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Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Annual Report 2016



On behalf of Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), I would like to present to you our 2016 Annual Report. During the fiscal year 2016, the AAR Japan carried out 43 projects in 18 countries, including Japan. May I take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude for each one of your generous donations, contributions, grants and subsidies.

Challenges confronting refugees continued to draw attention in many parts of the world during the past year. In addition to expanding our support for Syrian refugees and internally displaced people in Syria, AAR Japan began providing emergency assistance for South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, following Kenya. In March, I visited project sites in the two countries where AAR Japan is offering educational support. Seventy percent of the Sudanese refugees are under 18 years old, and the supports for them are insufficient in all aspects, including education. As a result, the children are left to suffer from trauma caused by conflicts, with neither opportunities for education nor bright prospects for their own future. Despite the dreadful experience they have gone through, nevertheless, the children I met all spoke of their dreams. I realized that even though they can't change their grim past, they can change and build up their future.

Refugees, people with disabilities, and those in the middle of conflicts are in a predicament now. I believe, however, anyone can change their future. AAR Japan wants to be of their help.

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

July 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Yuki Osa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yuki" and the last name "Osa" clearly distinguishable.

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

∞ 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 Fiscal Year 2016 (April 2016 - March 2017)

During the fiscal year 2016, the AAR Japan bolstered its support for Syrian Refugees in neighboring countries and Internally Displaced People (IDP) in Syria, and began providing assistance for South Sudanese Refugees in Uganda, while carrying out emergency assistance for victims of the huge earthquake that struck Kumamoto, Japan, in April.

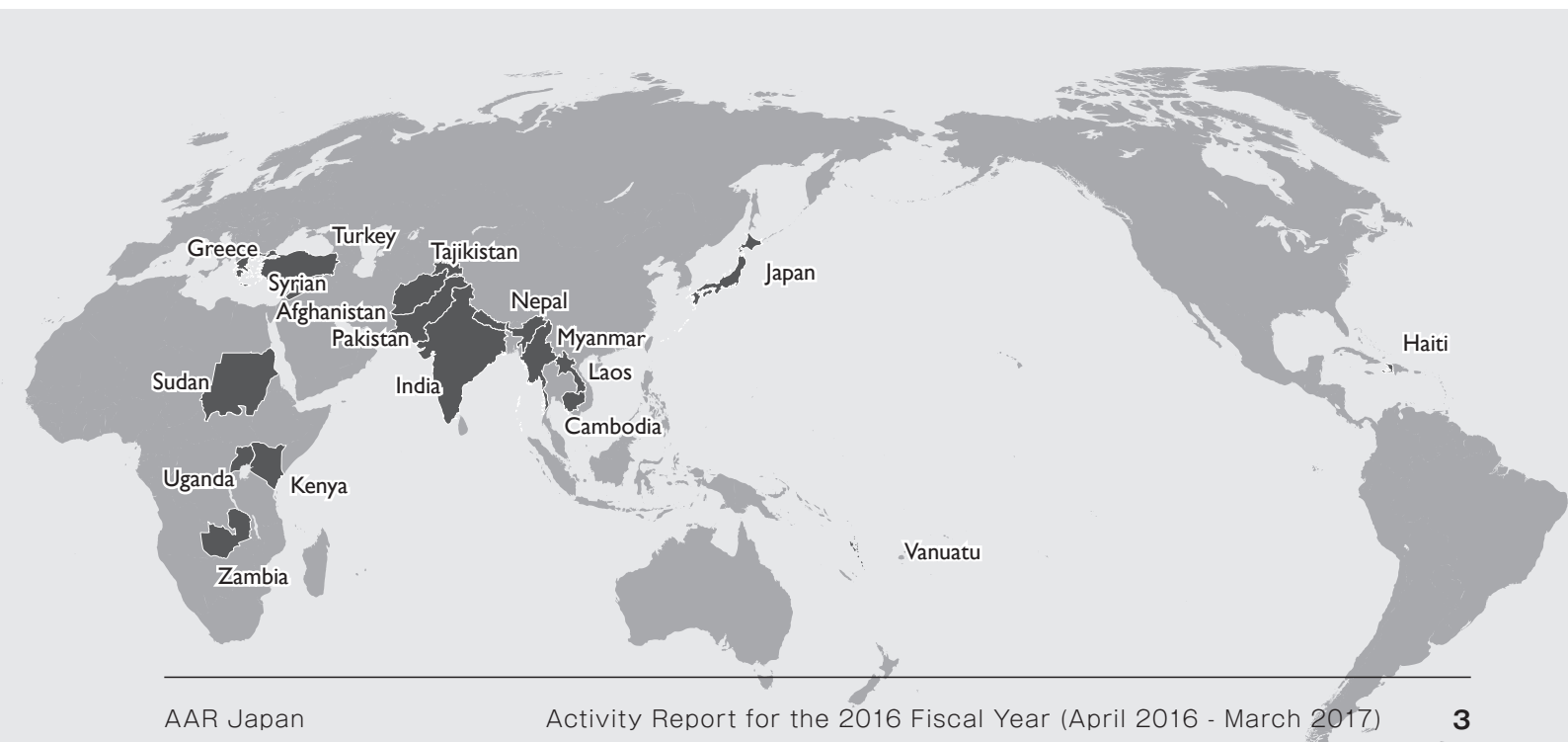
In Syria, our services included food distribution for IDPs and the provision of educational program for children informing ways to avoid being accidentally caught in an accident involving landmines or unexploded ordinances (UXO). The number of victims of such accidents is reported to be increasing. In Tajikistan and Cambodia, we promoted inclusive education (IE) projects in which children with or without disabilities learn together. Furthermore, in Laos and Zambia, we carried out maternal and child health projects aiming to reduce the risk of maternal death in childbirth and miscarriage, and to improve the health of babies and infants.

Domestically, we took prompt actions to the disastrous earthquake in Kumamoto by preparing hot meals and distributing food and non-food items. We also rendered assistance to people with disabilities – who have often difficulties obtaining assistance - and provided psychological support. We also continued supporting the victims from the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011. In Fukushima prefecture, which faces the long-standing problem of radiation, we continued our support to those affected, which shall be continued for the coming years.

This past July marked the beginning of a second year of advertisement campaign through the program of the Advertising Council Japan. We frequently receive reports from various parts of Japan that our advertisement pieces was seen on television or heard on radio, or the advertising posters were displayed at train stations or in public transportation vehicles. For this campaign, the AAR Japan has only to bear the cost of producing campaign materials, while all the other costs were offered free of charge by the Council.

In terms of finance, our total annual income reached approximately 1.64 billion yen, excluding the balance brought forward from the previous fiscal year. Approximately 1.348 billion yen (equivalent to 79% of total expenditure) was spent on our overseas projects and approximately 120 million (equivalent to 6% of the total expenditure) was spent for relief activities in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake. Please read the following pages for details.

Countries in which the AAR Japan works [map follows]



Lao PDR

Vientiane Office, Phongsaly Office

Established its office in the capital of Vientiane in 1999, AAR Japan has been providing assistance for persons with disabilities (PWDs) till today. Between the year 2010 till 2014, AAR Japan provided assistance to UXO survivors, having a branch office in Xiang Khouang province of northern Lao. In November 2015, a new office was opened in Phongsaly province to start supporting maternal and child health services, especially at the community level.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 55,813,837 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 continued to provide vocational training seminars in the target areas. A total of 44 PWDs participated in the vocational training seminars in the 2016 fiscal year. According to the survey of all the participants of the fiscal year of 2014 and 2015, 153 PWDs out of 220 (70%) continued their farming activities.

Beneficiaries: 44 PWDs (6 for mushroom farming, 16 for catfish farming, and 22 for frog farming)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 264 family members of the PWDs



A PWD holding a frog raised in her domestic culture pond. (November 2016)

2 Promotion of Wheelchair Basketball (Completed)

Target Area: Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR

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

Achievement: AAR Japan provided the training for classification, which is to assess each player's physical ability and ensure the equal participation of PWDs, by an official classification license holder from Malaysia, and the 2nd skills training by a Thai trainer. AAR Japan also held the 2nd domestic tournament. At the end of the project of May 2016, 30 basketball wheelchairs procured for the project were handed over to the Lao government Centre for Medical Rehabilitation.

Beneficiaries: 30 PWDs (18 male, 12 female)



The 2nd domestic tournament in Vientiane. (May, 2016)

3 Promotion of School Lunch

Target Area: Oudomxay Province, Luang Prabang Province, Lao PDR

Objective: To establish the provision of school meals through farming of nutritious food materials by students, their guardians and teaching staff.

Achievement: AAR Japan built the culture pond for catfish farming at 16 primary schools in the target areas, and provided fingerlings and catfish food, as well as cultivation training to students and teachers. The raised catfish were harvested 2 month later and offered to students as school lunch. A part of the harvest will be sold to fundraise for purchase of fingerlings and other expenditure in order that each school may continue farming on their own.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 1,300 students and teachers



Students having school meals of catfish.
(October, 2016)

4 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 the rate of child growth monitoring in Phongsaly Province, with the highest mortality rates for neonatal infants, infants under one year of age, and infants under five years of age in Laos, through strengthening of maternal and child health activities at community level.

