

Our Development Cooperation with Kiribati



As part of the Pacific Reset, New Zealand has scaled up its development cooperation in Kiribati.

New Zealand's development cooperation with Kiribati aims to have a healthy, educated and resilient I-Kiribati population in a well-governed country that provides acceptable future choices for its population. Kiribati faces serious development constraints that come with its size and remote location, but New Zealand is working closely with the government and people of Kiribati to overcome these challenges. In 2016, Kiribati released an ambitious 20 year development strategy – known as the KV20 – that outlines Kiribati's development priorities to become a wealthy, healthy and peaceful nation. New Zealand is continuing to partner with Kiribati to help make this ambition a reality.

Recent achievements

- ✘ Improved transparency of fisheries revenues, and provided technical assistance to provide further advice on increasing the value added in the Kiribati fishing industry.
- ✘ Provided contraception where needed through the Healthy Families initiative
- ✘ Established effective rubbish collection and landfill management in South Tarawa
- ✘ Improved management of Kiribati's sovereign wealth fund
- ✘ Constructed 62 high density housing units in South Tarawa
- ✘ Improved water security for South Tarawa through the funding of a reverse osmosis plant in Betio
Increased access to telecommunications for the population of South Tarawa
- ✘ Rehabilitated more than half the electricity substations in South Tarawa, which has greatly improved the safety of the Tarawa distribution system

Current development priorities

- ✘ Ensuring Kiribati benefits long-term from its fisheries resources
- ✘ Supporting efforts to reduce population pressure in South Tarawa
- ✘ Providing I-Kiribati with adequate health and education services
- ✘ Ensuring that Kiribati is well governed, supported by stable government revenue
- ✘ Assisting Kiribati with climate change adaptation responses to explore options for creating climate resilient urban land in south Tarawa

What we're working on now

- ✘ Community development initiatives (through New Zealand non-government organisations) to improve health and raise living standards in South Tarawa
- ✘ Improving facilities at South Tarawa's hospitals
- ✘ Efforts to increase knowledge of family planning options and availability of family planning services in South Tarawa and 6 adjacent islands
- ✘ Facilitating labour mobility schemes that help I-Kiribati find high quality employment offshore
- ✘ Significantly expanding the capacity of the Kiribati Institute of Technology
- ✘ Raising the standard of training for nurses and doctors
- ✘ Assisting Kiribati to increase its revenue and value-added from its flourishing fisheries sector
- ✘ Provision of modern sanitation throughout South Tarawa, in conjunction with the World Bank and ADB's South Tarawa Water Supply Project
- ✘ Assisting the Public Utility Board with staff training and organisational reform, to help it become a sustainable and high-functioning energy utility
- ✘ Supporting the Marine Training Centre in provision of high-quality training that helps I-Kiribati secure good jobs on foreign vessels; a current focus is upon introducing officer-level training



**2018-2021
Development
funding**

**Our planned aid
expenditure**