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Japan's New Assistance to Palestinian People (USD 46,688,925)

The Government of Japan has committed new assistance of USD 46,668,925 to the Palestinian people through international organizations and Japanese NGOs.

This new package includes humanitarian assistance through UNRWA, budget assistance through the World Bank's Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP) as well as infrastructure assistance, mainly for further development of the Jericho Agro-Industrial Park (JAIP), through UNDP. Other projects will also be implemented in partnership with various international organizations and Japanese NGOs (Please see attached list of projects).

The new assistance focuses on (1) Humanitarian assistance for refugees and IDPs and (2) Support for social stabilization and de-radicalization through education and job creation for youth, and promotion of women's health to name but a few. The Government of Japan is strongly committed to supporting the Palestinian nation building efforts, thereby contributing to the two-state solution.

Japan has been providing assistance for the key ministries both financially and technically, in their preparation for statehood in line with Palestinian national development plans. Japan has also provided assistance through UN agencies as well as to local NGOs and local councils through grassroots development projects. With the new assistance, Japan's assistance amounts to approximately USD 1.8 billion in total since 1993.

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