

1. Report on the first half of 2025

As of July 2025, we have the projects and activities ongoing in PNG in cooperation with our PNG counterparts as follows: 1 Loan Project, 3 Grant Aid Projects (1 under preparation), 7 Technical Cooperation Projects (2 under preparation), 6 Individual Expert Projects (3 under preparation), 17 JICA Volunteers, 1 Private Sector Cooperation Survey. Furthermore, 31 Long term trainees have been currently studying at universities in Japan.

The following is the report of the progresses and achievements of the first half of 2025.

(1) Two new Grant Aid Projects to commence

On 20 July, the signing ceremony of Exchange of Notes (E/N) and Grant Agreements (G/A) for two new Grant Aid Projects were held with attendance of Hon. Tkatchenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and H.E. Mochizuki, Ambassador of Japan to PNG.

Improvement of National Fisheries College (NFC) is a remarkable project as the cooperation to establish NFC was the very first project of Japan's ODA to PNG in 1974, and the Government of Japan once again supports NFC after 5 decades. The other project is to give PNG government officials opportunities to pursue master's or doctor's degrees in universities in Japan.



Hon. Tkatchenko commended Japan's 50-year cooperation and H.E. Mochizuki underscored the importance of the continuous trustful relation between the two nations.

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(2) Beach cleaning to commemorate WED

On World Environment Day, 5 June, about 60 students from Sogeri Primary School participated to the beach cleaning event at Ela Beach. This event was initiated by Mr. UCHIYAMA Shota, a JICA volunteer.

On the day, they firstly visited Joyce Bay's Sewage Treatment Plant and learned how wastewater is treated

in Port Moresby, and then gathered at Ela Beach to participate to clean the beach for about one hour.



They were also involved in coral nurturing in collaboration with National Capital District Commission.

These activities were also covered by

the media, such as newspaper and TV. We hope these activities will raise environmental awareness of people in PNG.



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(Left)

Mr. Uchiyama and two students who received awards of the Environmental Drawing Contest held in Japan.

(3) Prof. Kato conducts JICA Chair

JICA Chair aims to learn from experience of Japan's modernization process and this year marks the 4th time in PNG. Prof. Kato, Vice President of International University of Japan, again came to PNG and gave his lecture about Japan's modernization and ODA as part of "Japan's modernization and the South Pacific" course at School of Humanities and Social Science, University of PNG.

Another lecture aimed at PNG's governmental



officials was also conducted for the first time in PNG where about 80 governmental officials participated and there were active discussions posing questions such as the meaning of infrastructure and human resource development in Japan's modernization and the perspective of Japan's ODA in PNG.

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(4) NMAG receives digital equipment

On 30 May, the hand-over ceremony was held with the attendance of Hon. Namah, Minister for Tourism, Arts and Culture, and H.E. Mochizuki, Ambassador of Japan to PNG. In this ceremony, the digital equipment was officially handed over from JICA to National Museum and Art Gallery (NMAG) under Cultural Grant Aid. NMAG has many cultural and natural heritage to be exhibited and this digital equipment is expected to archive valuable data and information of these articles and pass them to the next generations.



https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1570595_59673.html

(5) Co-creation with partners in education

On 5 February, the signing ceremony of “Partnership Compact”, which promotes the educational reform in PNG, was conducted with the attendance of Dr. Combra, the Secretary of National Department of Education and other 17 partners such as UNICEF. JICA has been playing a key role as Coordination Agency among these partners since 2022 and will stay committed to contribute to co-creation with them for further promotion of education.



https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1562699_53494.html

(6) Completion of MDA in WNB to fight LF

On 8 and 9 May, a review workshop was held in West New Britain Province, which is one of the pilot provinces in Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Project Phase 2. There were 2 mass drug administrations (MDA) conducted successfully in this province based on WHO standards. Based on this experience, this practice is expected to extend to other provinces.



https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1568713_59673.html

(7) International Women’s Day walking

On International Women’s Day, 8 March, JICA again co-organized a walking event with National Capital District and UN Women etc. The theme this year was “Accelerate Action”. About 1000 people participated to the event and walked along the 5km course from Ela Beach to Sir Hubert Murray Stadium raising awareness of gender equality in this country.



https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1567702_53494.html

(8) To improve public finance management

Joint Coordinating Committee Meetings for “Improvement of Resource Related Revenue Management Project Phase 2” and “Public Investment Management Project” were held respectively in May. These projects aim at improvement of transparency of public finance through timely reporting and monitoring and so on. Through these projects, the capacity of PNG Government’s public finance management is expected to improve, which will contribute to stabilization of the financial status and also promoting more private investment in this country.

