term, and concessional funds to finance their efforts for infrastructure development and sustainable economic growth. JICA supports their ownership by encouraging them to use this loan effectively and survey the projects appropriately.

In Samoa, JICA conducted the "Power Sector Expansion Project" (E/N: Dec. 10, 2007, Loan Grant amount: 4,598 million yen). JICA carried out this project together with Asia Development Bank (ADB) and the Australian government. It aimed to stabilize electric power by constructing and rehabilitating domestic power stations and developing and rehabilitating transmission/distribution lines. Thanks to this project, the power supply infrastructure of the Electric Power Corporation

(EPC) was strengthened. As a result, the stable electric power supply improved, and it brings a benefit not only to the private sector but also to each household.



Diesel Power Plant

From the Loan Partner : Electric Power Corporation (EPC)

JICA contributed greatly through joint funding with ADB, Australian Aid, Government of Samoa and Electric Power Corporation of Samoa's Power Sector Expansion Program implemented by EPC from 2007 to 2018 as part of the Power Sector Reform with main goals to improve quality of lives of

citizens, and promote economic development in Samoa. The Project provides accessible, reliable, quality, and affordable electricity supply to every household, businesses, government and non-government entities by successfully implementing these improvements: reduce high system loss, improve power quality, build a new and upgrade existing diesel power plant to increase generating capacity to meet growing demand, upgrade and increase capacity of all Transmission and Distribution system, installed prepayment meters to 90% of all electric customers to improve payments and collection, improve financial management, restructure tariff introducing lifeline tariff for low income customers, computerizing operation from a new System National Control Center using new communication system of fiber-optic cable, microwave, and radio network, and started renewable energy developments of solar, wind, hydro and biomass gasification that include installation of new battery storage system and micro-grid controller for grid stability and reduce dependency on diesel generation. Last but not the least the Project provided capacity building of EPC technical, operation, financial, and project management staff on all aspects of power utility planning, development, operation and management.



Mr Fonoti Perelini S.

Project Management Unit
Former Project Manager



Apia Port can berth two container ships at once



Vaisigano Bridge



The Samoa JICA Alumni Association (SJAA) was founded in 1998 to promote exchange among the former technical training participants who had returned to Samoa after the "In-Country Training Program" or "Third-country Training Program," as well as between those participants and people related to JICA. SJAA has more than 1,000 members made up of former training participants, who are mainly Government officers and NGO members. Every year, they perform activities such as attending national events, contributing to development through their organizations, providing social services, and building networks with former participants. The association also contributes to the network reinforcement with Japanese concerned, such as JICA Volunteers, Experts, and JICA staff.

In 2017, SJAA was officially registered as a corporation by the government. In 2018, for its 20th Anniversary, SJAA invited the Prime Minister at that time, Honorable Tuilaepa Dr Sailele Malielegaoi, as the guest of honor and held a commemorative ceremony.

They participate in the Independence Day celebrations and other annual events such as afforestation, clean-up activities held by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. In 2021, SJAA held a Careers Day (job fair) for local college students, which was a unique event by virtue of members engaged in various jobs.

JICA Samoa is encouraging SJAA by funding their activities and communicating with the Board members. JICA Samoa also aims for further collaboration with SJAA to bring in new members, share with Samoan society their skills and knowledge learned through the JICA training programs, and make good use of the organization for mutual understanding and cultural exchange between Japan and Samoa.



Cleanup activities at Mapuifagalele Home for elderly



Participants of Careers Day

Brief History

Year	Events
1998	Establishment of Samoa JICA Alumni Association (SJAA)
2017	Officially registered as a Corporation
2018	20th Anniversary since the establishment of SJAA

The JOCV Samoa OB Association (Samoa OBA) was founded in 1994 mainly by JICA volunteers who had returned to Japan for the purpose of deepening their friendship and promoting activities to share their experiences in Samoa with Japanese society.

The Samoa OBA members consist of people related to Samoa, such as former JICA volunteers, Senior volunteers, JICA experts and staff. Today the Association has more than 400 members, and it has become one of the biggest JICA volunteers OB Associations.

Samoa OBA has their own booth in the "JICA Volunteer Festa" every year and they contribute there as a bridge of friendship between Japan and Samoa.