Achievement: AAR Japan provided medical equipment for maternal and child health services to Phongsaly Province hospital, Phongsaly County hospital and 2 health centers. AAR Japan also offered medical equipment training to a cumulative total of 62 employees at those hospitals, and maternal and child health service training to 9 employees at the health centers. The trained health center employees held 13 sessions on maternal and child health, where 2,488 inhabitants participated.

Direct Beneficiaries: A total of 64 employees from Phongsaly Province hospital, Phongsaly County hospital and 2 health centers; and 2,488 inhabitants

Indirect Beneficiaries: App. 20,000 persons (expectant and nursing mothers who visited the hospitals, their children and family members; inhabitants benefitting from the sessions)



Measurement of height of a child with the equipment provided by AAR Japan, which shows his nutritional status. Ando Noriko, AAR Japan (center). (July 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 persons with disabilities (PWDs) in 1993, and a wheelchair workshop in 1994. The vocational training center and wheelchair workshop became independent local NGOs in 2006. In 2013, the Phnom Penh office was re-opened to start Inclusive Education (IE) projects for children with disabilities.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 30,554,429 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) 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 promoting IE through collaboration with schools and local communities.

Achievement: At 4 primary schools, AAR Japan improved primary school facilities to make them barrier-free and conducted training for teachers. The training targeted not only those teachers who were directly in charge of children with disabilities but all teachers, including those who were members of school support committees. AAR Japan also provided workshops and events for students and inhabitants in the target area to raise awareness of PWDs, as well as monitored the schooling and living environment for children with disabilities, to whom supplied assistive devices and medical aid services where necessary. AAR Japan formed an IE promotion group which consists of representatives of the local government, schools and the region, and then provided training to its members. Besides, acceptance of visitors to the target schools from the other regions contributed to disseminate the movement of promotion of IE.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 3,300 persons (approx. 2,000 children and 45 teachers from 4 target schools; approx. 20 members of the IE Promotion Group; 180 teachers and government officials from the other regions who participated in the training; and approx. 600 inhabitants of target villages who participated in regional events)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 35,000 inhabitants of 4 target villages



The inclusiveness education workshop in which students experienced wheelchairs and learned barriers that PWDs are facing and how to lend a helping hand properly. (February, 2017)

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 participation and 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 operated since 1994 became an independent, local NGO in 2006. During the fiscal year 2016, AAR Japan renewed manufacturing machinery, funded a part of management fees, and continued to give advice for developing its operational and financial management capabilities. The local NGO became more proactively engaged in visiting possible donors and in public relations activities utilizing social network services (SNS) to secure financial resources for its operations.

Direct Beneficiaries: 546 PWDs (the employees of AAR, WCD and PWDs who received assistive devices)

Indirect beneficiaries: 2,730 family members of the PWDs



After the distribution of wheelchairs, AAR Japan periodically visited beneficiaries to assess the condition and usage of wheelchairs and, as necessary, repair wheelchairs. Tomoko Sonoda, AAR Japan (left). (February 2017)

*Inclusive Education (IE) 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, learning environment, and educational system as a whole to their special needs.

Republic of the 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 (PWDs) 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.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 55,621,972 JPY

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

Target Area: Yangon City, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To provide PWDs with high quality vocational training at vocational training center of AAR Japan. 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 course were offered for three terms in 2016. Each term lasted three and a half months, and started in January, May, and September. A total of 140 PWDs graduated: 59 from beauty/cosmetics, 45 from tailoring, and 36 from PC. In collaboration with local corporations, AAR Japan invited their workers to actually visit Myanmar, offered free training sessions to the instructors in beauty/cosmetics department, and created the venues for selling crafts produced by our trainees. As the 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 the Department of Social Welfare, vocational training centers for PWDs run by the bureau and local PWD support organizations, to prepare for the launch of the project.

Direct Beneficiaries: 140 students of the vocational training center

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 700 family members of the PWDs



In the tailoring course, students learn measurement, sewing, pattern making, and handcraft technics such as embroidery. (August 2016)

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

Target Area: Yangon City, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve conditions of children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and to provide them with opportunities to have education and interact with the wider society. To raise awareness among the family members in order that they may provide better care for their children.



Yoshio Nakagawa, AAR Japan (3rd from the right), visiting May Myat Mon (right) who is difficult to move due to cerebral palsy and receives physiotherapy services from local staff of AAR Japan. (November 2016)

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to provide financial support to a welfare facility run by a local NGO, in addition to providing tailored support based on the type and degree of disability by making home visits to 39 children with disabilities. 19 children received physiotherapy services with advice to their family members. The school enrollment support to 28 PWDs includes the donation of school supplies, financial aid to cover tuition fees and commute/transportation expenses for attending schools and the welfare facility for households with lower levels of income; and promotion of home-schooling for children whose disabilities prevent them from commuting to school facilities. AAR Japan also organized excursions to Pagodas and other events that enabled children with disabilities to interact each other, in addition to a workshop to raise awareness toward hygiene issues in order to make up for the lack of knowledge among the villagers, where 14 households (21 persons) participated.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 150 children with disabilities and their guardians

Indirect Beneficiaries: 184 persons (children with disabilities who commute to the welfare facility for children with disabilities, their guardians and staff of the welfare facility)

3 Promotion of Water Hygiene and Basic Infrastructure for Internally Displaced Persons including Landmine Survivors and Returnees (Completed)

Target Area: Ma Ae District, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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

Achievement: In order to improve the living standards of internally displaced people and returnees including landmine survivors, AAR Japan developed 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 formed a hygiene maintenance management committee that consists of inhabitants and would be responsible for maintenance of the water supply facilities and monitoring sanitary conditions. The wells were designed with handrails and slopes for ease of use by PWDs and AAR Japan organized activities to raise awareness regarding disabilities, promoting understanding the idea of making the villages a comfortable place for all including PWDs to live.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 4,000 inhabitants across the 3 villages



AAR Japan installed a fence surrounding a well which used to be dangerous due to its structure- a simple hole dug out of the ground and surrounded by logs-in order that even children may use it safely. (June 2016)

4 Improvement of Living Standards of PWDs

Target Area: Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve living standards of all the villagers including PWDs by increasing awareness regarding PWDs and developing a community considerate to PWDs.

Achievement: AAR Japan worked on promotion of understanding towards disabilities and PWDs-friendly community in Kyar Inn district, Kun Tar district and Ka Mawt Ka Chu district in order to improve the living standards of PWDs. Villagers discussed difficulties PWDs are facing in their daily lives, and drew up plans to solve the problems. AAR Japan also established a contact group of families with PWDs to disseminate the information, and organized workshops and events to raise awareness about disabilities. AAR Japan distributed assistive devices where necessary, and made public facilities barrier-free.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 200 PWDs and their 1,200 family members

Indirect Beneficiaries: 14,000 inhabitants of Hlaingbwe Township



Taku Matsushima, AAR Japan (right), interviewing a PWD about his living environment with local staff/physiotherapist of AAR Japan. (February 2017)

5 Mushroom Farming for Internally Displaced Persons including Landmine Survivors (Completed)

Target Area: Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve the living standards of PWDs, including landmine survivors, of Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village, a village sheltering many internally displaced persons, by promoting self-sufficiency (income).

Achievement: 16 PWDs who reside in Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village, including landmine survivors, acquired knowledge and skill of mushroom farming and business operations. AAR Japan also supported the development of sales channels and markets where PWDs could sell their harvested goods and eventually become self-sufficient.

Direct Beneficiaries: 16 PWDs and their 90 family members

Indirect Beneficiaries: 900 inhabitants of Thit Sar Aye Myaing Village



Beneficiaries working on the mushroom farming. (June 2016)

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 supplied food items and non-food items and then provided recovery assistance including the construction of temporary school buildings and support for persons with disabilities (PWDs).



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 9,806,230 JPY

1 Support for PWDs in Areas Near Kathmandu (Completed)

Target Area: Areas near Kathmandu, Federal Republic of Nepal

Objective: To reestablish the lives of PWDs in the target area, including persons that have become disabled as a results of the earthquake.

Achievement: AAR Japan manufactured and distributed 50 wheelchairs, and provided independent living programs to 50 PWDs who reside in rural areas near Kathmandu and have severe living condition, in cooperation with a local organization, Independent Living Center for Persons with Disabilities, Kathmandu.

Direct Beneficiaries: 100 PWDs (50 for wheelchairs, 50 for independent living programs)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 500 family members of the PWDs



The atelier of wheelchair situated in the Kathmandu University, where staff of the local organization manufactured wheelchairs made of aluminum. (December 2016)

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.

2016 fiscal year final settlement: 1,360,702 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: AAR Japan started the training program for the women placed in a social and financial predicament in order to improve their skills of producing handicraft, putting their knowledge about the traditional embroidery to account, in January 2017.

