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Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Annual Report 2015



On behalf of Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), it is my pleasure to present to you our 2015 Annual Report. In the 2015 fiscal year, AAR Japan provided direct assistance to people in need in 19 countries, including Japan. Our activities would not have been possible without generous donations, contributions, and grants/subsidies from both domestic and overseas individual supporters, various organizations, and private companies. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude for all of your kind support and generosity.

By the end of 2015, the number of refugees and internally displaced people worldwide exceeded 65 million, a number that is equivalent to approximately half of the population of Japan, which is a record high. These people have lost their homes, family members, means of livelihood, and even their physical abilities, forcibly being placed in extremely vulnerable conditions. We are currently faced with a global crisis full of conflict and suffering, and our peaceful life here in Japan could be considered a miracle.

Although our relief activities are limited, our efforts to make this world a better place are limitless. In Turkey, I have seen first-hand the outcomes of the donations, contributions and grants/subsidies from our supporters, which have undoubtedly improved the lives of and given hope to the Syrian refugees. Every day, AAR Japan's Japanese expatriates collaborate with local Turkish and Syrian staff members to answer this challenging question, "What do the refugees need right now?" Simultaneously, members at the AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarters strive to deliver updated information about the local situation alongside the accomplishments of our interventions to as many people as possible through debriefing sessions, events, and various channels of media.

"The world's refugee problem should not be treated as somebody else's problem." This statement made by Yukika SOHMA, the former Chairperson of AAR Japan, has been our motto ever since the organization's establishment. We acknowledge the fact that there are relief activities that only we at AAR Japan can realize, and we are dedicated to delivering such relief one step at a time.

Once again, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for your help in making all of our activities possible. We hope that you will stand by us and continue providing your kind support to AAR Japan.

July 2016



President of Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan)

Cover page photo: Temporary learning center was completed in Dhading District, located west of the Nepalese capital Kathmandu, hard hit by the massive earthquake that hit Nepal in April 26, 2016.
First grade student Subeksha(left), who has a dream of becoming a doctor, sits with AAR staff Norihiro Fujimoto in the center.(August 2015)

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∞ Our Vision ∞

A world where all people, as unique and diverse human beings can coexist with respect for human dignity, and in harmony with the environment

By “all people” we mean...

Our goal should be to bring about clear changes to the lives of every person involved, starting with the beneficiaries, and including donors, staff members and volunteers.

By “unique and diverse human beings” we mean...

We will respect the diversity of human beings, such as differences in culture, religion, or whether they have disabilities or not.

By “coexist” we mean...

All kinds of people, each with his or her individual personality, recognize each other's existence and learn to live together.

By “with respect for human dignity” we mean...

Basic human rights of all people are insured.

By “in harmony with the environment” we mean...

We will always make sure that our activities do not cause harm to the environment.

Our Mission

AAR Japan is aiming to assist those affected by hardships such as armed conflicts, remnants of armed conflicts, infectious diseases, disabilities, etc. In doing so, we hope to deliver the goodwill of the Japanese people, and to help realize a global society where people of diverse backgrounds coexist with respect for one another, for nature, and for human dignity.

Five Priority Fields

AAR Japan now operates in the following five fields: 1. Emergency assistance, 2. Support for persons with disabilities (PWDs), 3. Mine/UXO action, 4. Action against infectious diseases, 5. Public awareness raising.

Emergency assistance

We provide emergency assistance to refugees, returnees, and victims when a disaster or a dispute takes place.

* AAR Japan is a member organization of Japan Platform.

Support for PWDs

We support PWDs including mine victims, through the provision of wheel chair, vocational training, physiotherapy and rehabilitation services, emergency assistance, and Community Based Rehabilitation.

Mine/UXO action

We educate people on how to avoid accidents with landmines and UXOs, as well as help the victims of such accidents and promote mine clearance.

Action against infectious diseases

We spread awareness of actions against infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Public awareness raising

We actively organize events such as charity concerts and meetings in Japan, present at schools, and participate in public awareness raising lectures and policy recommendations.

We strive to carry out our activities based on the following principles:

✓ To consider the importance of disaster prevention, risk reduction, and resilience

✓ To be cognizant of the existence as well as the needs of marginalized communities and minorities, including issues on gender and PWDs

✓ To follow the fundamental rule of “Do No Harm”

✓ To fully respect the agency of local individuals and to develop human resources

✓ To always maintain neutrality

- ※ Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status Refugees defines “refugee” as “a person who owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country...” In addition to such refugees, AAR Japan is committed to supporting all those faced with adversities in general, and our activities focus on serving the most vulnerable individuals on a long-term basis.
- ※ Mine risk education, or MRE, refers to educational activities aimed at reducing the risk of injury from landmines by raising awareness and promoting behavioral change. Through MRE, we educate people on the existence of landmine contaminated areas, how to identify them, and what actions should be taken when encountering a landmine. AAR Japan will explore alternative means of expressions that will convey this initiative more easily and accurately.

Activity Report for the 2015 Fiscal Year (April 2015 - March 2016)

During the 2015 fiscal year, we carried out 36 projects across 19 countries including Japan, making full use of the generous contributions from our supporters. We have counted 27,324 donations from our domestic and overseas supporters, and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your help in making our activities possible.

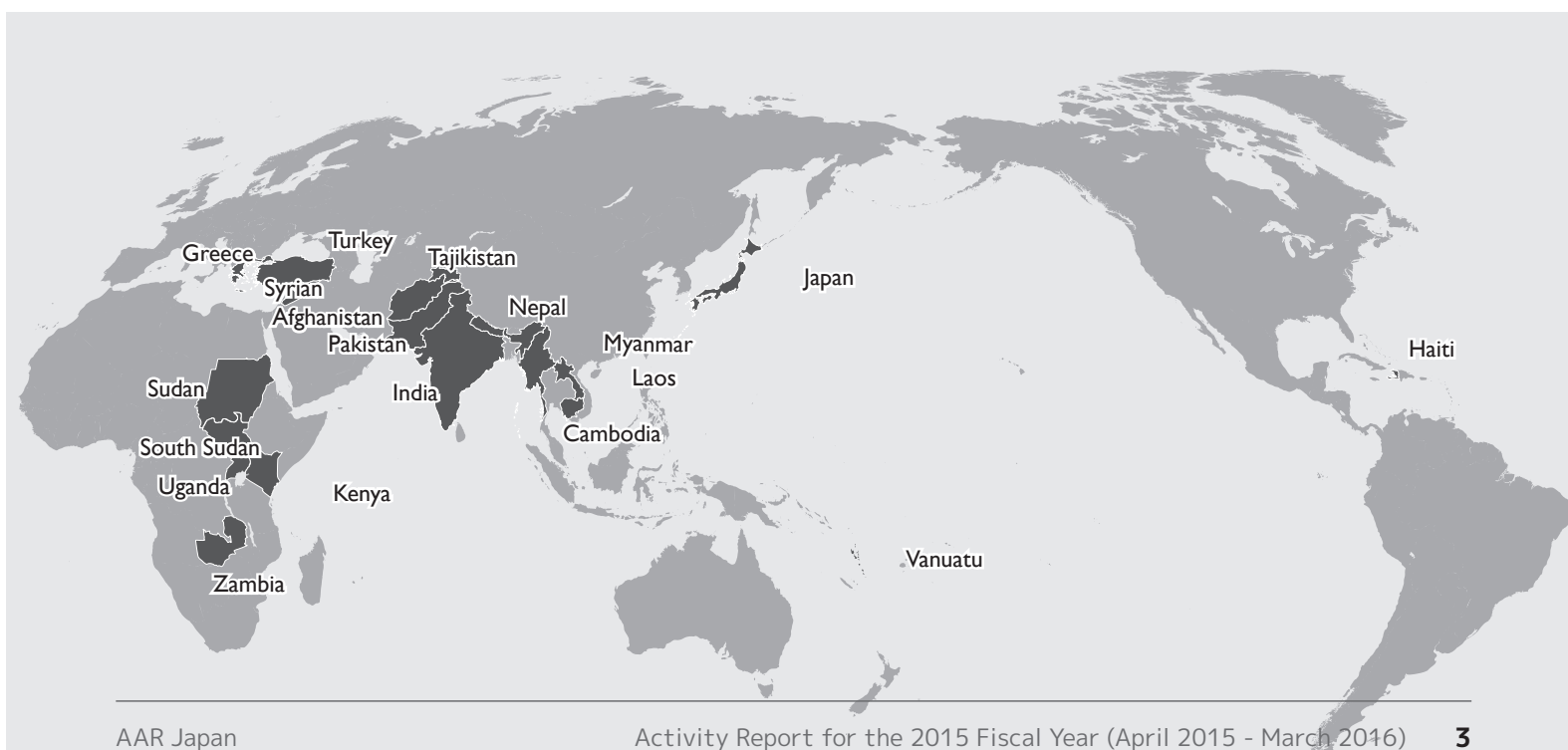
With regard to our overseas activities, we focused our commitment to emergency assistance, mine/UXO action, and support for PWDs (persons with disabilities) as well as action against infectious diseases. With regards to aid to Syrian refugees, we provided support not only to refugees who fled to Turkey but also to those residing in Syria by distributing food items and providing education on how to avoid accidents with landmines and UXOs. In Nepal, we continued our support to earthquake survivors. Furthermore, we carried out inclusive education projects to ensure that children with disabilities receive education in Tajikistan, Cambodia, and Haiti. With respect to health, we launched maternal and child health projects in Laos and Zambia in addition to our continued actions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Domestically, with respect to the Great East Japan Earthquake, we held active listening sessions and massages for the elderly residing in temporary housing complexes. We also supported social welfare facilities through promoting product sales and furthering transportation infrastructure development. For the children of Fukushima Prefecture, we distributed safe drinking water and fruit, and held overnight recreational events in Nishiaizu Town, where radiation levels are relatively low, so that children could release their stress as evacuees and engage in physical exercise.

