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Japan's New Assistance to Palestinian People (USD 40,209,061)

The Government of Japan has committed a new assistance of USD 40,209,061 to the Palestinian people through international organizations and INGOs.

This new package includes humanitarian assistance through UNRWA, installation of solar energy panels to mitigate the energy crisis in Gaza, and budget support through the World Bank's Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP), as well as building a human resource development center, mainly for further development of the Jericho Agro-Industrial Park (JAIP). Other projects will also be implemented in partnership with various international organizations, INGOs, Japanese NGOs and JICA (Please see the attached list of projects).

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 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 exceed USD 1.8 billion.

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