

Our Development Cooperation with Nauru



New Zealand's ambition for Nauru is a well-governed and resilient country that contributes to the stability and standing of the Pacific region.

To achieve this, our engagement is focused on economic resilience and regional values. We work with Nauru to build capacity to address sustainable development challenges, including building an efficient and effective public sector, effectiveness of democratic institutions, and increasing economic and social benefits from being an effective labour sending country.

New Zealand's development assistance to Nauru includes funding for specific activities agreed with the Government of the Republic of Nauru such as support for quality education, increasing renewable energy and strengthening electoral systems. Support is also provided through scholarships, short term training awards, enabling Nauru access to the Recognised Seasonal Employers (RSE) scheme and technical assistance for regional fisheries.

Recent achievements

- ✘ In 2019, New Zealand became a member of the Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru and will make a regular contribution to the Fund until it reaches maturity in 2033. The Fund was established in 2015 to provide future generations with a source of revenue for investments in education, health, environment, and infrastructure development. It is currently on track to reach its capitalisation target.
- ✘ We are providing up to NZD\$3.6 million to install 1MW of solar PV to support Nauru's target of 50% of electricity generation from renewable sources. We expect the project to be complete in 2019. It will address climate change mitigation (by reducing fossil fuels) and climate change resilience (by moving critical generation infrastructure from the vulnerable coastal plain to Topside and adding rainwater harvesting and storage capacity). The Government of Nauru is now on track to hit their own target of 50% energy from renewable resources and has asked New Zealand to assist them to increase their energy efficiency.

Current development priorities

We will work with the Government of the Republic of Nauru to:

- ✘ Strengthen economic resilience
- ✘ Strengthen regional cooperation.

What we're working on now

- ✘ New Zealand is a member of the Intergenerational Trust Fund for the People of the Republic of Nauru, supporting Nauru's economic resilience. We also support economic reform in Nauru aligned with the Asian Development Bank's partnership with Nauru.
- ✘ We provide budget support for the education sector, alongside Australia, which is focused on increasing access to quality primary and secondary education, improving quality teaching and strengthening leadership in the sector.
- ✘ Supporting Nauru to reach its target of 50% of electricity generation from renewable sources through the installation of a 1MW solar plant. We also facilitate professional development for Nauruans working in the energy sector and are exploring options to improve energy efficiency.
- ✘ Co-funding, with Australia, a UNDP-led electoral reform project to strengthen the capacities of the Electoral Commission to ensure a better informed electorate, a more transparent and inclusive electoral process and greater participation of women.
- ✘ Multi-country and regional projects including support for fisheries, aviation regulation and air safety, judicial strengthening and economic governance/private sector strengthening.
- ✘ Providing opportunities for Nauruans to gain skills overseas through scholarships, work attachments and New Zealand's RSE scheme.



**2018-2021
Development
funding**

**Our ^(NZD)planned
aid
expenditure**