AAR Japan was selected as one of the NPOs to be advertised through the program of the Advertising Council Japan. Started in July 2015, advertisements have been delivered through media including television, radio, as well as through posters displayed at stations and on public transportation vehicles. For this campaign, AAR Japan bears the cost of producing campaign materials only, while all the other costs were offered free of charge by the Council. This campaign continues up to the end of June 2017.)

With regard to finance, our total annual income reached approximately 1 billion 386 million yen, excluding the balance brought forward from the previous fiscal year. Approximately 1 billion 195 million yen (equivalent to 80.1% of the total expenditure) was spent on our overseas projects and approximately 90 million (equivalent to 6.1% of the total expenditure) was spent for relief activities in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake and flooding in the Kanto and Tohoku region. Refer to the following pages for details.

Countries where we work in



Lao PDR

Vientiane Office, Phongsaly Office

Established its office in the capital of Vientiane in 1999, AAR Japan has been providing assistance for PWD till today. The Ban Sainesouk Center, a care center for children with disabilities that AAR Japan had been supporting, closed in March 2015. In July 2014, we also closed our branch office that we established in 2010 in Xiang Khouang in northern Lao, where we provided assistance for UXO survivors. In November 2015, we opened an office in Phongsaly, where we commit to strengthening maternal and child health services, especially at the community level.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 53,134,122 JPY

1 Promotion of Small Scale Entrepreneurship among PWDs

Target Area: Vientiane Capital, Vientiane Province, Xayaburi Province, Lao PDR

Objective: To increase the income earned by PWDs.

Achievement: The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-funded, Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project (partnership program), began in July 2014. In order to promote small scale entrepreneurship among PWDs, AAR Japan provided vocational training seminars in the target areas. A total of 112 PWDs participated in the vocational training seminars in the 2015 fiscal year.

Beneficiaries: 120 PWDs (40 for mushroom farming, 57 for catfish farming, 7 for tailoring, and 16 for cricket farming (alternative to tailoring training))



A PWD on a wheelchair engages in catfish farming. (May 2015)

2 Promotion of Wheelchair Basketball

Target Area: Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

Objective: To promote social integration of PWDs through PWD sports.

Achievement: When this project was launched in June 2015, a total of approximately 30 male and female athletes were selected. The selected PWD athletes held wheelchair basketball practices periodically and each of the 30 athletes received a customized basketball wheelchair. The PWD athletes competed in the ASEAN Para Games held in Singapore in December 2015.

Beneficiaries: 30 PWDs (18 male, 12 female)



PWD athletes enjoy wheelchair basketball at the National Rehabilitation Center's sports gymnasium for PWDs.

3 Improvement of Maternal and Child Health in Remote Mountainous Areas of Laos

Target Area: Phongsaly Province, Lao PDR

Objective: To increase the rate at which expectant and nursing mothers receive medical examinations as well as increasing the rate of child growth monitoring in Phongsaly Province, the province with the highest mortality rates for neonatal infants, infants under one year of age, and infants under five years of age in Laos.

Achievement: AAR Japan provided medical equipment for maternal and child health services to Phongsaly Province hospital and Phongsaly County hospital and provided medical equipment training to obstetrics and pediatrics department employees at those hospitals.

Beneficiaries: A total of 19 employees from Phongsaly Province hospital and Phongsaly County hospital



Local hospital employee (middle) learns how to listen to the heartbeat of an unborn child utilizing a Doppler ultrasound equipment provided by AAR Japan. Ando Noriko, AAR Japan representative (second from the right). (March 2016)

Kingdom of Cambodia

Phnom Penh Office

Since its establishment in 1979, AAR Japan has supported Cambodian refugees in the camps around the Cambodia-Thai border, as well as those who have resettled in Japan. AAR Japan opened an office in the capital of Phnom Penh in 1992, a year after the peace agreement was signed, and began operating a vocational training center for PWDs and a wheelchair workshop. The vocational training center and wheelchair workshop became independent local NGOs in 2006. In 2013, we re-opened the Phnom Penh office, and have been implementing an inclusive education project for children with disabilities.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 30,411,509 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities

Target Area: Ksach Kandal District, Kandal Province, Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: To ensure that children, regardless of their disabilities, receive basic education and to diversify opportunities for social participation for children with disabilities by collaborating with schools and communities to promote inclusive education.

Achievement: AAR Japan improved primary school facilities to make them barrier-free and conducted training and workshops for teachers and children at primary schools. We also monitored the learning and schooling environment for children with disabilities and supplied assistive devices and aid services to target schools and regions. AAR Japan recruited various persons involved in this project to form a project team and then provided training that enabled the team to contribute to the sustainable development of this project.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: Approximately 4,015 people (approximately 3,000 children and 80 teachers from 4 target schools; 19 members of the Inclusive Education Promotion Group; 16 teachers from schools other than those selected in 2015 as Ksach Kandal District target schools; 300 teachers and government officials from other districts who participated in the training; approximately 600 inhabitants of target villages who participated in regional events)



The inclusiveness education workshop that was launched this year focused on teaching students about disabilities. Students experienced wheelchairs and learned the importance of lending a helping hand to those in need. (December 2015)

2 Distribution of Wheelchairs (Promotion of Social Independence of PWDs through Capacity Building of a Local NGO)

Target Area: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap Province, Battambang Province, Kampong Chhnang Province, Prey Veng Province, Takeo Province, Svay Rieng Province, Kampot Province, Kampong Speu Province, Kampong Thom Province, and Kandal Province, Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: To promote social independence of PWDs in Cambodia through capacity and skills building of a local NGO that engages in wheelchair production (AAR, WCD).

Achievement: The wheelchair production workshop that AAR Japan had managed since 1994 became an independent, local NGO in 2006. During the 2015 fiscal year, AAR Japan replaced obsolete manufacturing machinery with new machinery that can manufacture assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, that are customized to meet the needs of each PWD. The local NGO recently became successful in securing financial resources for its operations. AAR Japan continues to support the NGO in developing its operational and financial management capabilities so that it can build a sustainable business.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: Approximately 1,180 PWDs

Indirect beneficiaries: Approximately 5,900 family members of the PWDs



After the distribution of wheelchairs, AAR Japan periodically visited beneficiaries to assess the condition and usage of wheelchairs, learn about changes in lifestyle and, as necessary, repair wheelchairs. A workshop staff and a staff from AAR Japan's headquarters in Tokyo (Kazuya Omuro, middle) speak with a beneficiary. (November 2015)

Inclusive education denotes that all children should be accepted, without any restrictions, in local educational programs so that they can learn together. Putting this policy into practice includes identifying the needs of children with disabilities and removing their physical and social barriers by adjusting teaching methods, materials, classrooms, the learning environment, and the educational system as a whole to their special needs.

Union of Myanmar

Yangon Office, Hpa-an Office

AAR Japan established its office in Yangon (Rangoon) in 1999 and opened the vocational training center for persons with disabilities the following year. In 2001, the foster parenting program in Japan to support children with physical and intellectual disabilities in Myanmar was launched under the title, “Future of the Children in Myanmar.” In 2013, the Hpa-an Office was opened in Kayin State to support internally displaced persons and returnees.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 64,613,776 JPY

1 Operation of Vocational Training Center and Promotion of Employment Support Network for PWDs

Target Area: Yangon City, Union of Myanmar

Objective: To provide PWDs with high quality vocational training at AAR’s vocational training center. To further enhance the support network of local vocational training welfare center employees that would promote social independence of PWDs.

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to offer three courses at the vocational training center: tailoring, beauty/cosmetics, and PC. These courses were offered for three consecutive terms in 2015. Each term lasted three and a half months, and started in January, May, and September. A total of 141 PWDs graduated: 53 from beauty/cosmetics, 51 from tailoring, and 37 from PC. This year, AAR Japan’s vocational training project, which focuses on the development of an employment support network for PWDs, was elected to be one of JICA’s Grassroots Technical Cooperation Projects. AAR Japan collaborated with counterparties including vocational training centers for PWDs operated by welfare bureaus and other similar bureaus and PWD organizations to prepare for the launch of the project.

Beneficiaries: 141 students of the vocational training center



As one of Myanmar’s very few vocational training centers that accept PWDs from the general public, AAR Japan’s vocational training center provides vocational training and employment support services to all PWDs in Myanmar at no cost. Yoshio Nakagawa, AAR Japan (right). (April 2015)

2 “Future of the Children in Myanmar” (Foster Parenting Project)

Target Area: Yangon City, Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve conditions of children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and to provide them with opportunities to interact with the wider society, and to raise awareness among the family members of such children so that they can provide better care for their children.

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to provide financial support to a local NGO, in addition to providing physiotherapy services, training, and school enrollment support by making home visits to households with children with disabilities. AAR Japan’s school enrollment support caters to the needs of each child and includes grant-in-aid to persons affiliated with schools; financial aid to cover commute/transportation expenses for households with lower levels of income; and promotion of home-schooling for children whose disabilities prevent them from commuting to school facilities. We also organized excursions that enabled children with disabilities and their guardians to visit other provinces and to interact with other families who have children with disabilities.



Periodic home visitations are made and physiotherapy services are provided. On either side of the picture are local AAR employees who are physiotherapists. (January 2015)

Beneficiaries: Approximately 150 children with disabilities and their guardians; approximately 240 children with disabilities who commute to welfare facilities for children with disabilities and their guardians and staff of those welfare facilities

3 Promotion of Hygiene and Basic Infrastructure for Internally Displaced Persons including Landmine Survivors and Returnees

Target Area: Ma Ae District, Hlaignbwe Township, Kayin State, Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve the living standards of villagers including landmine survivors by promoting hygiene and basic infrastructure at Ma Ae District, Hlaignbwe Township, Kayin State, a place that accepts many internally displaced persons including landmine survivors and returnees.