Direct Beneficiaries: 10 women in the Jammu and Kashmir State

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Islamabad 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 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 engaged in improving educational and hygiene environment for IDPs and refugees from Afghanistan. AAR Japan completed its project in Nowshera and closed the Nowshera Office (established in 2012) in January 2016, and started a new project in Haripur in February 2016.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 47,397,275 JPY

1 Improvement of Learning and Hygiene Environment of Girls' Primary Schools

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

Objective: To contribute to increase of the girls' enrollment rate of the Pakistanis and Afghan refugees through improvement of learning and Hygiene environment of girls' primary schools.

Achievement: At 5 Pakistani public primary schools and 7 schools in Afghan refugee camps, AAR Japan built wells and installed and repaired handwashing facilities and water tanks, and promoted awareness about the importance of hygiene among teachers, students, and their parents. AAR Japan also set up maintenance and management system at each school to ensure appropriate maintenance of the installed facilities.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,700 persons (teachers, students, and their guardians at our target schools)



A female student learning the right handwashing manner from a teacher who received hygiene training program. (October 2016)

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 Mine Risk Education (MRE) and a physical therapy rehabilitation project. In 2008, the projects in northeastern area were handed over to another NGO operating in the same area. In November of the same year, AAR Japan started MRE and projects to support persons with disabilities (PWDs) including mine victims in and around the capital city of Kabul, through remote management from its headquarters in Tokyo. Since June 2016, staff member of AAR Japan in charge of Afghanistan projects has been stationed at Islamabad Office in Pakistan, which serves as the remote management hub for Afghan projects.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 78,615,666 JPY

1 Community-based Mine Risk Education (CBMRE) and Support for PWDs

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

Objective: To improve access to basic social services of persons with disabilities (PWDs) including mine victims, who are often pushed into the most vulnerable position, and to contribute to decrease of accidents caused by landmines/UXOs/IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices), through the community-based awareness raising activities.

Achievement: AAR Japan provided Community-based Mine Risk Education (CBMRE) by training 164 local MRE instructors in 82 villages in Kabul Province and Parwan Province. Through the implementation of workshops by the local instructors, accurate information on how to protect oneself against the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs were rendered to 95,000 persons. At the workshops, AAR Japan also conducted activities to raise awareness to eradicate discrimination and stigma towards PWDs. In addition, aiming to introduce Inclusive Education (IE), AAR Japan examined the enrolment status of children with disabilities in 2 public school districts in Parwan Province, and carried out school enrolment promotion activities. As a result, 65 children with disabilities, who had not been enrolled in school before, began to attend the schools.

Direct Beneficiaries: 164 persons trained to be instructors for CBMRE; 103,375 persons who participated in MRE and PWD awareness workshops; and 65 children with disabilities not attending schools previously

Indirect Beneficiaries: 6,025 children attending at our target schools and 390 family members of the children not attending schools previously



A local instructor (left) providing a session of MRE by using educational materials and local staff of AAR Japan. (November 2016)

2 Landmine and UXO Clearance

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

Objective: To clear landmines and UXOs in Baghlan Province, Badakhshan Province and Takhar 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 6 villages in Dashte Lajam and Tala wa Barfak Districts of Baghlan Province, Enaw District of Badakhshan Province and Tutak District of Takhar Province. This project resulted in the removal of 17 landmines and one UXO and creation of 39,247 m² (approximately equivalent to the size of Tokyo Dome) of safe land.

Direct Beneficiaries: 1,230 households who reside in the target areas



Deminer digging up and clearing a landmine. (November 2016) © HALO Trust

3 Capacity Building of Civil Society in Afghanistan

Target Area: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To improve and entrench the skills and abilities of Afghan Civil Society Organizations (CSOs).

Achievement: AAR Japan assisted 3 prominent CSO network organizations in Afghanistan to improve the skills and abilities by conducting 86 institutional-capacity-building training sessions that benefitted a total of 1,283 CSO members. This program was conducted in partnership with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC).

Direct Beneficiaries: 1,283 Afghan CSO members



Capacity-building training conducted by ANCB, a local CSO network organization, in Herat Province. (February 2016)

Republic of Tajikistan

Dushanbe Office

AAR Japan opened its office in the capital city of Dushanbe in 2002, in preparation for assistance for the northeastern area of Afghanistan. Subsequently, AAR Japan started its full-fledged support for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Tajikistan. Currently, AAR Japan is promoting Inclusive Education (IE) in Tajikistan.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 40,557,681 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) for Children with Disabilities

Target Area: Dushanbe and Rasht District, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote IE in Tajikistan, through improvement of teaching techniques as to levels of disabilities and forming of networks among teachers, educational institutions, and communities.



Inhabitants concerned about IE had a zealous discussion with local NGO staff at the awareness raising event. (August 2016)

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted additional training sessions on IE for 5 partner schools in Dushanbe and 7 schools in Rasht District, in which 51 participants, including teachers, upgraded their knowledge about IE. AAR Japan also invited teachers from Gharm City to the model school in Dushanbe, which gave them an opportunity to study IE carried out in practice; provided tutor trainings to 82 persons, including guardians of children with disabilities and students; made home visits to 59 children with disabilities to encourage school enrollment; dispatched a IT specialist from Japan in order to create a webpage on IE on the City of Dushanbe website; invited IE specialist from India to hold seminars for government agencies and boarding schools; prepared 1,200 brochures on IE which were distributed them at a total of 24 awareness raising events at schools including model schools and kindergartens, and put up in public transport; and produced a video on IE, which was broadcasted on a giant screen in Dushanbe to raise awareness of IE among the citizens.

Direct Beneficiaries: 551 persons (88 children with disabilities newly-admitted to 14 model and partner schools and 72 attending the schools; 320 family members of the children; 51 teachers who participated in the additional training sessions; and 20 officials of municipal board of education of Dushanbe)

Indirect beneficiaries: 24,900 persons (approx. 13,000 students and approx. 500 teachers of the model and partner schools; approx. 200 participants of events; 1,200 recipients of the brochures; and approx. 10,000 viewers of the video)

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

Target Area: Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To provide assistance to PWDs in order that they can establish their own Tailoring Section under the Dushanbe Association for PWDs while receiving vocational training for tailoring and business skills necessary to receive orders for, create, and sell their own products.

Achievement: AAR Japan continued offering vocational training courses led by PWDs that focused on techniques involved in tailoring. In addition, in the fiscal year of 2016, the trainees rented the stall of the market of Dushanbe and sold their products to secure the finance for their activities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 16 vocational training students

Indirect beneficiaries: 96 family members of the students



Completing a 10 months course, students became capable of tailoring dresses and jackets. (June 2016)

Republic of Turkey

Sanliurfa Office, Istanbul Office, Mardin 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, then Istanbul Office in October 2016 and Mardin Office in February 2017. Through these offices AAR Japan is continuing to assist Syrian refugees in the region.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 217,258,558 JPY

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

Target Area: Sanliurfa Province and Mardin Province, Republic of Turkey

Objective: To improve the living standards of Syrian refugees by providing assistance to the most vulnerable Syrian refugees, such as those who have recently escaped the crisis, those who do not have the opportunity to obtain new skills, those who live in isolation, and those who have disabilities.

Achievement: In collaboration with a local cooperation organization, AAR Japan delivered winter items to Syrian refugees through the e-money system, in Kızıltepe District, Nusaybin District and Midyat District of Mardin Province (adjacent to Sanliurfa Province). In Sanliurfa, AAR Japan continued managing the community center, providing Turkish, Arabic, 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. To especially vulnerable refugees including persons with disabilities (PWDs) and orphans, AAR Japan extended individual assistance such as provision of food and temporary asylums. AAR Japan also provided PWDs in Sanliurfa Province and Mardin Province with assistive devices and in-home physical therapy rehabilitation programs and gave technical guidance on simple rehabilitation to their family members

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,661 households (approx.13,800 persons) of Syrian refugees and others in Mardin Province who received winter items; 566 persons (Syrian refugees, Iraqi refugees and local Turkish) who attended the classes; 2,421 persons (Syrian and Iraqi refugees) and 710 local Turkish who attended the events at the community center; 3,113 persons who received the individual assistance



Syrian child refugees participating "origami" art workshop at the community center. Saori GOMI, AAR Japan (left front). (February 2017)

2 Provision of Information and Individual Support for Syrian refugees in Istanbul

Target Area: Istanbul, Republic of Turkey

Objective: To provide Syrian refugees living outside of refugee camps with information on necessary administrative steps to be taken, on education and medical care, and on regulations in Istanbul where urban refugees are facing hardships in leading their lives. To improve living conditions of Syrian refugees through extending assistance to especially vulnerable refugees.

Achievement: In Esenyurt district in the city of Istanbul, AAR Japan equipped urban refugees from abroad, including Syria, with necessary information regarding administrative services and Turkish laws and regulations, through home visits and workshops. AAR Japan also offered individual assistance such as provision of food and interpretation services to vulnerable refugees, including fatherless families, PWDs, victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse, orphans, whose difficulties and hardships have been revealed through home visits.