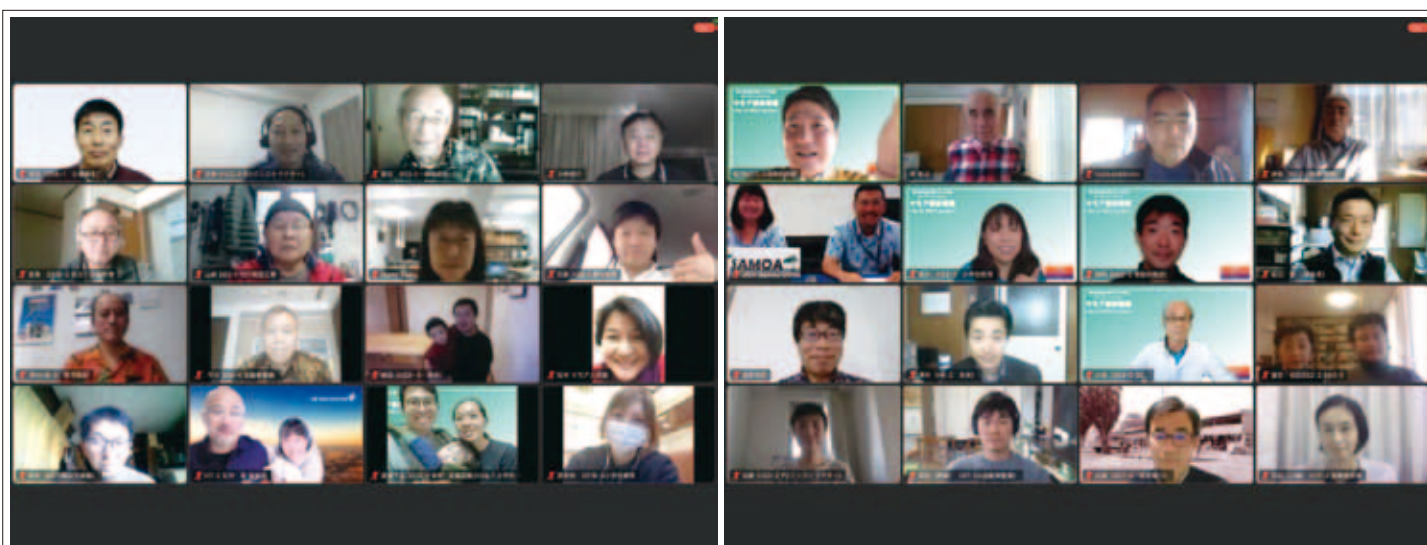
Since 2020 due to the spread of Covid-19, remote-working has become widely common.

However, despite this challenging situation, Samoa OBA holds online events to proactively offer information for the former JICA volunteers who returned and for the new JICA volunteers who will be dispatched shortly.

Even if the members don't know each other well and there is an age difference, Samoa OBA aims to spend a relaxing time together, forgetting busy days and work under our motto, "Fa'a-Samoa (the Samoan way)".

Please visit our website.

JOCV Samoa OB association : <http://www.fafetai.net/>



JOCV Samoa Association online meeting

Brief History

Year	Events
1994	Establishment of JOCV Samoa OB Association
2005	Attended the Welcome party for the Prime Minister, Honourable Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi
	Cooperated with "Samoa Day" at the 2005 Expo, Aichi Japan
2019	Support for Samoa rugby team at Rugby World Cup in Japan.

Every year Samoa OBA has their own booth at the Global Festa Japan and also participates in JICA Volunteer Festa



Pictures of the History of JICA Samoa Office



Lady Samoa III



Tapatapao Water Treatment Plant



National University of Samoa



Urban Untreated Water Supply Schemes Project





Scenery of Samoa





Message from our Staff

JICA Samoa Office Staff

Ms. Yoko Fuiono Administrative and Accounting Officer

I am a National Staff with holding Japanese nationality, and mainly in charge of Administration, Accounting and Procurement. My Name "Yoko" consists of two kanji characters and they mean "Ocean" and "Child". The name was bestowed by my parents, wishing of me 'to become a person with a broad mind' - just like the Pacific Ocean as my hometown faces the said ocean. It is quite unsure to me whether I could become such a tolerant person, however I feel the connection between my name and my life - why I was led all the way to Samoa, why this beautiful nature of Samoa continue attracting me. My career at JICA and the period of residence in Samoa are nearly equals and both account for quite a part of my life. I am honored for taking part of the 50 years anniversary for JICA volunteers and gratitude all people work together and support us.

Ms. Runamarie Sesega Administrative Officer

Greetings and Talofa Lava! Happy Golden Jubilee JOCV Samoa!

I am warm heartedly thankful for getting the opportunity to work in JICA Samoa Office. I have witnessed JICA's tremendous contribution to the development of Samoa through its Grant Assistance & Technical Cooperation programs for the past 10 years. The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer programs' contribution to the development of Samoa is extremely valued and appreciated. Their loyal service and assistance to the people of Samoa simplifies "Galulue Faatasi" / "Working Together" for more developments and maintaining strong ties between Samoa and Japan. Cheers to 50 Years JOCV Samoa! Doumo Arigatou Gozaimasu.

Mr. Emanuele Taupau Programme Coordinator

I am pleased to be working alongside the Japanese volunteers. May the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers 50th Anniversary celebration be of a reminder that volunteers' contributions are greatly appreciated, and that their service and hard work matters. For all past and present Japanese volunteers, FAAFETAI LAVA! Thank you for your amazing generosity and dedication. Samoa could not have been as successful with your involvement. I have been working at JICA Samoa Office for over 5 years under the Project Division. I am currently managing some of the major projects in Samoa funded by JICA. I like to play volleyball, and I enjoy spending time with my family.