Achievement: AAR Japan improved the basic infrastructure of three villages in Ma Ae District, Hlaignbwe Township, Kayin State by developing water supply facilities such as wells and water tanks and roads that provide schools with access to wells. At each of the villages, AAR Japan also promoted awareness on hygiene and formed a hygiene maintenance management committee that would be responsible for monitoring sanitary conditions. All new infrastructure is designed with handrails and slopes for ease of use by PWDs. This design concept coupled with activities to raise awareness regarding disabilities demonstrates AAR Japan's efforts to make the villages a comfortable place to live for all. Furthermore, by having the presence of PWDs on the hygiene maintenance management committee, AAR Japan promotes a community that encourages social integration of the approximately 110 PWDs including landmine survivors who inhabit the villages.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 4,000 persons across the three villages

4 Mushroom Farming for Internally Displaced Persons including Landmine Survivors

Target Area: Hlaignbwe Township, Kayin State, Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village, Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve the living standards of PWDs, including landmine survivors, of Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village by promoting self-sufficiency (income).

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed tools necessary for mushroom farming and offered vocational training and coaching on business operations to PWDs (including landmine survivors) who reside in Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village of Kayin State, a village sheltering many internally displaced persons. AAR Japan also supported the development of sales channels and markets where PWDs could sell their harvested goods and eventually become self-sufficient.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 100 persons (16 PWDs and their families), 900 residents of Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village



AAR Japan organized an event to celebrate the International Day of People with Disability and invited organizations that support PWDs (left) and inhabitants from neighboring villages. At the event were educational games and quizzes with facts on disabilities and songs written by PWDs and their families. (January 2016)



Mushroom farming does not require strenuous physical labor and is an optimal occupation for low-income PWDs and their families who have limited employment opportunities. The picture is of beneficiaries who are in competition with each other in the mushroom farming market on a daily basis, but who came together to learn about the mushroom farming work stream, starting with production, harvest, and sale. (December 2015)

Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Kathmandu Office

In response to the earthquakes that rocked Nepal on April 25, 2015, AAR Japan dispatched an emergency response team and established an office in the capital city, Kathmandu. The emergency response team provided food items and non-food items and then offered recovery assistance including the construction of temporary school buildings and support for PWDs.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 85,830,226 JPY

1 Needs Assessment of Kathmandu and Nearby Affected Areas and Provision of Emergency Relief Items

Target Area: Tasarpu Village, Dhading District, Federal Republic of Nepal

Objective: To provide emergency relief items based on the needs assessment of the Nepal earthquake survivors and to help them to rebuild living conditions of survivors.

Achievement: Of the 1,299 houses in the mountainous village of Tasarpu (Dhading District), approximately 90% of the houses were fully or partially destroyed by the earthquake. AAR Japan provided food items including rice, salt, and cooking oil and non-food items including buckets, blankets, and plastic tarps. We also delivered a basic solar power light to the rural district of Gorkha.

Beneficiaries: Residents of the 2,299 homes (approximately 12,000 persons)



Even after two weeks had passed since the earthquake, little aid was delivered to Tasarpu Village (Dhading District). Chiaki Furukawa (AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarters, right) distributes emergency aid items. (May 2015)

2 Construction of Temporary Schools and Toilets

Target Area: Dhading District, Federal Republic of Nepal

Objective: To construct temporary school buildings at schools destroyed by the earthquake so that children can study in a safe environment.

Achievement: Of the 587 schools in Dhading District, 377 schools were fully or partially destroyed. AAR Japan constructed 43 temporary school buildings and 1 toilet (with 4 stalls) for 30 of the affected schools. We also distributed school supplies including stationary products to 462 students commuting to schools located in lower-income areas.

Beneficiaries: 8,073 students from 30 public schools in Dhading District



Students studying in the comfort of the temporary school buildings. (August 2015) (Picture by Yoshifumi Kawabata)

3 Support for PWDs in Areas Near Kathmandu

Target Area: Areas near Kathmandu, Federal Republic of Nepal

Objective: To rebuild living conditions of survivors with disabilities and persons that has become disabled due to the earthquake.

Achievement: AAR Japan provided necessary relief items to people with disabilities in informal evacuation camp and also supported the relocation process of approximately 40 persons moving from the evacuation camp to apartments in the downtown area of Kathmandu city. AAR Japan also provided livelihood assistance through the manufacturing and distribution of 50 wheelchairs and the promotion of entrepreneurship in chicken farming.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 40 persons receiving support for relocation; 50 persons manufacturing and distributing wheelchairs; approximately 20 direct beneficiaries and approximately 80 indirect beneficiaries of the chicken farming



This is AAR Japan's pilot project for wheelchair manufacturing in Nepal. An employee of a local organization manufactures a wheelchair using space at the Kathmandu University. (December 2015)

India

In 2014, AAR Japan started a pilot project in the state of Kashmir to help impoverished women, some of whose families are missing, receive an education and live independently.

2015 fiscal year final settlement: 1,886,903 JPY

1 Assisting Women in the Kashmir State

Target Area: Jammu and Kashmir State, India

Objective: To support impoverished women, some of whose families have gone missing, to receive an education and to live independently on the India-side of the Kashmir region.

Achievement: In collaboration with Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, AAR Japan appointed a local representative from Jammu and Kashmir to visit Japan. In October 2015, AAR Japan held an internal seminar to further understand the living condition of women in Kashmir.

Beneficiaries: Activity was limited to the internal seminar. No beneficiaries

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Islamabad Office, Nowshera Office

When AAR Japan provided emergency assistance to the survivors of the massive earthquake in 2005, as well as to those internally displaced persons (IDPs) due to the military campaigns against the Taliban in 2009, AAR Japan set up temporary offices in Islamabad for each of those instances. In July 2010 when massive flood hit Pakistan, AAR Japan set up an office for its emergency assistance for the flood survivors that eventually became the Islamabad Office today. Since then, AAR Japan has been supporting those schools in the areas where many IDPs as well as Afghan refugees reside, improving learning environment through building and repairing classrooms as well as water facilities and toilets. AAR Japan completed its project in Nowshera and closed the Nowshera Office (established in 2012) in January 2016.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 70,389,922 JPY

1 Improvement of Learning and Hygiene Environment of Schools

Target Area: Nowshera District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Objective: To improve the conditions of schools and hygiene in communities that host Afghan refugees and Pakistani internally displaced persons. To establish a self-sustaining framework to continue activities for the improvement of the educational and hygienic environment in the Nowshera District.

Achievement: At four Pakistani public schools in areas that host Afghan refugees, AAR Japan expanded and renovated classrooms, provided books and sports equipment, and installed and repaired bathrooms. AAR Japan promoted awareness about the importance of hygiene among teachers, students, and their parents. AAR Japan also held seminars and training programs on the maintenance of classrooms/facilities and hygiene education to enable teachers of the 42 schools at Afghan refugee camps and Pakistani public schools to continue improving the educational and hygiene environment even after the completion of AAR Japan's project.

Beneficiaries: 1,118 teachers, students, and their parents at the four Pakistani public schools located in areas hosting refugees; 215 teachers of schools at refugee camps and Pakistani public schools which AAR Japan supported throughout the years



Students of AAR Japan's hygiene training program held in 2013 became a teacher and is leading a review course for new teachers. (June 2015)

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Kabul Office

Since 1999, AAR Japan has been financing landmine and UXO clearance efforts with the sales revenue of the picture book series “Not Mines, But Flowers.” In 2002, AAR Japan established two offices, one in the capital city of Kabul and the other Taloqan, the capital of Takhar Province in northeastern Afghanistan, and began MRE and a physical therapy rehabilitation project. In 2008, these projects were handed over to another NGO operating in the same northeastern Afghanistan area. In November of the same year, AAR Japan was obliged to switch to remote management from its headquarters in Tokyo due to the deteriorated security situations. MRE activities and the support for PWDs including mine victims, continued from its based in AAR Kabul office with Afghan staff members. We plan to deploy an expatriate for Afghan operation to our Islamabad Office in Pakistan from May 2016.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 46,407,341, JPY

1 Mine Risk Education (MRE) and Support for PWDs including Mine Victims

Target Area: Kabul Province and Parwan Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To decrease the number of victims of landmines, UXO, and IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and to increase the quality of life of mine victims, through MRE activities including dissemination of information on the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs and how to avoid them and through promotion of increasing access to education for children with disabilities, including mine victims.

Achievement: Through mobile cinema, training of MRE instructors and implementation of community workshops by those instructors, AAR Japan provided accurate information on how to protect oneself against the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs to 79,846 persons. AAR Japan also conducted projects to raise awareness regarding PWDs, which impacted 18,168 persons. In addition, 24 children with disabilities in our target village in Parwan province started attending schools as a result of our efforts to improve access to education for children with disabilities.

Beneficiaries:

MRE students: 79,846 persons

Persons trained to be instructors for MRE: 160 persons

Persons benefiting from the PWD awareness projects: 18,168 persons

PWDs not attending schools: 24 children with disabilities



Students holding MRE educational materials after taking AAR Japan's MRE classes. MRE classes have been incorporated in Kabul's public school curriculums. (September 2015)

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

2 Landmine and UXO Clearance

Target Area: Baghlan Province and Badakhshan Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To clear landmines and UXOs in Khinjan and Tala wa Barfak Districts of the Baghlan Province and Fayzabad District of the Badakhshan Province in order to prevent landmine/UXO injuries and to create a safe living environment in the target areas

Achievement: In cooperation with Halo Trust, a British NGO specializing in the removal of landmines, the clearance of landmines and UXO was carried out in three villages: Khinjan and Tala wa Barfak Districts of the Baghlan Province and Fayzabad District of the Badakhshan Province. This project impacted a total of 183 households and resulted in the removal of 25 landmines and three UXOs and creation of 42,150 m² (approximately equivalent to the size of one Tokyo Dome) of safe land.