Beneficiaries: 4,474 persons (recipients of information) and 268 persons (recipients of individual assistance)



An workshop for Syrian women on Turkish legal system regarding refugees. (December 2016)

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 started emergency assistance in Syria in 2014. In collaboration with local implementing partners, AAR Japan has been distributing food items and providing Mine Risk Education (MRE) to internally displaced persons, their host communities and returnees from neighboring countries, as well as conducting a survey on war victims.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 458,153,499 JPY

1 Distribution of Food Items

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To address chronic food shortages and alleviate sudden food crises in target areas within Syria.

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed 45,446 boxes of food packages each of which contains 17 food items to Syrians, including internally displaced persons. With continuous supply of food to households residing in a target area, AAR Japan contributed to alleviation of chronic food shortages. AAR Japan also carried out emergency assistance in response to the urgent food crises involving persons internally displaced due to intensive fighting.

Direct Beneficiaries: 33,218 Syrian households (163,994 persons)

2 Mine Risk Education (MRE)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To reduce casualties related to landmines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) in target areas within Syria.

Achievement: AAR Japan organized MRE workshops in which a total of 31,006 Syrians participated. In addition, AAR Japan also carried out training of local staff, including those in charge of MRE, and conducted a survey on mine casualties in the target area, contributing to strengthen the mine action in Syria. The results of the survey were shared with other organizations which extends assistance to mine victims.

Direct Beneficiaries: 31,006 persons

3 Survey on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To collect information on ERW and its casualties within Syria for further effective MRE.

Achievement: AAR Japan provided financial assistance to a Syrian local NGO which collaborates with a British NGO engaged in mine clearance and did preparatory works for collecting information regarding on ERW and organizing hearings on damages.

Direct Beneficiaries: Not available since the activity is on a preparatory stage.

Republic of Greece

In June 2015, AAR Japan assessed the circumstances involving stowaways who travelled across the Mediterranean Sea to European shores and found that the majority of stowaways residing in Greece are Syrian and Afghan refugees. AAR Japan also found that Greece lacked the capacity to host the rapidly increasing number of refugees and, in August 2015, began a refugee support project in collaboration with a local implementation partner.

2016 fiscal year final settlement: 1,408,877 JPY

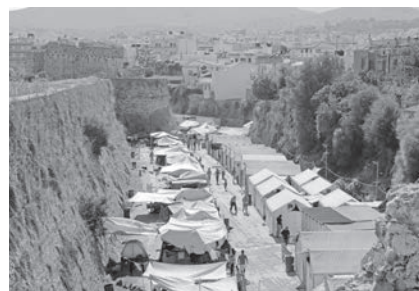
1 Care Service for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

Target Area: Lesbos Prefecture and Chios, Republic of Greece

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

Achievement: AAR Japan, through a partnership with a local cooperation organization, assisted in managing a protection facility that temporarily admits underage refugees without guardians. The facility is stationed with psychologists, social workers and interpreters in order that the refugees may receive proper services.

Direct Beneficiaries: 30 unaccompanied refugee minors



A makeshift camp in Chios. For underage refugees who cannot be afforded adequate protections in the camp, a protection facility is highly required. (September 2016)

Republic of the Sudan

Khartoum Office, Kassala Office

With the conclusion of the 20 years of civil war in 2005, AAR Japan established its office in the capital city of Khartoum and began conducting MRE activities. In 2007, AAR Japan opened 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.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 79,188.072 JPY

1 Improving Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Target Area: Kassala State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To improve hygiene in Kassala State.

Achievement: In Reefi Kassala of Kassala State, AAR Japan contributed to improve hygiene by repairing water supply infrastructures, building toilet facilities, introducing garbage collection system and promoting awareness of sanitation and hygiene through radio broadcasts and events. AAR Japan also constructed a structure for maintenance of the water supply infrastructures in the community and trained volunteers.

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,431 residents in the target villages and approx. 550,000 listeners of the radio programs



Local staff of AAR Japan teaching a child the right manner of hand-washing in an awareness raising event. (April 2016)

2 Mine Risk Education (MRE)

Target Area: Kassala State, Blue Nile state and South Kordofan State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To reduce the number of mine victims in Sudan and to help persons with disabilities (PWDs) attain self-reliance.

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted MRE workshops at villages throughout Kassala State and disseminated information regarding land mines through radio broadcasts in Kassala State, Blue Nile state and South Kordofan State. AAR Japan also provided assistive devices to PWDs which include mine victims and helped them start small-scale business. In addition, AAR Japan contributed to enhancing the technical capacity of the National Authority of Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO) Kassala Center through training of the staff. Furthermore, AAR Japan led the process of developing the National Strategic Framework for Victim Assistance and Multi-Year Work Plan for Victim Assistance, collaborating with organizations in the relevant field including the National Mine Action Centre (NMAC).

Direct Beneficiaries: 12,231 persons who participated in MRE workshops, approx. 443,936 listeners of the radio programs and 36 PWDs including mine victims who received assistance

Indirect Beneficiaries: 252 family members of PWDs



Local staff of AAR Japan explaining the risk of mines and UXOs to women residents. (October 2016)

3 Actions to Combat Infectious Diseases in the White Nile State

Target Area: Khartoum State and Sennar State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To contribute to the reduction of mycetoma patients in Sennar State.

Achievement: AAR Japan made home visits to patients who had their arms/legs amputated due to mycetoma, researching on postoperative status. AAR Japan also invited 6 PWDs who lived in destitution to the National Authority of Prosthetics and Orthotics (NAPO) in Khartoum, and provided prosthetic legs and rehabilitation tailored to each. In addition, AAR Japan conducted awareness sessions on mycetoma prevention to a total of 450 local residents, using originally-developed educational materials.

Direct Beneficiaries: 6 mycetoma patients who received rehabilitation and 450 local residents who received information through the public awareness campaign

Indirect Beneficiaries: 3,192 family members of the patients and the local residents



Mycetoma patients wearing prosthetic legs in a rehabilitation program. (December 2016)

Republic of Kenya

Nairobi Office, Kakuma Office

In 2005, AAR Japan established its office in Nairobi as the hub 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 settled in Kakuma Refugee Camp of Turkana County in the northwestern part of Kenya. In July 2015, AAR Japan launched a new project to promote secondary education.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 82,730,256 JPY

1 Secondary Education Assistance at Kakuma Refugee Camp

Target Area: Kakuma Refugee Camp, Republic of Kenya

Objective: To assist secondary schools at Kakuma Refugee Camp to protect at-risk youth and nurture talent that will help rebuild their home country.

Achievement: AAR Japan constructed 8 classroom buildings with provision of desks, chairs and educational materials at a secondary school in Kakuma camp 1, and supplied equipment for a science classroom at a secondary school situated in Kakuma camp 4. At each school, AAR Japan organized a school maintenance team which consists of 5 members of teachers, students and guardians and then provided training to its members. In addition, AAR Japan gave 10 teachers of the schools training in teaching children life skills: how to overcome trauma and deal with troubles. The same training was also provided to 21 teachers of secondary schools and a girls' boarding school in Kakuma camp 2 and 3. The trained teachers practiced what they had learnt at each schools.

Direct Beneficiaries: 3,030 persons (students and teachers of secondary schools in Kakuma camp 1 and 4) and 1,100 persons (students and teachers of secondary schools and a girls' boarding school in Kakuma camp 2 and 3)

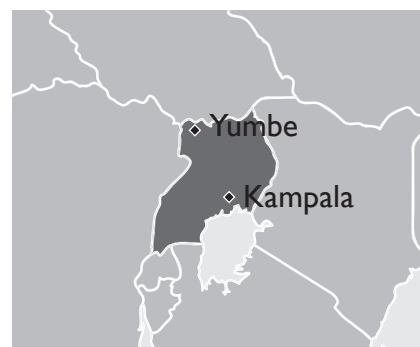
Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 15,150 family members of the students



The training for teachers in teaching life skills to children. (April 2016)

Republic of Uganda

In March 2009, AAR Japan invited the 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. Due to the armed conflict that erupted in July of 2016 in Juba, the capital city of the Republic of South Sudan, and domestic turmoil afterwards, many refugees have been fleeing to northwest regions of Uganda, adjacent to South Sudan. In order to provide aid to the refugees, AAR Japan established its office in Kampala in September and an extension office in Yumbe in October.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 77,691,105 JPY

1 Livelihood Assistance for Mine Victims

Target Area: Lira District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To help mine victims become self-sustaining in their local communities and their financial activities.

Achievement: 20 individuals were selected from a pool of mine victim candidates from Apac District, Kole District, Lira District and Oyam District, and AAR Japan offered them opportunity to learn at a vocational training center in Lira District. To each beneficiary who completed the 4 months course of stockbreeding and knitting, AAR Japan provided a business starter kit.

Direct Beneficiaries: 20 mine victims

Indirect Beneficiaries: 100 Family members of the mine victims



A beneficiary practicing knitting at the vocational training center. (July 2016)

2 Promotion of Water Sanitation and Hygiene and Education at Refugee Camps and Settlements

Target Area: Refugee Camps and Settlements, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To improve the living standards of refugees and residents of neighboring areas who accept those refugees.