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1569150_59673.html

(9) Press conference to explain Japan’s ODA

JICA PNG and the Embassy of Japan co-organized a press conference on 29 May where Ambassador, H.E. Mochizuki, and JICA PNG explained about the 50-year



history of Japan’s ODA and its values. The event was covered by many media including TV news,

newspapers and radio news.

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1569510_59673.html

(10) Towards the 2nd half of 2025

This year marks 50 years of diplomatic relation between PNG and Japan. JICA PNG will continue our efforts to contribute to social and economic growth of PNG and strengthen ties between the two nations.

2. Introduction of JICA Experts, Volunteers and Office Staff

[JICA Experts]

Mr. UCHIDA Tomohide, Chief Advisor

Project for Public Investment Management



In many developing countries, fiscal policy is considered the most effective economic policy and the share of capital investment budget (CIB) in the national budget is an important indicator to foresee the country's future direction. In PNG, CIB has averaged around 37% over the last 7 years, which can be considered an appropriate level. However, this is the case only if CIB is executed as planned and the recurrent budget is allocated to provision of public services that contribute to economic growth. This is actually a big challenge in PNG. Since 2022, I have been working for DNPM and line departments to improve the efficiency of public investment. Since infrastructure is not always neutral, I emphasize the incorporation of climate and social inclusion considerations into public investment. I believe these efforts will lead to the sustainable development of PNG.

Mr. AOKI Nozomu, Project Coordinator

Project for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Phase 2



Since May 2023, I have been working as a project coordinator for Phase 2 of the Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) Elimination Project at the National Department of Health. This initiative supports the Department in strengthening its response to LF - a mosquito-borne disease that targets the human lymphatic system. Unlike higher-profile infectious diseases such as malaria or tuberculosis (TB), LF control often struggles to attract sufficient funding including donor's coordination. Yet, LF is a disease that can be effectively stopped through preventive medication. That's why we work together to build a healthier, safer future by driving forward a range of targeted project activities - aiming to protect as many people as possible from this preventable disease. I enjoy hearing the daily banter and gossip from my colleagues and locals - they really love a good yarn!

Mr. SOEDA Shungo, Project Leader

Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries Phase 3 (J-PRISM3)



J-PRISM covering 9 countries in the Pacific Region including PNG had started in 2011 and Phase 3 started in July 2023. The wave of transition from mass production and consumption

societies to circular economies is also approaching to Pacific Island countries (PICs). However, the characteristics of PICs, such as limited lands, insufficient technology and finance and lack of recyclers, are issues to be tackled for appropriate solid waste management (SWM). On the other hand, PNG having a vast land area and large population can demonstrate good practices of SWM as a model to other PICs. For example, knowledge and experiences, such as the good management of Baruni sanitary landfill in Port Moresby, can be applied not only to provinces of PNG but also to other PICs. I expect unwavering efforts of our counterparts to cooperate and collaborate in this project to promote SWM in the whole region.

[JICA Volunteers]

Two new volunteers arrived making the total of 17. We wish you all the best in your new journeys!!

(Arrived in February)

Mr. FURUYA Kakeru



Community Development
OISCA, Kokopo
East New Britain Province

(Arrived in April)



Mr. TAJIMA Kazuaki
PC Instructor
Goroka Technical College
East Highlands Province

[JICA Staff]

Ms. Priscilla KAVANA, Program Officer



I started work with the JICA PNG office in Nov of 2016, so I will be celebrating a decade long in 2026! So far, it has been a wonderful 9 years of building a career with JICA. I'm currently working with our good volunteers from Japan, under the JICA Volunteer Program. I got to experience the effects of what a Pandemic like Covid-19 had on our Program which was suspended indefinitely, and all our volunteers had to depart PNG. Then the gradual resumption after the pandemic. I am grateful to employers like JICA for the job security and for protecting our welfare during this time. Japan is like my second country now, and I wish to emulate the work ethics and good characters of my fellow Japanese wantoks. 😊

3. Current Activities

(As of July 2025)