Beneficiaries: Inhabitants of the target areas: 183 households (approximately 1,160 individuals)



Deminers in Khinjan of the Baghlan Province use landmine detectors and digging tools to search for landmines. (September 2015) © HALO Trust

3 Capacity Building of Civil Society in Afghanistan

Target Area: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To improve the skills and abilities of Afghan Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and to promote cooperation among these organizations

Achievement: AAR Japan assisted two prominent CSO network organizations in Afghanistan to improve the skills and abilities by conducting 174 institutional-capacity-building training sessions that benefitted a total of 5,032 CSO members.

In addition to AAR Japan, this program was conducted in partnership with Peace Winds Japan, Japan International Volunteer Center and Civil Sophia.

Beneficiaries: 5,032 Afghan CSO members



Project management training conducted by ANCB, a CSO network organization based in the south-eastern area of Nangarhar Province. (January 2016)

Republic of Tajikistan

Dushanbe Office

AAR Japan opened an office in the capital city of Dushanbe in 2002, with the aim of setting its base for assistance for the northeastern area of Afghanistan. Subsequently, AAR Japan started its full-fledged support for PWDs in Tajikistan. Currently, AAR Japan is promoting inclusive education and promoting the institutionalization of the tailoring section of the Association for PWDs in Tajikistan.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 47,764,839 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities

Target Area: Dushanbe and Gharm City in the Rasht Valley area, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To install equipment and train personnel at institutions that provide inclusive education, including public schools in Dushane, and to increase acceptance of children with disabilities at these target sites. To promote inclusive education in Tajikistan.

Achievement: In two schools serving as model schools for 2015 for promotion of inclusive education, AAR Japan installed ramps and handrails, renovated bathrooms and built a study room. Moreover, in cooperation with a local NGO, AAR Japan conducted five inclusive education training sessions for teachers in Dushanbe and Gharm. In addition to the two model schools of 2014, AAR Japan held an inclusive education awareness event and launched a tutor program to further assist learning for children with disabilities for two model schools from 2014 and the two model schools for 2015 (i.e., served a total of four model schools). AAR Japan dispatched technical advisors from Japan and India and held seminars and symposiums at Dushanbe's board of education, Ministry of Education and public colleges of education. AAR Japan also prepared brochures on inclusive education and distributed them at events and supermarkets, shopping centers, and restaurants in Dushanbe.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: approximately 416 individuals (74 children with disabilities newly-admitted to the four model schools, 148 parents of the students, 139 teachers who participated in the inclusive education training (as of February 2016), 55 officials and members of the NGO who attended the panel discussions presented by inclusive education technical advisors from India)

Indirect beneficiaries: approximately 10,000 persons (8,154 children with disabilities and 361 teachers of the model schools, approximately 1,500 participants of events for the general public and recipients of the brochures)



Students who were curious of the classes offered at model schools visited model schools and spent their free time helping children with disabilities study and actively organized events at those schools. (December 2015)

Republic of Tajikistan

2 Assistance for PWDs through Institutionalization of Tailoring section of the Association for PWDs, and Support for Entrepreneurship

Target Area: Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote social and financial independence of PWDs by providing business opportunities.

Achievement: Started in October 2015, AAR Japan offered vocational training courses led by PWDs that focused on techniques involved in tailoring. At the event for the International Day of People with Disability held in early December 2015, PWDs displayed and sold their tailor-business products.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: 16 vocational training students

Indirect beneficiaries: 96 family members of the vocational training students



Students learning about tailoring techniques and designs from Ms. Zamira who is the trainer with disabilities in a wheelchair. (November 2015)

Republic of Turkey

Sanliurfa Office

In response to the large scale earthquake that struck eastern Turkey in 2011, AAR Japan carried out emergency assistance for the disaster survivors. Since 2012, AAR Japan has also been assisting Syrian refugees who fled to the south-east region of Turkey due to the internal conflict in Syria. The following year in 2013, AAR Japan opened an office in Sanliurfa Province. Through this office AAR Japan is continuing to assist Syrian refugees in the region.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 85,640,882 JPY

1 Comprehensive Assistance to Syrian Refugees in the South-East Region of Turkey

Target Area: Sanliurfa Province, Republic of Turkey

Objective: To improve the living standards of Syrian refugees by providing aid that address the various needs of refugees new to the Turkey and those who have resided in Turkey for an extended period of time.

Achievement: In collaboration with a local cooperation organization, AAR Japan distributed food item packages to 1,244 Syrian refugee households (7,344 persons) in the villages of the Suruç District. AAR Japan also distributed personal hygiene product packages to 939 households (5,634 persons) in the same district. Furthermore, AAR Japan distributed fruit to approximately 400 households (approximately 4,000 persons) at Syrian refugee camps operated by regional government bodies.

In Sanliurfa, AAR Japan established a community center that offered Turkish, English, and computer classes to equip the Syrian refugees, Iraqi refugees, and the local Turkish persons with new skills and knowledge. In addition, AAR Japan regularly hosted events to encourage community building amongst the Syrian refugees, Iraqi refugees, and the local Turkish persons.

AAR Japan also provided assistive devices and offered physical therapy rehabilitation programs for Syrian refugee PWDs and Turkish PWDs.

Beneficiaries: Beneficiaries of aid distribution: 1,644 Syrian refugee households in the Suruç district. (approximately 16,978 persons)

Community center beneficiaries: 319 Syrian refugees and local Turkish persons attending classes and 1,570 Syrian refugees and local Turkish persons attending the events.

Beneficiaries of assistance for PWDs: 658 persons.



Syrian refugees and local Turkish children visiting the community center and Yukie OSA, AAR Japan president (center). (September 2015)

Syrian Arab Republic

In response to the internal conflict in Syria that started in 2011 and evolved into unprecedented turmoil in the following years, AAR Japan carried out emergency assistance starting in 2014. In collaboration with local cooperation organization, AAR Japan distributed food items, provided educational assistance, and provided MRE to persons who have become refugees in Syria, host communities, and returnees returning to Syria from neighboring countries.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 322,012,964 JPY

1 Distribution of Food Items

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To address chronic food shortage issues by continuing to distribute food items to Syrian refugees in Syria.

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed 33,880 boxes of food packages (each package included 15 food items) to Syrian refugees, including internally displaced persons. AAR Japan tackled chronic food shortage issues by supplying food items to a target neighborhood in a specific region for an extended period of time. AAR Japan also carried out emergency assistance in response to the urgent food crises involving persons internally displaced by the conflict.

Beneficiaries: 22,843 Syrian households (115,655 persons) that received food items

2 Development of Learning Materials for MRE

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To reduce the risk of injury related to landmines and UXOs in Syria, an area heavily contaminated by landmine/UXOs left from Syrian conflicts.

Achievement: AAR Japan began MRE targeting Syrians, including refugees returning to Syria from Turkey. Prior to launching MRE, AAR Japan assessed the extent of landmine damage and the awareness of local persons and dispatched Sudanese specialist from the Khartoum Office to train Syrian staff.

Beneficiaries: 3,995 persons participating in MRE

Republic of the Sudan

Khartoum Office, Kassala Office

With the conclusion of the 20 years of civil war in 2005, AAR Japan established an office in the capital city of Khartoum and began conducting MRE activities. In 2007, AAR Japan established an office in Kaduqli (closed in 2011) and in 2012, AAR Japan expanded its activities with the opening of the Kassala office. Since 2013, AAR Japan has taken actions to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, such as mycetoma, and in February of 2016, water and sanitation project commenced with its base in Kassala



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 46,279,820 JPY

1 MRE

Target Area: Khartoum, Kassala State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To reduce the number of mine victims in Sudan.

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted MRE workshops at villages throughout Kassala State and disseminated information regarding mines through radio broadcasts. AAR Japan also prepared printed educational materials for MRE and donated those to local organizations in Darfur. AAR Japan is also committed to localization of MRE, providing trainings on development of educational materials as well as MRE workshops to local NGOs engaged in MRE.

Beneficiaries: 10,175 persons who participated in MRE sessions and approximately 411,655 persons who listened to the MRE broadcasts on radio



Local staff engaging in MRE activities by utilizing picture-story show (kami shibai) at a primary school. (August 2015)

2 Actions to Combat Infectious Diseases in the White Nile State

Target Area: Sennar State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To cure the patients suffering from mycetoma, as well as to decrease the risk of infected with the same in Sennar State

Achievement: Given the condition of medical facilities in Sennar State, AAR Japan had initially planned to implement this project in the White Nile State. However, the Ministry of Health of Sudan invested in Sennar State's medical facilities and turned out to be equipped enough to receive AAR Japan's team. As Sennar State holds larger number of mycetoma patients than the White Nile, AAR Japan decided to dispatch a medical team of the Mycetoma Research Centre, who performed surgery on 39 mycetoma patients in the same State. Furthermore, AAR Japan provided awareness sessions on mycetoma prevention to a total of 786 local residents, using originally-developed educational materials.

Beneficiaries: 39 mycetoma patients who received surgery and 786 local residents who received information through the public awareness campaign



Local staff utilizing pictures to teach mycetoma symptoms and prevention methods to children. (November 2015)

Republic of the Sudan

3 Improving Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Target Area: Kassala State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To improve hygiene in Kassala State.

Achievement: Since this project was launched in February of 2016, AAR Japan has been coordinating and holding meetings with regional authorities and residents to discuss improvements to-be made to the water supply infrastructure and hygiene in Reefi Kassala of Kassala State. AAR Japan also offered training on water and sanitation to local NGOs. AAR Japan did not expand the scope of this project to include Darfur State due to shortage of fund.