Achievement: Based on the research on 3 refugee settlements in northwest Uganda, Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe District, because of massive influx of refugees and strong needs, was chosen as the project site of AAR Japan. AAR Japan began its operation in September, distributing relief items including hygiene kits and mattresses. AAR Japan also constructed 48 temporary classrooms of a primary school and 30 toilet facilities, and provided desks, chairs, blackboards and school bags.

Direct Beneficiaries: 3,000 households who received relief items, 13,521 students who attended temporary classrooms, and 13,500 students who received school bags



Ryota Hirama, AAR Japan(center, front), distributing school bags to children at the settlement. (November 2016)

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 Lusaka. In February 2016, AAR Japan terminated all the 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. In Meheba Refugee Settlement in Solwezi District, North Western Province of Zambia, AAR Japan commenced the project to assist former refugees to facilitate local integration in March 2017.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 66,745,479 JPY

1 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: AAR Japan constructed health posts and quarters for medical staff, and supplied medical equipment to the Obstetrics Department at the Kafue District's health center. AAR Japan also provided necessary supplies for mobile clinics, including manometers and weighing machines, to the health center. Furthermore, AAR Japan increased members of local health committees and conducted various trainings, such as organization management and assistance in mobile clinics.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,100 women aged from 15 to 40, including 500 expectant mothers, approx. 2,300 children under the age of five, and approx. 120 local health committee members

Indirect Beneficiaries: 11,635 local inhabitants



Members learning how to use manometers. Michiko Arihara, AAR Japan (right). (June 2015)

2 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 continued to support HIV/AIDS orphan's guardians' income generating activities of poultry farming, maize milling and photo shop.

Direct Beneficiaries: 17 HIV/AIDS orphans and approx. 85 family members



A Guardian engaging in poultry farming. (June 2016)

3 Assistance to Facilitate Local Integration of Former Refugees

Target Area: Resettlement area in Meheba Refugee Settlement in Solwezi District, North Western Province of Zambia

Objective: To facilitate the building of social and communal relationships among residents of the resettlement area.

Achievement: After additional preliminary research on the number of households and the distribution of water supply infrastructures in July 2016 and February 2017, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-funded, Grassroots Technical Cooperation Project (partnership program) began in March 2017, constructing operating foundation including an office building.

Direct Beneficiaries: Not available since the activity has just started.

The Republic of Zimbabwe

2016 fiscal year final settlement: 0 JPY

1 Assessment and research on the promotion of hand driven tricycles in Zimbabwe (Completed)

Target Area: The Republic of Zimbabwe

Objective: To assess and research on the promotion of hand-driven tricycles for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Zimbabwe.

Achievement: AAR Japan explored the feasibility of the project, but came to the conclusion to withdraw due to declination of the organization to collaborate with and difficulty in securing staff and financing.

Direct Beneficiaries: N/A

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, AAR Japan conducted reconstruction projects and sanitation improvement projects and then initiated a project to promote education among children with disabilities. In April 2016, AAR Japan closed the Port-au-Prince office, and the project was carried out through a partnership with a local cooperation organization.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 6,048,658 JPY

1 Promote Education among Children with Disabilities in Carrefour Commune (Completed)

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 (IE).

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted 3-day IE training program at 4 primary schools, which 28 teachers attended. The guardians of child with disabilities also participated in the training programs and had an exchange of views with teachers. AAR Japan also provided uniforms, blackboards, and disability-friendly desks and chairs.

Direct Beneficiaries: 137 persons (28 teachers and 27 guardians of children with disabilities who participated in the training programs; and 82 children attending schools who potentially have disabilities)



The headmaster of Recherche du Savoir primary school in Carrefour Commune earnestly listening to the lecture at the training program. (August 2016)

The Republic of Vanuatu

In response to the Super-Cyclone Pam that hit Vanuatu on March 13th, 2015, AAR Japan deployed 2 staff members and distributed relief items in Efate Island. Since April of the same year, AAR Japan collaborated with Vanuatu Family Health Association (VFHA), a local medical NGO, to provide basic medical services in remote islands.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 532,400 JPY

1 Assistance for people affected by Vanuatu Cyclone (Completed)

Target Area: Efate Island and Espiritu Santo Island, The Republic of Vanuatu

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

Achievement: AAR Japan continued financial support for VFHA, the local cooperation organization, to provide basic medical services and medical awareness campaigns to people living in remote islands. In addition, AAR Japan renovated facilities of VFHA in order that the organization may provide prompt medical services at the time of major disaster such as cyclones.

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,321 persons who received basic medical services and 1,029 persons who participated in campaigns



Women participating in a medical awareness activity about family planning. (April 2015)

Emergency Assistance

2016 fiscal year final settlement: 38,524,709 JPY

1 Assistance for people affected by hurricane in Haiti (Completed)

Target Area: Les Cayes and Jérémie, Republic of Haiti

Objective: To distribute relief items to people affected by hurricane that hit Republic of Haiti and to contribute to reconstruct the infrastructure of their lives.

Achievement: As a result of initial research in Les Cayes and Jérémie which were inflicted enormous damage by hurricane, AAR Japan found that persons with disabilities (PWDs) and their families could not reach out to relief supplies. Thus, AAR Japan distributed to 1,000 households including those with PWDs items as follows: food, such as rice, beans and pasta, which suit to their dietary culture; non-food items including tarpaulin sheets necessary for the temporary repair of their residence; and hygiene goods including buckets and chlorine disinfectant. AAR Japan also provided stationery to 1,000 children, and assistive devices including wheelchairs and white canes to 234 PWDs.

Beneficiaries: Approx. 5,200 persons



A woman victim receiving relief items. Asako Ikegami and Akiko Kato, AAR Japan (left and right). (November 2016)

2 Assistance for returnees to Afghanistan

Target Area: Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To research on non-registered returnees in Nangarhar Province from Pakistan adjacent to Afghanistan and to contribute to bring stability to their lives by distributing relief items.

Achievement: AAR Japan carried out research on 3,815 household in 10 districts of Nangarhar Province, which showed that approximately 50% of the returnees had received no relief items, lacked food and goods necessary for their daily lives, and have difficulty in access to infrastructure including electricity. AAR Japan distributed portable solar chargers and vouchers available for shopping at local stores to the vulnerable households with PWDs and widows.

Beneficiaries: 580 households (approx. 4,060 persons)

3 Assistance for people affected by Flooding in Sudan (Completed)

Target Area: Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To improve the lives of evacuees of inundation caused by continual heavy rain which started June 2016.

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed 1,000 blankets to residents affected by the inundation.

Beneficiaries: 1,000 households affected by the inundation



Yuhei Honda, AAR Japan (left), carrying blankets into a warehouse of the government. (August 2016)

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, those offices in Sendai, Morioka, and Soma were maintained. 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, while foreseeing the needs for long-term support to the disaster survivors.



2016 fiscal year final settlement: 103,528,853 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 for persons with disabilities (PWDs), elderly persons 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.

Achievement: For the elderly living in temporary housing complexes in Fukushima, Miyagi, and Iwate Prefectures, AAR Japan conducted massage therapy and active listening sessions for a total of 40 times; held 25 community events including handicraft and cooking classes.

In terms of support for PWDs, we promoted the income generating project, in which welfare facilities for PWDs in Fukushima Prefecture collaborate in planning, producing and selling merchandise, called the Shogaisha Kyodo Project. AAR Japan also assisted with the installation of instruments/machines to 15 facilities and in rebuilding the facility called Katatsumuri which is situated in Ofunato, Iwate Prefecture. Furthermore, AAR Japan held marketing events 16 times at corporations in the metropolitan area to promote sales of products manufactured by social welfare facilities.

In Fukushima Prefecture, AAR Japan focused on supporting children by providing drinking water to 8 nursery schools and kindergartens. We held an overnight field trip program called Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku three times in the Nishiaizu Town, which has low radiation levels, in order that children and their guardians residing in Hamadori Region may alleviate stress and problems related to insufficient exercise due to their prolonged lives as evacuees and socialize with each other.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approximately 2,450 persons

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

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

Objective: To ease economic and psychological burden of travelling for people whose living environment drastically changed by the inundation due to the heavy rainfall in September 2015.



Physiotherapist volunteer giving massage to residents at temporary housing complexes. Shinichiro Ohara, AAR Japan (front right). (April 2016)

Achievement: In collaboration with local cooperation organization, AAR Japan provided transportation services necessary for commuting to school and visiting hospital/clinic to PWDs, elderly persons and children who lost the means of transportation due to the damage caused by the inundation.

Beneficiaries: 630 persons

Emergency Assistance

2016 fiscal year final settlement: 60,596,044 JPY

1 Assistance for people affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes

Target Area: Areas affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes

Objective: To support evacuees and to reconstruct living environment of victims of the Kumamoto Earthquakes in April 2016, particularly for persons with disabilities (PWDs), elderly persons.

