

FY 2025-26 Development Fund Projection Speech

President and Minister for Finance

H.E. Hon. David Adeang, MP

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Mr Speaker,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce Nauru's Development Fund Projection for Financial Year 2025-26.

Nauru's development partners have pledged 157.7 million dollars of support for financial year 2025-26. This includes direct budget support of 50 million dollars, and in-kind assistance valued at 107.2 million dollars.

The People's Republic of China will contribute 30 million dollars towards Nauru's national budget to further government priorities and goals. China will also provide 16 million dollars through in-kind support and assist Nauru with:

- 2026 Micronesian Games Infrastructure,
- Medical visits and consultations,
- Tertiary scholarships, and
- South-South co-operation mechanisms.

We appreciate this assistance, and look forward to deepening our partnership in the coming years.

Australia's allocation for the financial year is 44.9 million dollars, which includes:

- 20 million dollars in Budget Support under the Nauru-Australia treaty,
- 10.5 million dollars for health and education programs,
- 8 million dollars for infrastructure, and
- 5.4 million dollars for economic governance programs.

The Asian Development Bank has committed a total package of 18.9 million dollars to Nauru:

- 13.5 million dollars will be provided for the Port Project.
- 2.6 million dollars towards the Nauru Urban Sustainable Development Project, which will improve Nauru's water supply, sanitation, and solid waste management systems.
- Under the "Improving Fiscal Sustainability Program", 1.6 million dollars is focused on strengthening State-Owned Enterprises.
- The Solar Project will be allocated 1.3 million dollars.

Through the Economic & Social Development Program, Japan's support for Nauru includes:

- 17.4 million dollars for the East Micronesia Undersea Cable,
- 6.7 million dollars for Port Equipment,
- 4.9 million dollars for the Nauru Police Force Patrol Boat, and

- 2.2 million dollars for heavy machinery to bolster Nauru's rehabilitation efforts.

We thank our enduring partners Australia, the Asian Development Bank and Japan for their continued contribution towards Nauru's infrastructural and socio-economic development.

Our long-term development partner, the United Nations, continues to support improved outcomes for the Planet, People, Prosperity and Peace.

From the total 11.9 million dollars support, 3 major programmes including:

- 6.5 million dollars for the HIV/TB Programme,
- 2.2 million dollars for the Nauru Accountable and Inclusive Governance (NAIG) project, and
- 1.6 million dollars for the SMARTEN project.

The UN Agencies continue to provide funding into areas such as:

- Addressing food security issues
- Supporting regulations, customs and border control
- Providing Technical Support to Law Enforcement in combat of Transnational Organised Crime.

In assisting Nauru's efforts to meet its development objectives, New Zealand will provide support totalling 4.8 million dollars. This is allocated towards:

- The Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund,
- Nauru Education Support,
- Tertiary-level scholarships,
- The NEEDS Project, and
- Regional programs.

The United Nations and New Zealand continue to close the gaps of addressing sustainability, climate-action and resilience issues. We are grateful for their support.

Mr Speaker, the commitment of our partners signifies our shared understanding of the importance of Nauru's sustainable development. We extend our sincere gratitude for their continuous and steadfast commitment, and look forward to a continued partnership.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank Almighty God for His blessings and guidance in the previous financial year. May His favour continue in the new financial year, and our actions be guided by our nation's motto: *"God's Will First."*

I commend this development projection to the House.