Beneficiaries: Six local NGO staff members who received training and 14,000 residents of target regions



Local NGO staff participating in water sanitation training. (February 2016)

Republic of South Sudan

Kapoeta Office

With the conclusion of the civil war in 2005, AAR Japan established an office in Kapoeta, Eastern Equatoria State of what was then the Republic of Sudan, and began water, hygiene and sanitation, and health promotion projects. South Sudan became an independent state, following the referendum in 2011. Due to the internal turmoil that erupted in December 2013, AAR Japan began managing its projects from Kenya and subsequently. AAR Japan closed its Kapoeta office as well as all projects in South Sudan in December 2015.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 75,811,670 JPY

1 Promotion of Water and Hygiene and Sanitation Projects in East Equatoria State

Target Area: Kapoeta South, Kapoeta North, and Kapoeta East Counties in Eastern Equatoria State, Republic of South Sudan

Objective: To provide better environment for the residents of Eastern Equatoria state including children. As well as for the returnees from neighboring communities, in order for them to lead healthier and more stable lives.

Achievement: AAR Japan installed a total of six water wells, repaired 40 water wells, and trained local people to voluntarily and continuously maintain the wells in three Kapoeta counties. AAR Japan also inspected the conditions of previously installed water supply facilities and, in areas where monitoring and maintenance of water wells seemed inadequate, held sessions to discuss the proper use of water wells with residents.

Beneficiaries: 54,026 residents



With the support from AAR Japan, residents work with water well-maintenance technicians to repair water wells in the area. (October 2015)

Republic of Kenya

Nairobi Office, Kakuma Office

In 2005, AAR Japan established an office in Nairobi as a base for its South Sudan operation. In 2011, AAR Japan launched emergency assistance in the northeastern area of Kenya to respond to the severe drought that occurred in certain regions of Africa. In response to the armed conflict that erupted in December of 2013 in Juba, the capital city of the Republic of South Sudan, AAR Japan provided aid to South Sudanese refugees who, as of February 2014, settled in Kakuma Refugee Camp of Turkana County in the northwestern part of Kenya. In July 2015, AAR Japan began its project to promote secondary education.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 123,204,008 JPY

1 Support to South Sudanese Refugees at the Kakuma Refugee Camp

Target Area: Kakuma Refugee Camp, Republic of Kenya

Objective: To improve the quality of life of South Sudanese refugees, especially children, who have settled in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya following the conflicts that erupted in December 2013 by providing education and other necessities to protect health.

Achievement: AAR Japan constructed one pediatric medical ward and supplied medical products and equipment to Kakuma camp 4. AAR Japan also constructed one secondary school building and supplied desks, chairs, and educational materials. Due to delays of the construction of a large-scale power generator that will serve as the power source for areas surrounding the pediatric medical ward, the opening of the pediatric medical ward has been postponed until the spring of 2016.

Beneficiaries: 1,536 students and teachers commuting to the newly established secondary school building and approximately 5,040 family members of the students



Students attending a class held in the secondary school building constructed by AAR Japan. (February 2016)

Republic of Uganda

In March 2009, AAR Japan invited a representative of Uganda Landmine Survivors Association (ULSA) to Japan. Subsequently, AAR Japan and ULSA forged a collaborative partnership, and began assisting victims of landmines in Uganda to strengthen their network.

2015 fiscal year final settlement: 4,215,665 JPY

1 Livelihood Assistance for Mine Victims

Target Area: Yumbe District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To provide livelihood assistance to help mine victims become self-sustaining.

Achievement: 26 individuals were selected from a pool of mine victim candidates from the Yumbe District and AAR Japan provided basic business skills training and a business starter kit for each beneficiary. They all succeeded in launching their own business.

AAR Japan also held leadership training seminars that covered subjects including entrepreneurship, business management, and advocacy for ten individuals leading local organizations for PWDs.

Beneficiaries: 26 mine victims and 10 leaders of local organizations for PWD



One of the beneficiaries (right) runs a grocery store with her family. Center is Ms. Margaret Orch, representative of ULSA. (January 2016)

2 Improving Water and Sanitation and Hygiene at the Rhino Refugee Camp

Target Area: Rhino Refugee Camp, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To provide aid so that refugees settled in at the Rhino Refugee Camp and residents of neighboring areas who accept those refugees can achieve minimum living standards.

Achievement: Although no project was implemented during the fiscal year of 2015 due to shortage of fund, AAR Japan is in preparation for launching a new project in 2016.

Beneficiaries: None

Republic of Zambia

Lusaka Office

For 20 years from 1984 to 2004, AAR Japan has supported refugees in the Meheba Refugee Settlement. This work had been conducted through the offices established in Meheba and in the capital city of Lusaka. The Meheba office was closed when the project was completed. Starting in 2004, AAR Japan implemented initiatives to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS particularly in and around the capital city of Lusaka. In February 2016, AAR Japan terminated all activities, excluding projects to promote education for AIDS orphans, and in the same month launched initiatives to address the need to improve maternal and child health.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 74,653,729 JPY

1 Implementation of Measures to Combat HIV/AIDS (Medication Assistance)

Target Area: Kafue and Chilanga Districts, Lusaka Province, Republic of Zambia

Objective: To increase the number of ART (anti-retroviral therapy) patients who can continue the use of the medication by strengthening the support for ART. To reduce the risks of HIV/AIDS in the target area by raising public awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention.

Achievement: This fiscal year includes the third phase of a three-year plan. In phase three, which began on January 11th, 2015, AAR Japan focused on providing aid services to three ART center clinics in Kafue Town, Chilanga, and Mwembeshi Region by supplying medical equipment, transport stretchers, etc. AAR Japan also strove to develop ART support volunteers, who can continue to provide treatment for HIV positive patients and who could continue the project even after the role of AAR Japan comes to an end, by conducting initiatives to develop technical knowledge, knowledge on operating a for-profit businesses, and ability to strengthen relations between ART support volunteers and clinics. AAR Japan conducted awareness campaigns on the importance of continued treatment, targeting ART patients and their relatives and potential patients residing in clustered settlement areas and remote locations. In order to support school clubs that promote measures to combat AIDS, AAR Japan assisted in the preparation for awareness campaigns, such as World AIDS Day, which was held on and outside school premises.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 30,745 individuals (ART patients and their family members, medication assistance volunteers, members and teachers of school club that promote measures to combat AIDS), approximately 67,000 indirect beneficiaries (residents in target regions)



A medication assistance volunteer holding a certificate declaring completion of AAR Japan's patient counseling training session, Ryota Hirama (AAR Japan expatriate), and a clinic employee. (January 2016)

Republic of the Zambia

2 Improvement of Maternal and Child Health

Target Area: Kafue District, Lusaka Province, Republic of Zambia

Objective: To reduce risks related to pregnancy, childbirth, and health of children under the age of five.

Achievement: Since the project was launched on February 11, 2016, AAR Japan has been preparing for the construction of Health Posts and supply of medical equipment and participating in meetings with Kafue District's health services bureau officials and health centre staff to discuss topics to-be included in training programs for members of the community health council.

Beneficiaries: No beneficiaries for this fiscal year as the project is in its start-up phase

3 Assistance to HIV/AIDS Orphans

Target Area: Ng'ombe compound, Lusaka City, Republic of Zambia

Objective: To support HIV/AIDS orphans in attaining an education and to promote the livelihoods of their guardians by supporting income generating activities in order that the HIV/AIDS orphans may continue their education.

Achievement: AAR Japan supported HIV/AIDS orphans in attaining education by financing school tuition, providing school supplies such as school uniform and stationary, periodically monitoring school attendance, and providing counseling. AAR Japan built a library in the Ng'ombe District to promote children's self-study. In order to support HIV/AIDS orphan's guardians' income generating activities, AAR Japan started photo shops to complement poultry farming and maize milling projects to be launched in the future. AAR Japan also organized group sessions as a platform for guardians of HIV/AIDS orphans to discuss income generating activities and self-sufficiency.

Beneficiaries: 24 HIV/AIDS orphans and approximately 120 family members



Children reading books donated by Japan at the new library. (November 2015)

Republic of Haiti

Port-au-Prince Office

In response to the massive earthquake that struck Haiti (Central America) in 2010, AAR Japan provided emergency aid and established an office in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. In Haiti, known as the poorest country in the Western hemisphere, we conducted reconstruction projects and sanitation improvement projects and then initiated a project to promote education among PWDs.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 49,802,894 JPY

1 Promote Education Among Children with Disabilities in Carrefour Commune

Target Area: Carrefour Commune, Port-au-Prince, Republic of Haiti

Objective: To increase enrollment and attendance rates of children with disabilities by improving the learning environment for those children at primary schools in the Carrefour Commune. To create a foundation for promoting inclusive education.

Achievement: AAR Japan visited 2,400 homes near four primary schools to collect information and encourage school attendance of 142 children with disabilities who were not attending school.

AAR Japan also conducted a 23-day inclusive education training program on how to create a learning environment that is friendly to children with disabilities. 35 teachers attended the training program. We also provided 96 sets of educational reading materials and 14 sets of disability-friendly desks and chairs.

AAR Japan held 12 awareness campaign programs at schools, homes, and communities, to which a total of 3,287 persons participated. AAR Japan also held parents and guardians meetings, to which 183 persons participated.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 3,800 persons (142 children with disabilities who were not attending school, 65 children with disabilities attending school, 82 children who potentially have disabilities, 183 guardians of children with disabilities attending school and preschool, 35 teachers who participated in the training program, 3,287 persons who participated in the awareness campaign programs held at homes and communities)



AAR Japan held an event in Carrefour that was open to all children, with the goal of encouraging interaction between children with and without disabilities. Children with and without disabilities develop a deep understanding of each other by working together to complete a puzzle, etc. (August 2015)

The Republic of Vanuatu

In response to the Super-Cyclone Pam that hit Vanuatu on March 13th, 2015, AAR Japan sent staff and distributed relief items including kitchen materials and clothing to the cyclone victims in Efate Island. Since April of that same year, AAR Japan collaborated with Vanuatu Family Health Association, a local medical NGO, to provide basic medical services in remote islands.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 6,608,467 JPY

1 Assistance for people affected by Vanuatu Cyclone

Target Area: Efate Island, Epi Island, Nguna Island, Pele Island, Moso Island, Paama Island, Tanna Island, Erromango Island, The Republic of Vanuatu

Objective: To rebuild living conditions of survivors of the Super-Cyclone Pam that hit Vanuatu in March 2015.