Achievement: AAR Japan carried out needs assessment by visiting designated and undesignated evacuation centers, and distributed food and non-food items to 2,615 evacuees including persons with disabilities (PWDs) and elderly persons in a total of 10 cities and villages (Kumamoto, Aso, Yatsushiro, Mashiki, Ozu, Kikuyo, Mifune, Hikawa, Nishihara, Minami-Aso). In collaboration with an NPO, The Peace Project, AAR Japan also operated soup kitchens and served 18,710 hot meals. In addition, AAR Japan paid visits to 53 nursing homes and social welfare centers for PWDs, out of which AAR Japan provided 8 facilities with instruments/machines, repaired 1 facility, and construct a new office building for 1 facility; this enabled a total of 272 elderly persons and PWDs to retrieve their normal lives.

Beneficiaries: 2,887 persons and a total of 18,710 who received hot meals



Kazuya Omuro, AAR Japan, serving hot meals to evacuees. (November 2015)

2 Assistance for people affected by Typhoon 10 (Completed)

Target Area: Kuji City and Iwaizumi Town, Iwate Prefecture

Objective: To support the victims of the landslide disaster due to Typhoon 10 in August 2016.

Achievement: In collaboration with an NPO, The Peace Project, AAR Japan operated soup kitchens, serving approximately 1,200 hot meals at evacuation centers in Iwaizumi Town. AAR Japan also distributed water pumps, televisions, and fan heaters to residents' association of Minamizawa district, Iwaizumi Town. In addition, AAR Japan provided Iwaizumi Communal Hall, which served as an evacuation center, with winter clothes and underwear donated by temporary housing complexes in Fukushima Prefecture and Homare-no-kai, a general incorporated association. To 7 PWDs who reside at House Shiosai, a nursing home in Kuji City, which was damaged by the Typhoon, AAR Japan supplied non-food items including clothes, shoes and towels.

Beneficiaries: A total of 1,310 persons (1,303 evacuees in Iwaizumi and 7 persons at the nursing home in Kuji)



AAR Japan provided underwear and winter clothes to Iwaizumi Communal Hall. Shinichiro Ohara (right). (October 2016)

Activities in Japan

1 Assessment, Research, and Advocacy

1-1 Study / Research

Achievement: In order to support AAR Japan's relief and development activities, as well as to promote international cooperation activities of Japan, study and research on international cooperation were conducted. The lessons learned from AAR Japan's projects were summarized and disseminated to the public.

President Yukie Osa was called to give unsworn testimony at the Research Committee on International Economy and Foreign Affairs of the House of Councilors, proposing on furthering public-private-partnership, whilst AAR Japan was the only Japanese NGO that contributed a report on public-private-partnership in assistance to the survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake to 'Together We Stand', the brochure for the World Humanitarian Summit held in May in Turkey. AAR Japan also participated in a workshop on the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 connected to issues of women and peace and security, which consists of parties concerned, and submitted remarks on implementation of National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan. In addition, to improve the quality of emergency humanitarian aid of Japan, AAR Japan staff acted as translation supervisor for 'The Core Humanitarian Standard', and proofread the Japanese version of 'The Good Enough Guide.'

1-2 Campaigns to Ban Landmines

Achievement: AAR Japan updated its website on landmines to better communicate the global landmine situation and how AAR Japan addresses the problem. In November, AAR Japan organized a lecture event on the landmine victims in Syria to enlist the support for the activities of AAR Japan to over 100 participants. AAR Japan also held internal training sessions for staff to increase the knowledge of landmines.

1-3 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

Achievement: As a steering committee member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, President Yukie Osa and a staff member participated the third Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) informal meeting of experts on lethal autonomous weapon systems held in Geneva in April, sending out information via social media, chairing a side event, and lobbying. The staff member also attended Campaign to Stop Killer Robots strategy retreat in Netherlands in the same month, and the Fifth Review Conference of the CCW in Geneva in December. AAR Japan disseminated the result of meetings through its website, newsletters, and internal debriefing sessions for staff.

1-4 Assistance to Persons with Disabilities

Achievement: AAR Japan delegated its staff members of Phnom Penh office and Tokyo Headquarters to the Second CBR (Community Based Rehabilitation) World Congress held in Malaysia in September, in which the staff made presentations on the projects of AAR Japan promoting Inclusive Education (IE) in Cambodia, disseminating its knowledge and expertise. AAR Japan also regularly held internal study sessions to deepen knowledge and understanding of disabilities. In addition, AAR Japan joined the Japan Council on Disability (JD), and continued to be the member of Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) and Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), aiming to expand its network with other organizations concerned with PWDs.

1-5 Education and Public Awareness Raising (Promotion of Understanding Global Issues)

Achievement: AAR Japan uploaded the brochure for school officials on its website to widely promote 'International Understanding Education Support Program' launched in 2013, and held 70 lectures and workshops.

AAR Japan also conducted the seventh summer workshop for elementary and junior high school students, titled 'If I were a refugee', which had media coverages, and the similar workshop is continued to be held at schools.

Furthermore, AAR Japan actively participated in the Global Festival, one of the largest international cooperation events in Japan, and local events held by NGOs in Shinagawa District to gain more publicity.

In November, commemorating the opening of Saga office, AAR Japan conducted a lecture event on Syrian refugees at Saga International Plaza, which attracted 75 participants.

2 Assistance to Refugees in Japan

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Support 21, its sister organization and a social welfare foundation. AAR Japan encouraged relationship-building among refugees and foreign residents in Japan and its staff developed knowledge on issues pertaining to refugees in Japan. As refugee examination counselor under the Ministry of Justice, Chairperson Fusako Yanase presented her opinion on the examination of asylum-seekers who were not recognized as a refugee and filed an objection, while observed procedures in which petitioners presented opinion, submitting her opinion to the Minister of Justice.

3 Advertisements

Achievement: Following the fiscal year 2015, the advertisement campaign through the program of the Advertising Council Japan continued in order to gain more public recognition of AAR Japan. AAR Japan also organized 16 diverse events including symposiums with experts, workshops for children, and events planned by volunteer groups in which participants can engage in international cooperation while having fun. Those events were held mainly in Tokyo, but also in Osaka and Saga. A total number of the participants adds up to 1,837. Furthermore, AAR Japan appeared on television, radio, and newspapers 122 times. The media coverages were mostly on Syrian refugees and the acceptance of refugees to Japan, but also on Killer Robots and charity chocolates. A total of 9 newspapers, radios and televisions covered Saga office and the Bureau Chief. AAR Japan focused on disseminating information through SNS, and Facebook Likes increased to 1.7 times of the previous year. As a result of those efforts, the number of newly registered supporters amounted to 2,432 in the fiscal year 2016.

4 Public Relations and Fundraising

Achievement: Public Relations Department spearheaded efforts to cultivate relationships with donor firms and organizations, while each AAR Japan staff member increased awareness and ability to engage in fund-raising activities. In order to secure financial resources for our domestic and international operations, AAR Japan continued to maintain and cultivate relationships with approximately 120 existing donor firms and organizations, and established new connections with approximately 30 firms and organizations. When major natural disasters such as the Kumamoto Earthquakes and the Hurricane Matthew in Haiti struck, those constant efforts resulted in drawing strong support from many of the firms and organizations. AAR Japan seized more fund-raising opportunities, such as small-scale subsidies and donation programs. For instance, through a gift matching program, in which a company makes a donation to match its employees' charitable contributions by accumulating a partial amount of their salaries, the maternal and child health project in Zambia and the vocational training project for PWDs in Myanmar received funds; the inclusive education (IE) project in Cambodia got donations through a merchandise donation program, in which a company sells charity merchandise and donates a portion of the proceeds; and generous contributions came from collection boxes in stores for the projects to support PWDs in Tohoku region and Asia. Public Relations Department also actively proposed many ways to donate: a total of approximately 15 firms and organizations fund-raised by in-house selling charity merchandise of AAR Japan; and other firms contributed by collecting wasted postcard and donating unwanted goods.

5 For-profit projects

Achievement: On April 27, AAR Japan held a Charity Concert dedicated for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in collaboration with Ms. Kaori, Muraji (guitarist), Mr. Souichi Muraji (guitarist), and Tamaki Kawakubo (violinist), with the Emperor and the Empress in attendance. There was an audience of 771 at the concert and proceeds and donations amounted to 2,058,115 JPY.

AAR Japan also published a picture book titled 'Sunny goes to Syria' in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the first picture book 'Not Mines but Flowers'. Yukie Osa, the author and President of AAR Japan, was interviewed by 8 newspapers and magazines, and also appeared on the TV program 'Shiten Ronten' of NHK introducing the picture book. The exhibition of the original paintings were took place at museums of Shomei Yo, the illustrator, in Kumamoto and Kamakura, and Osa took the platform of the lecture events held during the exhibition. AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Rokkatei Confectionery and sold charity chocolates whose flavors were changed to milk and white and 21 newspapers carried articles on the chocolates. Those charity merchandise including chocolates attracted approximately 500 new supporters.

6 Supporter and Donor Relations

Achievement: New inquiries increased at higher rate than the previous year due to the continuous advertisement campaign through the program of the Advertising Council Japan. AAR Japan responded promptly and courteously to those inquiries, properly accounting for the fund spent. As a result, AAR Japan received donations and applications for its monthly support program from the inquirers. In addition, more supporters and donors than the previous year came forward to display the poster of AAR Japan at their offices, stores and schools, which indicates that there is an increasing recognition of the campaign. In order that the supporters may feel fulfilled, AAR Japan devised thank you letters and activity reports.

