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## Pacific Partnership 2011

*"Pacific Partnership provides a framework for the United States to work collaboratively with its international, interagency and non-governmental partners to conduct an effective humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response. This is more than a whole-of-government approach; it's the whole of several governments."*

– Capt. Jesse Wilson, Pacific Partnership 2011 mission commander

USS Cleveland (LPD 7) deployed March 21 on a mission to visit five Pacific island nations as the command platform for [Pacific Partnership 2011](#) (PP11). Now in its sixth year, PP11 is an annual joint and combined training and readiness mission that works with and through host and partner nations, [non-government organizations](#) (NGOs) and other U.S. government agencies to execute humanitarian and civic assistance (HCA) activities in preparation for and in response to crisis.

### Strengthening Regional Partnerships, Building Capacity to Respond to Crisis

- To date [PP11](#) has completed missions in [Tonga](#), [Vanuatu](#), and [Papua New Guinea](#), [building and strengthening regional partnerships](#) and enhancing coordination efforts between the U.S., international partner nations, and international humanitarian and relief organizations. PP11 will continue its mission visiting Timor Leste in June and the Federated States of Micronesia in July.
- The United States, Australia, Japan, Canada, [New Zealand](#), France, Singapore and Spain are partnering with host nations and NGOs to conduct [medical](#), [dental](#), veterinarian and [engineering civic assistance](#) projects designed to assist local communities with a wide range of services while increasing interoperability with partner nations.
- Relationships built and sustained with the multiagency, multinational and NGO teams enhance the ability to work collectively in support of future humanitarian requirements.

### Partnering With Host Nations

- Pacific Partnership coordinates with host nations to identify and prioritize medical, dental, veterinarian and engineering civic action projects that enhance the host nation's crisis response capabilities and public health capacity.
- While Pacific Partnership provides tangible services that benefit location populations, host nations offer unique exposure to location, national and regional issues that provide tremendous learning opportunities, which further improve a collective ability to respond to a natural disaster crisis.

### Key Messages

- Pacific Partnership continues to support the global maritime partnership concept by enhancing relationships with regional partners and other international organizations.
- Pacific Partnership strengthens regional partnerships, builds partner capacity and improves multi-national interoperability.
- The mission is a partnership with nations and organizations that share a common interest in maintaining a stable and secure region.
- For more more information on the Pacific Partnership mission visit: [www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11](http://www.cpf.navy.mil/pp11)

### Facts & Figures

- The Pacific Partnership team has treated 21,523 patients, of whom 3,127 were children; cared for 405 animals; completed 10 [engineering projects](#); engaged local leaders; and conducted several [community projects](#).
- During the past five years, Pacific Partnership has provided medical, dental, educational and preventive medicine services to more than 230,000 patients in 15 countries. More than 140 engineering projects in more than a dozen countries have included school refurbishment and construction of sanitary water delivery systems.