Achievement: In an effort to assist in the reconstruction of living conditions, AAR Japan distributed clothing, food items, kitchen materials, and other household goods to people in need of assistance at the east side and villages near rivers on Efate Island. In addition, AAR Japan in collaboration with a local NGO provided basic medical services to people living in remote islands.

Beneficiaries: 171 homes (approximately 855 persons) receiving household goods, 10,891 persons receiving basic medical services, and 12,418 persons participating in medical awareness campaigns



Ryo Kakutani, AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarters staff member, distributing a family set, which includes food items, cookware, and candles, at Port Villa of Efate Island. (April 2015)

Emergency Assistance

2015 fiscal year final settlement: 6,500,426 JPY

1 Care Service for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

Target Area: Lesbos Prefecture, Republic of Greece

Objective: To ensure that unaccompanied refugee minors, the most vulnerable of all refugees settling in Lesbos, receive appropriate care.

Achievement: AAR Japan assisted the relocation of unaccompanied refugee minors to a hospitality center on the outskirts of Athens, mainland Greece. AAR Japan also provided food to those minors during transit.

Beneficiaries: 57 unaccompanied refugee minors (relocation support)
500 unaccompanied refugee minors (food support)



A 2-year-old unaccompanied refugee accompanied by a staff from METAdrasi, a local cooperation organization. (November 2015)

2 Assistance for people affected by Flooding in Myanmar

Target Area: Six states/regions (Laukkaing District, Magway Region, Sagaing Region, Bago Region, Yangon Region, and Ayeyarwady Region), Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve living conditions of flood victims, primarily PWDs who were displaced by the continuous heavy rainfall and large-scale flooding nationwide since July 2015, by distributing various aid items.

Achievement: In cooperation with a local cooperation organization, AAR Japan distributed packages with food items and household goods to a total of 1,445 households in five evacuation centers in the six target states/regions. AAR Japan also supplied assistive devices such as crutches and white canes to 169 PWDs with various disabilities.

Beneficiaries: 1,445 households (approximately 7,000 persons), 169 PWDs



Food items and household goods being delivered to centers hosting PWD flood victims. To the right is Mr. Nay Lin Soe, a representative of the local cooperation organization and a former local staff of the Yangon Office. (August 2015)

3 Assistance for people affected by Flooding in Pakistan

Target Area: Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Objective: To improve the learning environment of children who had been forced to come to classrooms without roof as a result of the continuous heavy rainfall and large-scale flooding in July 2015 that damaged school buildings in Pakistan.

Achievement: In an effort to improve children's learning environment in Layyah, a city in Punjab Province affected by the flood, and as requested by the provincial department of education, AAR Japan supplied 40 large classroom tents to 17 schools. Since Layyah is affected by floods almost every year, the provincial department of education decided to maintain the tents going forward.

Beneficiaries: 17 school teachers and 3,457 students



Students attending classes held under tents provided by AAR Japan. (September 2015)

Japan

Tokyo Headquarters, Sendai Office

AAR Japan provided various aid, primarily in Miyagi, Iwate, and Fukushima Prefectures, which were all affected by the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake on March 11th, 2011. For the first several years, we maintained offices in Sendai, Morioka, and Soma Cities. AAR Japan closed its Morioka and Soma offices in 2013 and 2014, respectively, after transferring their functions mainly to the Sendai office and less so to the Tokyo office. Our goal is to provide long-term support to the disaster survivors.



2015 fiscal year final settlement: 91,058,442 JPY

1 Aid to Survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake

Target Area: Disaster-affected areas in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures

Objective: To create a safe and stable living environment for survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake, particularly PWDs, the elderly and those who are less likely to receive aid. To reduce the economic and psychological burden of people who have been displaced by the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disaster at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, etc.

Achievement: For the elderly living in temporary housing complexes in Fukushima, Miyagi, and Iwate Prefectures, we conducted massage therapy and active listening sessions for a total of 26 times; held 75 community events; and implemented a gardening project at one temporary housing complex (Fukushima Prefecture) and handicraft classes at eight temporary housing complexes.

AAR Japan supported voluntary activities led by local persons in Kesennuma City (Miyagi Prefecture) and Yamada Town and Kamaishi City (Iwate Prefecture) by organizing community events 15 times, 16 times, and 83 times, in the respective cities. In collaboration with Yamada Kyo-seikai in Yamada Town, we helped patients commute to and from their clinics and hospitals 613 times.

To help evacuees settle into their new dwellings, as of last year, we installed additional two outdoor lighting units for security. We also continued the community safety patrol in Shinchi Town (Fukushima Prefecture).

In terms of support for PWDs, we promoted income generating activities in collaboration among PWDs in different facilities called the Shogaisha Kyodo Project, which is operated by 13 facilities for PWDs in Fukushima Prefecture including NPO Shinsei as the project leader. Furthermore, we contributed to infrastructural development of social welfare facilities for PWDs by assisting with the installation of instruments/machines to nine facilities and providing vehicles to three facilities. We also held marketing events 16 times to promote sales of products manufactured by social welfare facilities.



Physiotherapist and occupational therapists (front) massage residents at temporary housing complexes, while AAR Japan (back) conducts active listening sessions. (April 2015)

In Fukushima Prefecture, we focused on supporting children by providing drinking water to four nursery schools and fruits for school lunches to two schools. We held an overnight field trip program called Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku three times in the Nishiaizu Town, which has low radiation levels, so that children and their guardians were able to alleviate stress and problems related to insufficient exercise due to their prolonged lives as evacuees.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 13,930 persons

2 Assistance for people affected by Flooding in Kanto and Tohoku Region

Target Area: Jōsō City of Ibaraki Prefecture, Ōsaki City of Miyagi Prefecture

Objective: To support the rehabilitation and reconstruction of flood victims' residential areas that were damaged when river dikes collapsed from the heavy rainfall in September 2015.

Achievement: AAR Japan supplied urgently-requested aid such as food items, portable toilets, and underwear to affected population of Jōsō City (Ibaraki Prefecture) taking shelter at evacuation centers after the Kinugawa River dikes collapsed. From the fourth day after the flood, AAR Japan also supplied items such as masks, alcohol-based disinfectants and cleaning tools such as broomsticks and mops to each evacuation center to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases. AAR Japan supplied toys and electronics and supported the reestablishment of childcare centers and PWD welfare centers. AAR Japan also provided financial support for a local NPO program that provide local commuting service for affected population.

AAR Japan sent donations and food items to residents of Ōsaki City (Miyagi Prefecture) who have been affected by the collapse of the Shibui River dikes.

Beneficiaries: 2,948 persons (626 persons taking shelter at evacuation centers in Jōsō City who received aid from AAR Japan, 298 users of child care centers and PWD welfare centers, 1,985 recipients of commuting support, 48 evacuees of Ōsaki City)



Igarashi Go (AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarter staff, second person from the right) delivering aid to an evacuation center (Joso City community networking center). (September 2015)

Activities in Japan

1 Assessment, Research, and Advocacy

Achievement: In order to support AAR Japan's activities and to promote Japan's international cooperation activities, we conducted a broad assessment and research on international cooperation, summarized lessons learned from AAR Japan's projects, and disseminated the information to the public. We developed the "Emergency Assistance Brochure" and held seminars covering topics such as official development assistance (ODA) and refugees. We also furthered assessment and research related to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 country-specific framework on women, peace, and security. In light of the International Day/Week of PWDs on December 3, We conducted social awareness campaigns on disabilities through the use of social media.

2 Campaigns to Ban Landmines

Achievement: AAR Japan participated in the "Mine Action: International Security and Development" symposium held in Taiwan from June 10 through June 12. At the symposium, our staff made presentations on AAR Japan's activities to support mine victims. On April 29, we held a charity-reading concert to raise awareness on landmines and to collect donations to fund our Mine Action activities (Refer to #32 for further details). We also made efforts to develop our staff's knowledge on landmines, improve the quality of our aid for Mine Action projects, and update our website with information on measures against landmines.

3 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

Achievement: As a steering committee member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, our staff attended the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) held in Geneva in November 2015. At the convention, We disseminated information through social networking services and conducted lobbying activities. We report our activities on our website, newsletters, and debriefing sessions for our staff and related organizations. In March 2016, we held a seminar at the Bunkyo Civic Center, with Mary Wareham, the global coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, as the guest speaker and we distributed new brochures at the venue. Furthermore, we made efforts to promote the understanding of the campaign and issues related to killer robots by answering questions from the general public and the media.

4 Assistance to Persons with Disabilities

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted assessments on PWDs in Zimbabwe in July 2015 and February 2016 and had consultations with relevant organizations to evaluate opportunities where AAR Japan could provide support to PWDs in Africa.

AAR Japan acted as a member of the preparation committee of the Third Asia-Pacific CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation) Congress held in Tokyo in September 2015, and participated in panel discussions to present AAR Japan's knowledge and expertise in the field of assistance to PWDs. We also joined the Sports for Tomorrow consortium in April.

5 Education and Public Awareness Raising (Promotion of Understanding Global Issues)

Achievement: Since AAR Japan launched the “International Understanding Education Support Program” in 2013, we have been widely promoting the program across schools. This year we held 40 lectures and distributed educational materials to people and groups interested in various topics related to international cooperation.

In collaboration with volunteers from Shoei Girls’ Sr. High School, we held the sixth summer event for elementary and middle school students on emergency aid, titled “Earthquake! Emergency Aid Challenge.” We also actively participated in large international cooperation events such as the Global Festival (October 4th-5th) and local Shinagawa District events to promote AAR Japan’s activities.