7 Fundraising

Achievement: In addition to half-yearly direct mail fund-raising campaigns conducted in the summer and winter, AAR Japan appealed for donations to support its emergency response for the Kumamoto earthquakes in April, the inundation in Sudan in June, the Hurricane Matthew in Haiti in October, the South Sudanese refugees who fled to Uganda in August, and the Afghan returnee from Pakistan in February 2017. AAR Japan also conducted the campaign titled 'New Year Gift for Syrian Children' during a period from 10th to 31st January, 2017, raising awareness of the predicament of Syrian refugees and internally displaced people (IDP) in Syria.

AAR Japan continued to focus on gaining monthly supporters, who make fixed monthly contributions to AAR Japan through an automatic payment system, while proposing casual ways to donate, such as donation of unwanted items and purchase of charity merchandise, to supporters according to their preference.

In the fiscal year 2016, we received a total of 28,662 donations amounting to 363,507,419 JPY. As of the end of March 2017, AAR Japan had 176 regular members, 696 associate members, and 1,485 monthly supporters.

8 NGO Counselor

Achievement: AAR Japan was entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan with the service of consultation on NGOs and international cooperation for the general public, corporations, students, and media. AAR Japan responded to 834 inquiries between April 2016 and end of March 2017. The inquiries were mostly on refugees including Syrians, which AAR Japan has considerable expertise. As a part of service, a local staff member of Kabul office paid a visit to an elementary school which is located on a remote island, and the students could bond with Afghan children through the exchange of messages and drawings. This case set a good example of international cooperation even small local schools are capable of. AAR Japan reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that it provided inquirers with not only the answers but background of issues and details of activities of NGOs to further their understanding and interest in an international cooperation, and showed case examples the inquiries triggered the involvement in international cooperation, advocating the essential role of Japanese NGOs in international cooperation.

Project Implementation and Organizational Structure

Achievement: AAR Japan implemented 43 projects across 17 foreign countries and in the Tohoku region and Kumamoto Prefecture of Japan. At the end of the fiscal year 2016, AAR Japan had 73 employees (43 domestic and 30 expatriate employees) in addition to 160 local employees of foreign offices. AAR Japan maintained stable overseas operations and mental and physical health of expatriate employees by dispatching personnel from its Tokyo Headquarters.

In September AAR Japan held training programs and conferences in which half of the expatriate employees and all the domestic employees attended, and they discussed issues entailed to projects in order to offer a higher quality support. A mental-welfare program for expats working in high-risk areas, which AAR Japan introduced the previous year, was improved in that the expats are given liberty of choosing clinical psychotherapists regardless of their sex.

At Tokyo Headquarters, approximately 50 volunteers actively participated in sending newsletters and conducting public awareness events, while the Fund-raising Volunteer Team, initially formed in the fiscal year 2013, held newly devised events.

AAR Japan continued to advance its activities at home and abroad in cooperation with other specialized organizations operating in a myriad of sectors. As such, AAR Japan and Support 21 jointly implemented projects in Tohoku

Utilizing ISO 26000, the international standard developed to help organizations effectively assess and address those social responsibilities, AAR Japan discussed organizational problems in light of accountability, transparency, labor practices, human rights, and the environment, and rules and regulations on decision-making process were revised accordingly.

AAR Japan established its Office in Saga Prefecture in order that it may continue its operation in case of a capital-epicentered earthquake. The office is utilized as a base for International Understanding Education Support Program at normal times.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2017

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Assets

| Subjects | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Bank Deposits | 821,668,582 | 7,323,903 |
| Accounts Receivable - Trade | 293,137 | 2,613 |
| Other Account Receivables | 9,270,507 | 82,632 |
| Advance Payments | 3,050,512 | 27,191 |
| Supplies | 2,708,420 | 24,141 |
| Inventories | 2,996,979 | 26,713 |
| Total | 839,988,137 | 7,487,193 |
| Non-current Assets | | |
| Vehicles | 11,240,818 | 100,194 |
| Equipments | 3,805,334 | 33,919 |
| Buildings and Structures | 29,186,305 | 260,151 |
| Office Rental Deposit | 8,675,260 | 77,326 |
| Total | 52,907,717 | 471,590 |
| Grand Total | 892,895,854 | 7,958,783 |

Liabilities and Net Assets

| Subjects | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Advance Received | 367,895,233 | 3,279,216 |
| Account Payable - Non-trade | 35,436,616 | 315,862 |
| Temporarily Received | 5,488,300 | 48,920 |
| Tax Payable | 181,700 | 1,620 |
| Total | 409,001,849 | 3,645,618 |
| Non-current Liabilities | | |
| Allowance for Retirement Benefit | 8,385,000 | 74,739 |
| Total | 8,385,000 | 74,739 |
| Total Liabilities | 417,386,849 | 3,720,357 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Balance at the Beginning of the Year | 404,429,588 | 3,604,863 |
| Gain(Loss) for the Year | -25,392,921 | -226,338 |
| Balance at the End of the Year | 379,036,667 | 3,378,525 |
| Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project | | |
| Balance at the Beginning of the Year | 130,879,755 | 1,166,590 |
| Increase/(Decrease) for the Year | -34,407,417 | -306,689 |
| Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets | 96,472,338 | 859,901 |
| Total Amount of Net Assets | 475,509,005 | 4,238,426 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | 892,895,854 | 7,958,783 |

Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

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Income

| Subject | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) | Component Ratio (%) |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| General Accounting | | | |
| Membership Fees and Donations | | | |
| Membership Fees | 4,361,000 | 38,872 | |
| Donations | 363,507,419 | 3,240,105 | |
| TOTAL | 367,868,419 | 3,278,977 | 22.4% |
| Grants, etc. | | | |
| Domestic Private Funds | 47,030,983 | 419,208 | |
| Domestic Public Funds | 1,075,179,159 | 9,583,556 | |
| International Funds | 83,774,955 | 746,724 | |
| TOTAL | 1,205,985,097 | 10,749,488 | 73.5% |
| Other Income | | | |
| Project Income | 38,137,819 | 339,940 | |
| Interest Income | 145,553 | 1,297 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 5,544,295 | 49,419 | |
| Others | 481,622 | 4,293 | |
| TOTAL | 44,309,289 | 394,949 | 2.7% |
| Total Income of General Accounting | | 1,618,162,805 | 14,423,414 |
| Profitable Business Accounting | | | |
| Operating Income (Sales) | 20,546,637 | 183,141 | 1.3% |
| Non-operating Income | 1,319,676 | 11,763 | 0.1% |
| Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting | | 21,866,313 | 194,904 |
| Total Income | | (A) 1,640,029,118 | 14,618,318 |
| | | | 100.0% |

Expenditure

| Subject | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) | Component Ratio (%) |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| General Accounting | | | |
| Overseas Project Expenses | | | |
| Laos | 55,813,837 | 497,494 | |
| Cambodia | 30,554,429 | 272,345 | |
| Myanmar (Burma) | 55,621,972 | 495,784 | |
| Nepal | 9,806,230 | 87,407 | |
| India | 1,360,702 | 12,129 | |
| Pakistan | 47,397,275 | 422,473 | |
| Afghanistan | 78,615,666 | 700,737 | |
| Tajikistan | 40,557,681 | 361,509 | |
| Turkey | 217,258,558 | 1,936,523 | |
| Syria | 458,153,499 | 4,083,727 | |
| Greece | 1,408,877 | 12,558 | |
| Sudan | 79,188,072 | 705,839 | |
| Kenya | 82,730,256 | 737,412 | |
| Uganda | 77,691,105 | 692,496 | |
| Zambia | 66,745,479 | 594,933 | |
| Haiti | 6,048,658 | 53,914 | |
| Vanuatu | 532,400 | 4,746 | |
| Emergency (Haiti) / Relief for Hurricane Victims | 30,752,617 | 274,112 | |
| Emergency (Afghanistan) / Relief for Repatriated Refugee | 6,574,018 | 58,597 | |
| Emergency (Sudan) / Relief for Flood Victims | 1,198,074 | 10,679 | |
| TOTAL | 1,348,009,405 | 12,015,414 | 78.5% |
| Domestic Project Expenses | | | |
| Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims | 102,274,295 | 911,617 | |
| Emergency Relief for Kanto-Tohoku Flood Victims | 1,254,558 | 11,182 | |
| Emergency Relief for Kumamoto Earthquake Victims | 60,072,492 | 535,453 | |
| Emergency Relief for Tohoku Flood Victims from Typhoon No. 10 | 523,552 | 4,667 | |
| Treatment in Domestic Disasters (Including Saga Office) | 10,779,345 | 96,081 | |
| TOTAL | 174,904,242 | 1,559,000 | 10.2% |
| Advocacy | | | |
| Research | 1,587,503 | 14,150 | |
| Mine Action | 1,101,344 | 9,817 | |
| Campaign to stop Killer Robots | 1,005,909 | 8,966 | |
| Support for Persons with disabilities | 2,213,026 | 19,726 | |
| Public Awareness | 2,927,719 | 26,096 | |
| TOTAL | 8,835,501 | 78,755 | 0.5% |
| PR and Fund raising | | | |
| Public Relations | 81,027,339 | 722,233 | |
| Fund Raising | 6,164,795 | 54,950 | |
| TOTAL | 87,192,134 | 777,183 | 5.1% |
| Purchases of fixed assets | | | |
| Vehicles | 6,293,695 | 56,098 | |
| Equipments | 2,141,459 | 19,088 | |
| Office Rental Deposit | 340,000 | 3,031 | |
| TOTAL | 8,775,154 | 78,217 | 0.5% |
| Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Personnel Expenses | 32,758,454 | 291,991 | |
| Others | 24,226,544 | 215,942 | |
| TOTAL | 56,984,998 | 507,933 | 3.3% |
| Other Expenditure | | | |
| Return Goods for Home town tax payment program in Saga | 1,847,493 | 16,468 | |
| Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year | 2,395,060 | 21,348 | |
| Loss on Foreign Exchange | 9,196,641 | 81,974 | |
| TOTAL | 13,439,194 | 119,790 | 0.8% |
| Total Expenditure of General Accounting | 1,698,140,628 | 15,136,292 | 98.9% |
| Profitable Business Accounting | | | |
| Purchases | 10,413,438 | 92,820 | 0.6% |
| Selling and General Administrative Expenses | 8,300,459 | 73,986 | 0.5% |
| Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting | 18,713,897 | 166,806 | 1.1% |
| Total Expenditure (B) | 1,716,854,525 | 15,303,098 | 100.0% |
| Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C) | -76,825,407 | -684,780 | |
| Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D) | 502,106,296 | 4,475,500 | |
| Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D) | 425,280,889 | 3,790,720 | |

Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

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| Subject | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| I Operating Income | | |
| 1 Membership Fees | | |
| Regular Membership Fees | 1,036,000 | 9,234 |
| Associate Membership Fees | 3,325,000 | 29,638 |
| SUBTOTAL | 4,361,000 | 38,872 |
| 2 Donations | | |
| Donations | 283,603,232 | 2,527,883 |
| Transfer from Restricted Net Assets | 117,311,604 | 1,045,651 |
| Gain on Donation of Assets | 4,601,679 | 41,017 |
| SUBTOTAL | 405,516,515 | 3,614,551 |
| 3 Grants, etc. | | |
| Private Funds | 16,372,661 | 145,937 |
| Public Funds | 1,186,612,436 | 10,576,811 |
| SUBTOTAL | 1,202,985,097 | 10,722,748 |
| 4 Operating Income (Sales) | | |
| Events | 7,107,500 | 63,352 |
| Charity Goods Sale | 11,566,525 | 103,098 |
| Commissioned Project | 40,010,431 | 356,631 |
| Miscellaneous Operating Income | 1,196,338 | 10,663 |
| SUBTOTAL | 59,880,794 | 533,744 |
| 5 Other Income | | |
| Interest Income | 145,616 | 1,298 |
| Project Income | 5,913,070 | 52,706 |
| SUBTOTAL | 6,058,686 | 54,004 |
| Operating Income Total (A) | 1,678,802,092 | 14,963,919 |
| II Operating Expenses | | |
| 1 Project Expenses | | |
| 1) Personnel Expenses | | |
| Salary | 272,424,268 | 2,428,240 |
| Retirement Benefits Expenses | 1,895,000 | 16,891 |
| Legal Welfare Expenses | 34,278,485 | 305,540 |
| Welfare Expenses | 2,537,416 | 22,617 |
| SUBTOTAL | 311,135,169 | 2,773,288 |
| 2) Other Expenses | | |
| Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop) | 1,024,357,309 | 9,130,558 |
| Overseas Personnel | 141,281,134 | 1,259,302 |
| Overseas Travel Expenses | 58,600,682 | 522,334 |
| Local Travel Expenses | 15,045,370 | 134,106 |
| Depreciation Expenses | 7,115,339 | 63,422 |
| Printing Expenses | 8,262,967 | 73,652 |
| Advertizing Expenses | 20,205,644 | 180,102 |
| Communications Expenses | 14,167,327 | 126,280 |
| Rent | 10,508,165 | 93,664 |
| Fees/Charges | 22,444,735 | 200,060 |
| Sales Cost | 5,086,170 | 45,335 |
| Other Expense Items | 12,370,038 | 110,260 |
| SUBTOTAL | 1,339,444,880 | 11,939,075 |
| Project Expenses Total | 1,650,580,049 | 14,712,363 |

| | | | |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Administrative Expenses | | | |
| 1) Personnel Expenses | | | |
| Salary | 24,800,833 | 221,061 | |
| Retirement Benefits Expenses | 2,290,000 | 20,412 | |
| Legal Welfare Expenses | 4,332,117 | 38,614 | |
| Welfare Expenses | 505,504 | 4,506 | |
| | SUBTOTAL | 31,928,454 | 284,593 |
| 2) Other Expenses | | | |
| Consumables/ Equipment Expenses | 984,936 | 8,779 | |
| Utilities Expenses | 848,497 | 7,563 | |
| Communications/ Transportation Expenses | 837,524 | 7,465 | |
| Rent | 15,336,402 | 136,701 | |
| Travel Expenses | 1,328,402 | 11,841 | |
| Fees/ Charges | 2,599,151 | 23,167 | |
| Depreciation Expenses | 224,589 | 2,002 | |
| Sundry Expenses | 111,300 | 992 | |
| Other Administrative Expenses | 2,271,332 | 20,245 | |
| | SUBTOTAL | 24,542,133 | 218,755 |
| Administrative Expenses Total | | 56,470,587 | 503,348 |
| 3 Other Expenses | | | |
| Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year | 2,395,060 | 21,348 | |
| Loss on Foreign Exchange | 9,196,641 | 81,974 | |
| | SUBTOTAL | 11,591,701 | 103,322 |
| Other Expenses Total | | 11,591,701 | 103,322 |
| Operating Expenditure Total | | (B) 1,718,642,337 | 15,319,033 |
| Net Income from Operating Activities | | (C)=(A)-(B) -39,840,245 | -355,114 |
| III Non-Operating Profit | | | |
| Transfer to Fixed Assets | 14,346,167 | 127,874 | |
| Gain on Sales of Non-current Assets | 236,121 | 2,105 | |
| Non-Operating Profit | | 14,582,288 | 129,979 |
| IV Non-Operating Loss | | | |
| Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets | 25,264 | 225 | |
| Non-Operating Loss | | 25,264 | 225 |
| Net Income from Non-Operating Activities | | (D) 14,557,024 | 129,754 |
| Total Net Income | | (C)+(D) -25,283,221 | -225,360 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| Total Net Income | -25,283,221 | -225,361 | |
| Taxes | 109,700 | 977 | |
| Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year | -25,392,921 | -226,338 | |
| Balance at the Beginning of the Year | 404,429,588 | 3,604,863 | |
| Balance at the End of the Year | 379,036,667 | 3,378,525 | |
| Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project * | | | |
| Donations | 79,904,187 | 712,222 | |
| Grants, etc. | 3,000,000 | 26,740 | |
| I Transfer from Unrestricted Net Assets | 0 | 0 | |
| II Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets | -117,311,604 | -1,045,651 | |
| Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year | -34,407,417 | -306,689 | |
| Balance at the Beginning of the Year | 130,879,755 | 1,166,590 | |
| Balance at the End of the Year | 96,472,338 | 859,901 | |
| Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year | | 475,509,005 | 4,238,426 |

(*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Profitable Business Accounting
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 31 March 2017

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Income

| Subject | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) | Component Ratio (%) |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Operating Income (Sales) | | | |
| Concerts/Events | 7,107,500 | 63,352 | |
| Goods | 11,566,525 | 103,098 | |
| Projects Commissioned | 1,872,612 | 16,691 | |
| TOTAL | 20,546,637 | 183,141 | 94.0% |
| Non-operating Income | | | |
| Copyright Royalty | 1,196,338 | 10,663 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | 123,275 | 1,099 | |
| Interest Received | 63 | 1 | |
| TOTAL | 1,319,676 | 11,763 | 6.0% |
| Total Income | (E) 21,866,313 | 194,904 | 100.0% |

Expenditure

| Subject | Amount (in JPY) | Amount (EQ. USD) | Component Ratio (%) |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Purchases | | | |
| Concerts/Events | 2,901,646 | 25,864 | |
| Goods | 7,698,117 | 68,616 | |
| Projects Commissioned by MOFA | 75,200 | 670 | |
| Transfer to Other Account | -261,525 | -2,331 | |
| TOTAL | 10,413,438 | 92,819 | 55.6% |
| Selling and Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Personnel Expenses | 5,518,817 | 49,192 | |
| Selling and General Administrative Expenses | 2,781,642 | 24,794 | |
| TOTAL | 8,300,459 | 73,986 | 44.4% |
| Total Expenditure | (F) 18,713,897 | 166,805 | 100.0% |
| Net Income(Loss) | (E-F)=(G) 3,152,416 | 28,099 | |



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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