RESPONSE to the QUESTIONNAIRE (JAPAN)

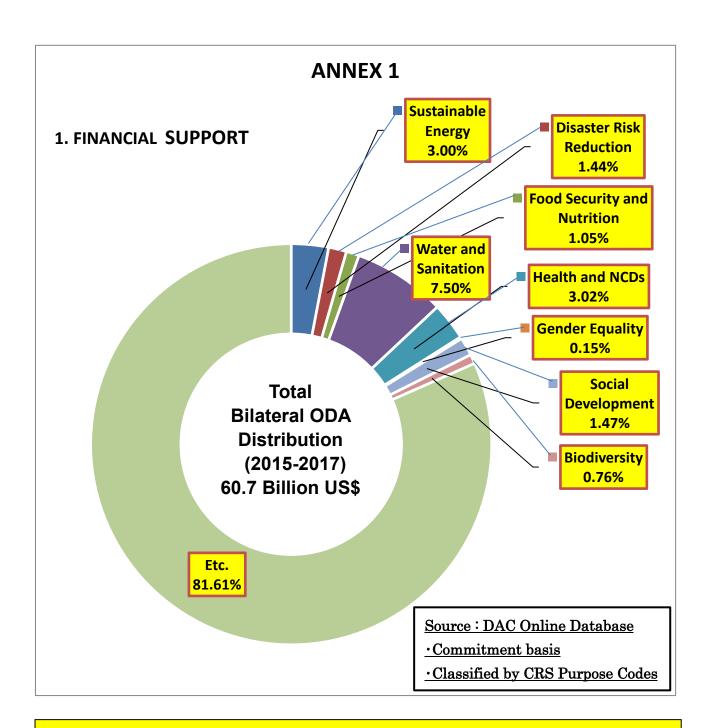
Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States survey for the Secretary-General report in 2019.

1. Financial Support: Please provide information on annual financial allocation(s)/investment(s) (i) in absolute values and (ii) as a percentage of the total annual budgets for SAMOMA Pathway specific SIDS programme areas, for the period January 2015 to December 2018 or most relevant period. Please provide your responses in the Table in Annex 1, no1.

Japan will provide information on annual financial allocations of the total ODA budget for SAMOMA Pathway specific SIDS programme areas (we have no available information on (1) Sustainable, inclusive and equitable economic growth, (2) Climate Change, (3) Ocean and seas, (4) Sustainable transportation, (5) Sustainable consumption and production, (6) Chemical and waste management and (7) Means of implementation, and therefore these areas should be included in "Etc." with all other areas) on a bilateral basis for the period from January 2015 to December 2017 as below:

Japan has no available information on its investments on these areas, or specific amount of allocations for SIDS. However, the total amount of its bilateral ODA from 2015 to 2017 (60.7 Billion US\$) includes contributions of all relevant Ministries and Agencies of Japan.

Apart from the above-mentioned bilateral contributions, as world's second largest contributor to the United Nations, Japan contributes more than 3 billion US dollars to UN, UN Agencies and International Organizations annually.



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- 2. Measuring the Progress/Implementation Status of SAMOA Pathway thematic areas:
- a. With reference to the SAMOA Pathway thematic areas listed in Annex
- 1, No 1 (where relevant or possible), please indicate the percentage achievement at the national level. Regional institutions should report against ongoing or completed programmes. Please support your answers with quantitative evidence (progress indicators, delivery rate of programme/project funds, etc.) as appropriate. Indicators tied to existing National Development/Sustainable Development Plans may also be used where relevant/appropriate.

Japan has no information available on its achievement, and therefore, please see the SDG index and Dashboards Report 2018 as below for reference:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/10wvvy9dfbl0pkb/AADBZZfwEJmD6GknRlSv9xp7a?dl=0&preview=JAPAN.pdf

b. Are there any other indicators used by your government to assess progress on implementation of the SAMOA Pathway thematic areas? If the SDG goals and targets are used, please explain how current progress measures against these indicators/targets?

As mentioned above.

c. If no specific indicators/targets are used, please indicate how your country measures progress in lieu of targets and indicators?

As mentioned above.

3. Please report using the table below. If the intervention was reported in 2018, please skip the table, mention merely the name of the project and elaborate on the rest of the question (I, II, III)

https://sidsnetwork.org/secretary-general-report-samoa-pathway/

Name of	Main Themes/ Goals		Target	Goals	Intervention	Total	Implem
Project/	addressed		Countries,		Туре	Budg	entation
Programme/ Activity	Samoa Pathway	SDG s	Regions, Sectors		(Tech transfer, Capacity development etc.)	et (US\$)	Period
Training of	Achieving	-	All SIDS	Japan has	Technical	N/A	From
5,000	more than		countries	achieved 9,324	transfer		2015
personnel	5,000			trained			to
in SIDS	trained			personnel from			2017
	personnel			2015 to 2017			

i. Why are these considered a success?

As showed in the table above, Japan has trained 9,324 personnel from 2015 to 2017 and achieved almost two times more than its initial goal of 5,000 personnel to be trained in the three years. It is clear that Japan has greatly succeeded in its project.

ii. What were the results? Please support with qualitative/quantitative evidence if possible/relevant

As mentioned above.

iii. Please elaborate on the critical factors that contributed to the intervention's success and any key lessons learned?

It can be said that all relevant stakeholders in Japan worked together intensively on this project.

b. Were there any other key results/outputs achieved and describe its impacts, if any.

Not particularly.

- 4. Addressing Gaps and Challenges:
- a. From among the programmes/projects that have been implemented by your government over the reporting period, please elaborate on any implementation challenges that have been encountered (Word Limit for responses: 2500).

No particular challenges are observed.

b. What have been the lessons learned and how will these be taken into account for the remaining implementation period of the SAMOA Pathway (2019-2024)?

Not particularly.

- 5. Outreach/Publications
- a. Please include a link to the annual progress reports prepared on development/sustainable development. If present, please identify the sections relevant to SIDS/SAMOA Pathway implementation. Please also add any other relevant publication issued by your government that covers SIDS issues.

Please see the SDGs related section of the following ODA white papers to better understand Japan's initiatives on SDGs.

(https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000406633.pdf)

- 6. Preparations for the Mid-Term Review A High-Level review of the Samoa Pathway will take place on 27th of Sept. 2019 in UNHQ, as mandated by A/RES/72/307.
- a. Is your government conducting or planning to conduct any internal review of SIDS programmes in preparation for the Mid-term review of the Samoa Pathway? If so, please elaborate.

Not particularly.

b. Please elaborate on any other activities being undertaken in preparation for the High-Level Review in 2019 if any.

Not particularly.

7. Other Matters – Please include any other information as relevant.

All other information has already been reported to the Secretariat last May.