6 Assistance to Refugees in Japan

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to collaborate with its sister organization, the social welfare foundation “Support 21”, providing assistance to refugees in Japan. AAR Japan encouraged relationship building among refugees and foreign residents in Japan and developed AAR Japan staffs’ knowledge on the issues pertaining to foreign refugees in Japan. As a refugee examination counselor under the Ministry of Justice, AAR Japan’s Chairperson Fusako Yanase held four workshops on volunteering and continued to raise awareness on this issue through the media.

7 Advertisements

Achievement: In order to increase the public recognition of AAR Japan, Ad Council Japan (formerly Japan Advertising Council) began advertising for AAR Japan through television and radio commercials, newspaper advertisements, and bulletin boards postings in July 2015. We also distributed leaflets, held events suitable even for first-time participants, collected street donations by referring to the AC poster displayed in Meguro Station (the nearest train station to AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarters), and strengthened communications with the media. AAR Japan benefited from synergistic effects between AC’s CM and our advertising efforts. Starting in April, AAR Japan launched a smartphone-compatible website to improve users’ accessibility to information on AAR Japan.

As a result of these efforts, media postings on television, radio, and newspapers increased from 60 postings in the 2014 fiscal year to 115 postings in the 2015 fiscal year and AAR Japan was covered in several major magazine articles. Since October, we have been receiving questions and donations from individuals who “saw AAR Japan on AC’s CMs and on television” and we have been receiving an increased amount of donations. The number of newly registered supporters increased from 2,041 supporters in the 2014 fiscal year to 2,455 supporters in the 2015 fiscal year.

8 Public Relations and Fundraising

Achievement: Our public relations department spearheaded efforts to cultivate relationships with donor firms and organizations, while increasing each AAR Japan staff’s awareness and ability to engage in fund raising activities. In order to secure financial resources for our domestic and international operations, we continued to maintain and cultivate relationships with existing donor firms and establish new connections. We frequently met with donor firms to present on our major emergency response activities in natural disasters and projects that require donation and discuss opportunities for coordination on events. In addition to strengthening relationships with existing donor firms, we visited 53 potential donor firms. We also expanded the scope of our fund raising activities by targeting smaller firms and organizations to request donations and small grants. We sold charity goods, such as charity chocolate, at sales events held by a number of corporations and organizations.

9 For-profit projects

Achievement: On April 29, we held a “Charity Reading Concert – Not Mines, but Flowers” at the Suntory Hall, in collaboration with Ms. Rie Miyazawa (actress), a chorus group, and others. On August 22, we collaborated with Ms. Dewi Sukarno and a dance group and held an event that combined opera with dance, “Dance and Music for Peace – Midsummer Night’s Dream.” These events turned out to be a great success.

FUNVO, AAR Japan’s fund raising group, completed its fourth and fifth semesters, held two charity events, and sold AAR Japan’s charity goods at external events.

In the 2015 fiscal year, we held the following charity events:

- ▶ April 29 (Wednesday, Japanese national holiday) Charity Reading Concert – Not Mines, but Flowers
Location: Suntory Hall (large auditorium)
Cast: Ms. Mami Hagiwara, Ms. Rie Miyazawa, and others
1,450 persons (audience) and a total of 1,549,980 JPY in proceeds and donations
- ▶ May 24 (Sunday) FUNVO Charity Orienteering at Togoshi Ginza
Location: Togoshi Ginza Shopping Street
10 participants and 13,283 JPY in proceeds
- ▶ August 22 (Saturday) Dance & Music for Peace “Midsummer Night’s Dream”
Location: New National Theater, Tokyo
Cast: Ms. Dewi Sukarno, Ms. Taki Kato, Mr. Manabu Ichikawa, Ms. Hisako Oshima, Mr. Hisashi Ichikawa, Mr. Masayuki Ishihara, Ms. Mieko Sato, Ms. Michiko Hayashi, Mr. Naoki Miyasato, Mr. Katsunori Kono, and others
1,360 persons (audience) and a total of 2,701,955 JPY in proceeds and donations
- ▶ December 23 (Wednesday) FUNVO Event: Foreign Aid Begins with Curiosity – Turkish Home Cooking and Meeting Persons from Syria
Location: Meguro District Citizen Center
45 participants and 79,267 JPY in proceeds

In terms of charity goods, we created and sold two new types of greeting cards. There was a 13% increase in sales of charity goods, which reflects the impact of our redesigned flyers. In the fall and winter months, we collaborated with Rokkatei Confectionery Co., Ltd. and sold charity chocolate again. Many corporations supported our charity goods through sales events. Local newspapers across Japan published articles on AAR Japan. As a results, we had obtained 583 new supporters.



The agenda for the “Not Mines, But Flowers” Charity Reading Concert included chamber music, reading, and choruses. (April 2015) (Photographer: Mr. Takashi Okamoto)



Over 100 dance professionals and musicians performed at the Dance & Music for Peace “Midsummer Night’s Dream.” (August 2015) (Photographer: Hiroshi Endo)

10 Supporter and Donor Relations

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to develop close relationships with new and existing supporters and donors. This year, we received many new inquiries and donations as a result of AC's advertisements, etc. In hopes of gaining the trust of new supporters and donors and that those new supporters and donors may feel fulfilled and may continue to take an interest in AAR Japan, we sent letters of appreciation and thank-you postcards from abroad. With the goal of increasing donations, we focused on increasing the number of monthly supporters because they provide continued and consistent support for our activities. In order to increase the number of monthly supporters, we enclosed pamphlets on monthly supporter registration with activity reports sent to emergency fund donors and letters of appreciation sent to event participants.

11 Fundraising

Achievement: In addition to our direct mail fundraising conducted biannually in the summer and winter, we held fund raising campaigns to collect donations to fund our emergency response for the earthquake that struck Nepal in April and activities to support the affected populations of the flood in the Kanto and Tohoku regions of Japan in September. We focused our fund raising efforts on monthly supporters, who make fixed monthly contributions to AAR Japan through an automatic payment system. Specifically, during the period from September through November, we conducted advertising campaigns to promote registration of new monthly supporters and increased donation from existing monthly supporters. We also asked our supporters to place small AAR Japan pamphlets that promote our monthly supporter programs next to cashiers at various stores; emphasized the importance of donations and requested for donations at debriefing seminars; and highlighted the importance of donations when the media covered our activities in Nepal and support for Syrian refugees. As always, we make an effort to provide detailed and swift responses to information requests and our supporters and donors. In the 2015 fiscal year, 27,324 donations were made, amounting to 296,778,886 JPY, which is a 68,939,468 JPY increase from donations in the 2014 fiscal year. As of the end of March 2016, AAR Japan had 176 regular members, 743 associate members, and 1,329 monthly supporters (222 more monthly supporters than end of March 2015).

12 NGO Counselor

Achievement: AAR Japan was contracted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to consult and respond to questions regarding NGOs and international cooperation from the general public, corporations, students, and media. AAR Japan responded to approximately 800 inquiries and questions between May 2015 and end of March 2016. Last year we received a significant number of inquiries regarding Syrian refugees, Japan's policy regarding acceptance of refugees, and other topics related to refugees. We also received significant media coverage. When responding to inquiries and questions, we typically provide inquirers with background and supplementary information to further their understanding and interest in a specific topic and international cooperation and community. AAR Japan provides a summary of inquiries received to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in the form of monthly reports and periodic meetings, while providing case studies of AAR Japan's involvement in international cooperation and advocating the role of Japanese NGOs in international cooperation.

Project Implementation and Organizational Structure

Achievement: AAR Japan implemented 40 projects across 18 foreign countries and in the Tohoku region of Japan. At the end of the 2015 fiscal year, AAR Japan had 74 employees (48 persons in Japan and 26 expatriate persons) and worked with 167 local employees of foreign offices. AAR Japan maintained stable overseas operations by dispatching persons from the Tokyo Headquarters.

We completed our mid-to-long-term plan. . In September we held training programs and conferences for our employees, which half of our expatriate persons, Tohoku employees, and Tokyo Headquarter employees attended. For the purposes of providing psychological care to our expatriates who are dispatched in high-risk areas and who provide multi-faceted support to refugees, we implemented a mental-welfare program for expatriates to take half-year vacations and that offers psychological and mental consultation sessions with clinical psychotherapists upon returning to their home countries.

At AAR Japan Tokyo Headquarters, approximately 200 volunteers helped to mail AAR Japan newsletters and conduct public awareness events. We continued to add new event ideas to the Fund Raising Volunteer program launched in the 2013 fiscal year.

We continue to provide domestic and foreign aid in collaboration with specialized cooperation organizations. For example, we worked with Support21 Social Welfare Foundation to perform support activities in the Tohoku Region.

