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Japan's New Assistance to Palestinian People (USD 32,983,034)

The Government of Japan has committed a new assistance of USD 32,983,034 to the Palestinian people through international organizations and INGOs.

This new package includes (1) assistance for Palestinian refugees through UNRWA, (2) installation of solar energy panels to mitigate the energy crisis in Gaza through UNOPS, (3) urgent support for health and protection needs through UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF and UNWOMEN, (4) ICT sector development thorough UNDP and ITC, as well as (5) employability and technical skills for resilient Palestinian youth through UNIDO, and so on. Other projects will also be implemented in partnership with various international organizations in collaboration with Japanese NGOs.

The philosophy of the new assistance lies in (1) strengthening humanitarian assistance for refugees and IDPs and (2) supporting social stabilization and de-radicalization through education and job creation for the youth, and (3) promoting women's health, to name a few. The Government of Japan is strongly committed to supporting the two-state solution through those humanitarian and developmental projects.

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 total assistance since 1993 will reach approximately USD 1.9 billion.

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