Ms. Rebecca Nun Yan Programme Coordinator

Happy 50th Anniversary JOCV!

This year marks the golden jubilee of the JICA's volunteer Program in Samoa. I am glad to be part of this historic and momentous event. Samoa is very fortunate to receive the support from JICA through the JOCV Program. The Japanese volunteers have been very instrumental in providing the assistance that Samoa needs in various fields such as education, sports, health, special needs, environment, etc. Thank you JOCVs, both Junior and Senior volunteers, for dedicating your time and talents to improving the capacity of our people and communities. You all deserve a round of applause for your great service. Arigato gozaimasu!

Advisor

Mr. Mathew Ringo PURCELL Security Advisor

Congratulations to JICA for 50 years of service to the people of Samoa. Reaching this milestone of service is a blessing to Samoa we recorded, your service in so many ways from knowledge, building schools, connecting people with bridges, roads and many more. Thank you thank you JICA. Happy 50th year of service to Samoa.

Ms. Meinatta Crichton Volunteer Coordinator

Talofa lava! I have worked for the Volunteer Program, JICA Samoa Office since 2001. I have overseen more than 300 JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) or JICA volunteers - about 322 to be exact. It's been my greatest pleasure and honour in welcoming and receiving these lovely unassuming souls to Samoa. From coordinating their arrivals, settling them into suitable housing, evaluating and monitoring work placements and overall, their general holistic wellbeing during their stay. Their contribution to the development of Samoa has been immeasurable. I have seen firsthand life-changing experiences these volunteers undertook after residing here for 2 years - learning true faa-Samoa (the Samoan way). So many have made lifelong friends and family from Samoa. I personally have made cherished friendships with past/present volunteers and colleagues alike. Congratulations and Happy Golden Anniversary for JOCV volunteers to Samoa!

Mr. Larry Sang Yum Driver

I have been working with JICA for over five years and I know the many benefits JICA brings to Samoa economic development and education by bringing in volunteers to help educate children in any subject. In addition, many organizations have prospered and developed because of JICA volunteers. Thank you for your service in Samoa and wish you a successful 50th anniversary. I like play football and support my little family in any ways they need help. Thanks again Soifua.

Ms. Charity Malaga Public Relations

I have recently joined the JICA Samoa team and what can I say, it's been a whirlwind of adventures. There is always something to look forward to. From hosting the SJAA Careers day to seeing big smiles from the Laulii Primary school students when interacting with their Japanese counterparts to congratulating our recent SDGs Global leadership recipients, it really has been a blessing and an eye opening experience. JICA is like the quiet friend that always shows up when needed and expects nothing in return but mutual cooperation and understanding! Happy 50th Anniversary JOCV!

Ms. Mika Horinouchi Health Advisor

In this memorable year of the 50th anniversary of JICA volunteers, I was dispatched to Samoa as a health advisor for the first time. As I learn about JICA volunteer activities in Samoa, I realize that JICA Samoa has been able to continue to this memorable milestone with the support of many people in Samoa. We would like to thank all people who have cooperated so far. And I hope that we can continue to walk together for another 50 or 100 years.



JICA Samoa Office Staff

Editor's Note

Mr. Akihiko Hoshino Resident Representative

I am impressed by the 50 years of continuous cooperation between Japanese and Samoans by dispatching JICA volunteers. I intend to work hard for another 50 years so that the results of this trust-based cooperation will extend further to every corner of Samoa. Fa'afetai Lava!

Mr. Shoichi Iwata Project Formulation Advisor

I am pleased to be involved as a member of JICA Samoa Branch in the year to commemorate the 50th anniversary of JICA volunteers to Samoa. I would like to express my gratitude to the efforts and good exchanges of our predecessors in Samoa over the past 50 years. And I hope Samoa will graduate from the country where it receives aid as soon as possible and become a country that can provide assistance. Rainbows you see almost every day in Samoa. Personally, I would like to name it Rainbow Country and convey the goodness of Samoa.



Mr. Hiroyuki Tsuruta Volunteer Coordinator

In March 2020, Samoa's JICA volunteers were evacuated to Japan due to the spread of the Covid-19 worldwide. As of September 2021, when this booklet is being edited, there is no prospect of volunteers returning to Samoa, but we worked with the hope that this booklet will help the achievements of JICA volunteers and their Samoan counterparts, as well as for future cooperation and cooperation. Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who helped create this magazine.

Mr. Shinji Yamaguchi Volunteer Coordinator

I was involved in editing the booklet just a few months after I arrived in JICA Samoa office, but I learned about JICA Samoa's efforts for 50 years by looking at the photos and messages provided for this magazine. I am very honored to be involved in JICA projects in Samoa. Lastly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who was willing to respond to provide photographs and messages.



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