We developed action items for our Association with reference to the International Organization for Standardization 26000 which provides guidance on the social responsibility of businesses and organizations and discussed key principles and core subjects such as accountability and transparency, labor practices, human rights, and the environment.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016

Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2016

USD1=JPY 112.68

Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank Deposits	827,699,357	7,345,575
Accounts Receivable - Trade	288,221	2,558
Temporary Payments	0	0
Other Account Receivables	8,677,012	77,006
Prepaid Expenses	2,942,965	26,118
Supplies	896,541	7,956
Inventories	2,474,917	21,964
Total	842,979,013	7,481,177
Non-current Assets		
Vehicles	9,202,242	81,667
Equipments	3,578,118	31,755
Furniture & Fixtures	705,660	6,262
Construction in progress	15,330,309	136,052
- Investment and Other Assets -		
Office Rental Deposit	8,335,260	73,973
Total	37,151,589	329,709
Total Assets	880,130,602	7,810,886

Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Advance Received	311,155,141	2,761,405
Account Payable - Non-trade	20,593,601	182,762
Temporarily Received	5,682,517	50,431
Tax Payable	70,000	621
Total	337,501,259	2,995,219
Non-current Liabilities		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	7,320,000	64,963
Total	7,320,000	64,963
Total Liabilities	344,821,259	3,060,182
Net Assets		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	470,760,404	4,177,852
Gain(Loss) for the Year	-66,330,816	-588,665
Balance at the End of the Year	404,429,588	3,589,187
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	175,833,799	1,560,470
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	-44,954,044	-398,953
Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets	130,879,755	1,161,517
Total Amount of Net Assets	535,309,343	4,750,704
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	880,130,602	7,810,886

Statement of Changes of Working Capital

for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

USD1=JPY 112.68

Income

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Membership Fees and Donations			
Membership Fees	4,488,000	39,830	
Donations	296,773,886	2,633,776	
Total	301,261,886	2,673,606	21.7%
Grants, etc.			
Domestic Private Funds	55,056,414	488,609	3.9%
Domestic Public Funds	963,017,464	8,546,481	
International Funds	19,325,023	171,503	1.4%
Total	1,037,398,901	9,206,593	5.3%
Other Income			
Project Income	2,801,002	24,858	
Interest Income	64,186	570	
Miscellaneous Income	7,458,845	66,195	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,639,312	14,548	
Gain on Foreign Exchange	0	0	
Total	11,963,345	106,171	0.9%
Total Income of General Accounting		11,986,370	
Profitable Business Accounting			
Operating Income (Sales)	34,883,218	309,578	2.5%
Non-operating Income	597,008	5,298	0.0%
Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting		314,876	
Total Income		12,301,246	30.4%

Expenditure

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Overseas Project Expenses			
Laos	53,134,122	471,549	
Cambodia	30,411,509	269,893	
Myanmar (Burma)	64,613,776	573,427	
Nepal	85,830,226	761,716	
India	1,886,903	16,746	
Pakistan	70,389,922	624,689	
Afghanistan	46,407,341	411,851	
Tajikistan	47,764,839	423,898	
Turkey / Syria	407,653,846	3,617,801	
Sudan	46,279,820	410,719	
South Sudan	75,811,670	672,805	
Kenya	123,204,008	1,093,397	
Uganda	4,215,665	37,413	
Zambia	74,653,729	662,529	
Haiti	49,802,894	441,985	
Vanuatu	6,608,467	58,648	
Emergency (Greece) / Protection for unaccompanied minors	1,340,877	11,900	
Emergency (Myanmar) / Relief for Flood Victims	3,376,463	29,965	
Emergency (Pakistan) / Relief for Flood Victims	1,783,086	15,824	
Total	1,195,169,163	10,606,755	80.1%
Domestic Project Expenses			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	81,198,180	720,609	
Emergency Relief for Kanto-Tohoku Flood Victims	9,860,262	87,507	
Total	91,058,442	808,116	6.1%
Advocacy			
Research	2,332,702	20,702	
Mine Action	1,239,712	11,002	
Campaign to stop Killar Robots	1,556,092	13,810	
Support for Persons with disabilities	4,610,355	40,915	
Public Awareness	3,597,957	31,931	
Total	13,336,818	118,360	0.9%
PR and Fund raising			
Public Relations	79,411,761	704,755	
Fund Raising	8,105,222	71,931	
Total	87,516,983	776,686	5.9%
Purchases of fixed assets			
Vehicles	3,782,856	33,572	
Equipments	1,018,370	9,037	
Total	4,801,226	42,609	0.3%
Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	29,874,441	265,127	
Others	26,089,719	231,538	
Total	55,964,160	496,665	3.7%
Other Expenditure			
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	0	0	
Loss on Foreign Exchange	7,021,601	62,315	
Total	7,021,601	62,315	0.5%
Total Expenditure of General Accounting	1,454,868,393	12,911,506	97.5%
Profitable Business Accounting			
Purchases	28,066,955	249,086	1.9%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	9,097,492	80,737	0.6%
Taxation	0	0	0.0%
Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting	37,164,447	329,823	2.5%
Total Expenditure (B)	1,492,032,840	13,241,329	100.0%
Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)			
	-105,928,482	-940,083	
Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)			
	608,034,778	5,396,120	
Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)			
	502,106,296	4,456,037	

Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

USD1=JPY 112.68

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
I Operating Income		
1 Membership Fees		
Regular Membership Fees	1,078,000	9,567
Associate Membership Fees	3,410,000	30,263
SUBTOTAL	4,488,000	39,830
2 Donations		
Donations	262,445,031	2,329,118
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	89,631,328	795,450
Gain on Donation of Assets	5,975,760	53,033
SUBTOTAL	358,052,119	3,177,601
3 Grants, etc.		
Private Funds	16,144,973	143,282
Public Funds	1,011,545,499	8,977,152
SUBTOTAL	1,027,690,472	9,120,434
4 Operating Income (Sales)		
Events	19,841,445	176,087
Charity Goods Sale	13,359,177	118,559
Commissioned Project	4,483,598	39,790
Miscellaneous Operating Income	402,608	3,573
SUBTOTAL	38,086,828	338,009
5 Other Income		
Interest Income	64,634	573
Project Income	0	0
Miscellaneous Income	7,652,846	67,917
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,639,312	14,548
Gain on Foreign Exchange	0	0
SUBTOTAL	9,356,792	83,038
Operating Income Total	(A) 1,437,674,211	12,758,912
II Operating Expenses		
1 Project Expenses		
a) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	276,167,652	2,450,902
Retirement Benefits Expenses	280,000	2,485
Legal Welfare Expenses	36,011,727	319,593
Welfare Expenses	688,335	6,109
SUBTOTAL	313,147,714	2,779,089
b) Other Expenses		
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	848,846,965	7,533,253
Overseas Personnel	112,174,815	995,517
Overseas Travel Expenses	43,515,133	386,183
Local Travel Expenses	11,502,137	102,078
Depreciation Expenses	4,591,939	40,752
Printing Expenses	9,810,419	87,064
Advertizing Expenses	20,095,632	178,343
Communications Expenses	15,591,488	138,370
Rent	8,203,946	72,808
Fees/Charges	15,591,488	138,369
Sales Cost	6,337,102	56,239
Other Expenses Items	27,139,936	240,859
SUBTOTAL	1,123,401,000	9,969,835
Project Expenses Total	1,436,548,714	12,748,924

2 Administrative Expenses		
a) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	21,675,958	192,367
Retirement Benefits Expenses	3,970,000	35,233
Legal Welfare Expenses	4,691,898	41,639
Welfare Expenses	551,585	4,895
	SUBTOTAL	30,889,441
b) Other Expenses		
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	790,482	7,015
Utilities Expenses	1,163,255	10,324
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	615,704	5,464
Rent	15,216,573	135,042
Travel Expenses	2,221,459	19,715
Fees/ Charges	2,135,542	18,952
Depreciation Expenses	381,915	3,389
Registration Fee	432,000	3834
Other Administrative Expenses	4,005,604	35,549
	SUBTOTAL	26,962,534
Administrative Expenses Total	57,851,975	513,418
3 Other Expenses		
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	0	0
Loss on Foreign Exchange	7,021,601	62,314
	SUBTOTAL	7,021,601
Other Expenses Total	7,021,601	62,314
Operating Expenditure Total (B)	1,501,422,290	13,324,656
Net Income from Operating Activities (C)=(A)-(B)	-63,748,079	-565,744
III Non-Operating Profit		
Transfer to Fixed Assets	15,867,604	140,820
Non-Operating Profit	15,867,604	140,820
IV Non-Operating Loss		
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	17,843,264	158,353
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	0	0
Inventory Loss	537,077	4,766
Non-Operating Loss	18,380,341	163,119
Net Income from Non-Operating Activities (D)	-2,512,737	-22,299
Total Net Income (C)+(D)	-66,260,816	-588,044
Net Assets		
Total Net Income	-66,260,816	-588,044
Taxes	70,000	621
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-66,330,816	-588,665
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	470,760,404	4,177,852
Balance at the End of the Year	404,429,588	3,589,187
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *		
Donations	34,328,855	304,658
Gain on Donation of Assets	640,000	5,680
Grants, etc.	9,708,429	86,159
I Transfer from Unrestricted Net Assets	0	0
II Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-89,631,328	-795,450
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-44,954,044	-398,953
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	175,833,799	1,560,470
Balance at the End of the Year	130,879,755	1,161,517
Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year	535,309,343	4,750,704

(*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Profitable Business Accounting
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

Income

USD1=JPY 112.68				
Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)	
Operating Income (Sales)				
Concerts/Events	19,841,445	176,087		
Goods	13,359,177	118,559		
Projects Commissioned	1,682,596	14,932		
Total	34,883,218	309,578	98.3%	
Non-operating Income				
Copyright Royalty	402,608	3573		
Miscellaneous Income	194,001	1722		
Interest Received	399	3		
Total	597,008	5,298	1.7%	
Total Income	(E)	35,480,226	314,876	100.0%

Expenditure

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)	
Purchases				
Concerts/Events	20,372,036	180,796		
Goods	8,102,870	71,910		
Projects Commissioned by MOFA	216,791	1,924		
Transfer to Other Account	-624,742	-5,544		
Total	28,066,955	249,086	75.5%	
Selling and Administrative Expenses				
Personnel Expenses	5,571,632	49,446		
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	3,525,860	31,291		
Total	9,097,492	80,737	24.5%	
Total Expenditure	(F)	37,164,447	329,823	100.0%
Net Income(Loss)	(E-F)=(G)	-1,684,221	-14,947	



Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) established in 1979 with the original goal to assist the Indochinese refugees. Since then, its mission has evolved into providing long-term assistance to the most vulnerable people in the world, expanding its scope of activities. AAR Japan now operates in the following fields: 1. Emergency assistance, 2. Support for persons with disabilities, 3. Mine/UXO action, 4. Action against infectious diseases, and 5. Public awareness raising.

We have worked in over 60 countries / regions up until now, and are currently carrying out projects in 17 countries. In 1997, AAR Japan was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as a member organization of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), and in 2008, was awarded Okinawa Peace Prize.

All of our relief efforts are based on financial and material aid from various organization and private companies, schools, and individuals.

We deeply appreciate your warm and generous support.

Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

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