3-1. Strengthening the Foundation of Economic Growth

(1) Economic Infrastructure Development and Maintenance

- (EXP¹) Development Planning Advisor
Duration: March 2024 to March 2026
- (EXP) Advisor for Promotion of Electrification Policy Implementation
Duration: June 2024 to June 2026
- (YL²) Ramu Transmission System Reinforcement Project
L/A³ signed in August 2013, JPY 8,340 million
<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/activities/activity16.html>
- (TCP⁴) Project for Public Investment Management
Duration: December 2024 to December 2026
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1569150_59673.html
- (TCP) Project for Development and Enhancement of Land Use Information Management System
Under preparation
- (TCP) Project for Capacity Enhancement for Integrated Farming Systems in East New Britain Province
Under preparation
- (EXP) Electoral Commission Capacity Development (Voter and Civic Education)
Under preparation
- (EXP) Gender Mainstreaming
Under preparation

(2) Industrial Promotion

- (TCP) the Project for Improving Resource Related Revenue Management Phase 2
Duration: March 2024 to February 2027
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/information/press/2023/20231018_42.html
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1570122_59673.html
- (PSC⁵) Survey for Creation of Outboard Motorboat Market by Connecting Small Scale Fishers to Value Chain in Papua New Guinea
Duration: November 2023 to February 2026
- (GA⁶) Project for the Improvement of Facilities and Training Equipment of National Fisheries College
Duration: June 2025 to December 2030

3-2. Improvement of Social Services

(3) Education

- (EXP) Education Policy Advisor
Duration: February 2024 to January 2026
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1562699_53494.html
- (TCP) Project for Strengthening Primary Teacher Pre-service Education in Mathematics and Science (STEPMAS)
Duration: September 2020 to November 2025
<https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/activities/activity21.html>

(4) Health

- (TCP) The Project for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis Phase 2
Duration: April 2023 to May 2027
<https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/202108336/index.html?wovn=en>
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1568713_59673.html

3-3. Environment and Climate Change

(5) Environment and Climate Change

- (TCP) Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in Pacific Island Countries Phase 3 (J-PRISM3)
Duration: July 2023 to June 2028
<https://www.jica.go.jp/oda/project/202004886/index.html?wovn=en>
https://www.jica.go.jp/resource/activities/issues/env_manage/pamphlet/ku57pq00002nmuph-att/recycling_society_e.pdf
- (EXP) Enhancing Forest Management Capacity for Addressing Climate Change
Under preparation

3-4. Training Courses

- Knowledge Co-Creation Program
In Japanese Fiscal Year 2025 (April 2025 to March 2026), 58 trainees in 58 courses are to be trained.
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1568149_59673.html
- Long Term Training
The following numbers of trainees are under Master's or Doctor's degree courses as of July 2025.
SDGs Global Leader: 24 trainees
https://www.jica.go.jp/resource/dsp-chair/english/dsp/course/content/ku57pq00002ma5q9-att/course_brochure.pdf
KIZUNA Program: 4 trainees
https://www.jica.go.jp/resource/english/publications/brochures/c8h0vm0000avs7w2-att/japan_brand_09.pdf
Agri-Net Program: 3 trainees

3-5. Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV)

Currently, there are 17 volunteers are working in PNG.

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https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1566938_59673.html
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2025/1565991_59673.html
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1563217_53494.html

3-6. JICA Chair

The fourth JICA Chair to learn the history of Japan's modernization and international relationship was carried out at UPNG in April 2025.

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3-7. Gender Main Streaming

JICA PNG Office conducts various activities to promote gender main streaming, such as seminars to prevent sexual harassment, PR activities to promote gender equality, and events co-organized with NDC and UNWOMEN, etc.

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1567702_53494.html

3-8. Emergency Disaster Relief

JICA also conducts emergency disaster relief activities to respond to disasters by the decision of the Government of Japan.

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1536012_53494.html
https://www.jica.go.jp/english/overseas/png/information/press/2024/1540195_53494.html

3-9. JICA Alumni Association

The JICA Alumni Association consists of more than 4000 ex-trainees and carries out various activities such as publishing newsletters etc.

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¹ EXP: Expert

² YL: Yen Loan Project

³ L/A: Loan Agreement

⁴ TCP: Technical Cooperation Project

⁵ PSC: Private Sector Cooperation

⁶ GA: Grant Aid Project