

April 2017 – March 2018

Association for Aid and Relief, Japan Annual Report 2017



 **AAR Japan**
Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Since 1979

On behalf of Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), I would like to present to you our 2017 Annual Report. I, hereby, take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to each one of your generous donations, contributions, grants and subsidies.

In 2017, AAR Japan launched a project for refugees in Bangladesh who fled from Rakhine State, Myanmar. Particularly to those who did not even have the tent to take shelter from rain and wind, AAR Japan distributed clothes and blankets, constructed wells, and built sanitary facilities such as public toilets and shower rooms in order to provide them with a safer living environment.

The report released by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on World Refugee Day finds that 68.5 million people were uprooted from their homes by conflict and persecution at the end of 2017, as forced displacement continued to increase since 2014 when it surpassed the post-World War II record. It is some of the world's poorest countries sharing borders with war-torn lands, and not the developed, who are hosting the vast majority of refugees. The international community cannot continue to shift responsibilities onto such countries.

“Return to hometown, and live an ordinary life” – this is the unfulfilled dream and hope of the refugees whom I have met in my life. There may not be much that we can do for them; however, it is the small but constant actions of an individual that makes difference.

Leveraging its strength, AAR Japan will continue to provide the support that we can and only give. I sincerely ask for your continuous support and solidarity.

Thank you.

July 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Yuki Osa'.

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

Our Vision

AAR Japan envisions a world where all people, as unique and diverse human beings, can coexist with respect for human dignity and in harmony with the environment.

Our Mission

Established with the spirit of reciprocity and goodwill, AAR Japan provides those affected by hardships such as conflicts, natural disasters and impoverishments, the assistance they need, and make tomorrow better than today for everyone. In doing so through the support from across the world and Japan, we hope to demonstrate that each individual has an important role to play for world's peace and stability. AAR Japan will work to realize a global society where the weak are not left behind, and where the minority would not face social rejection.

Our Values

- Based on principles of “Human Security”, we recognize our obligation to treat each individuals with respect, and provide the utmost support of the organization based on a thorough needs assessment of those in difficulties.
- Our actions follow the four humanitarian principles - humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence -, the Code of Conduct¹ and other humanitarian standards².
- We stand independent of any political persuasion or religious creed.
- We endeavor to ensure transparency of our actions, and conduct proper disclosure of information.
- We endeavor to learn the tradition, custom, culture and history of the communities and countries we are working in, and respect them even at times of emergency.
- We endeavor to deliver assistance that can support the locally-led community development.
- We endeavor to enhance our security and crisis management capacity in order to deliver humanitarian assistance in high-risk areas.
- Through various means including awareness raising and advocacy, we endeavor to foster understanding on global issues both within and outside the organization, recognizing its significance.
- We propose several means of participation and donation, in order for all to have a sense of contribution to world's peace and stability.

¹ Refers to “The Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Disaster Relief”.

² Refers to Group URD, CHS Alliance, The Sphere Project “Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response”, “Sphere Handbook”

- ※ Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of 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.
- ※ “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.

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

Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2017 (April 2017 – March 2018)

During the fiscal year 2017, AAR Japan received 28,964 support from Japan and around the world, and engaged in over 34 projects in 16 countries.

In overseas, various activities were carried out, which AAR Japan focused on supporting persons with disabilities, enforcing counter-measures to landmines and unexploded ordinances, and providing aid in emergency situations.

In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, emergency assistance project was launched in response to the overflowing refugees from Myanmar. AAR Japan distributed clothes and blankets, and built sanitary facilities including public toilets and shower rooms. AAR Japan continued its support to internally displaced people in Syria, while providing individual assistance to those who fled to Turkey. In Kenya, Kakuma refugee camp, where opportunities for children to receive secondary education were limited, AAR Japan worked to improve the situation by building classrooms and providing other requirements.

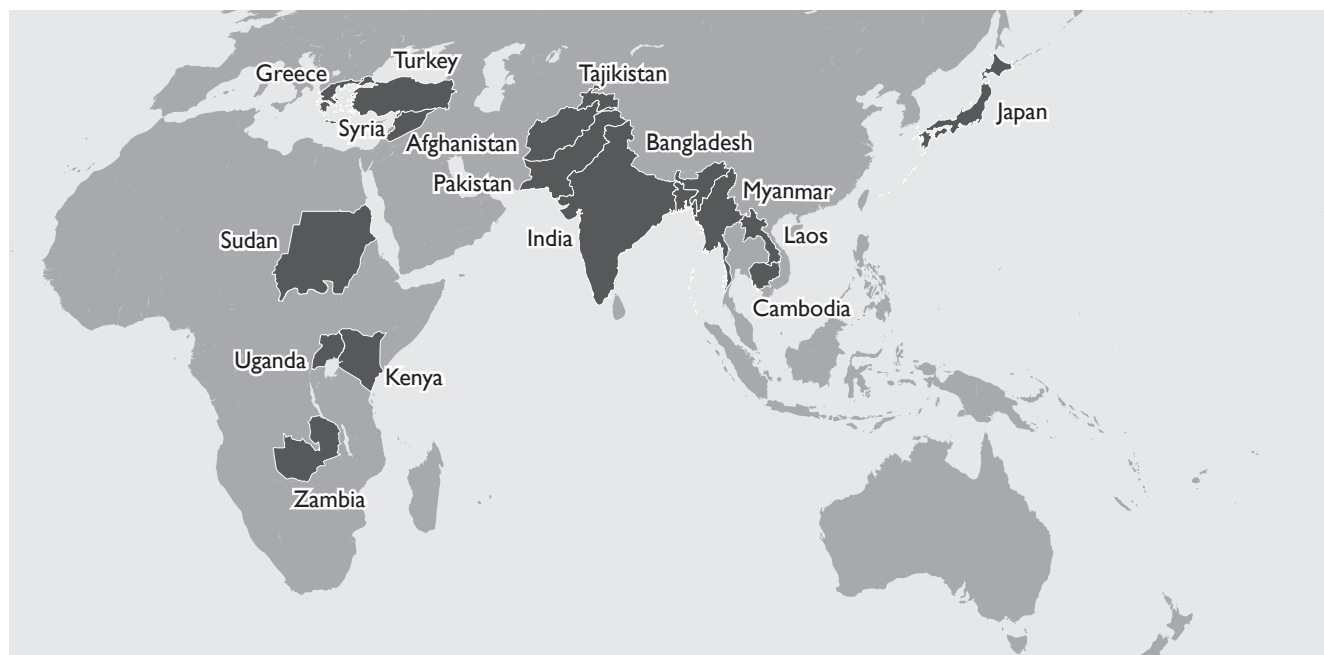
In Japan, AAR Japan continued its support to the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima. In Nishiaizu, a town with relatively low radiation, AAR Japan helped children relieve stress, and increased their opportunities to exercise. The project that AAR Japan started last year for the victims of the Kumamoto Earthquake was further advanced by the support to children and persons with disabilities in addition to vitalizing the community of residents living in temporary housing.

July 2017 marked the 3rd anniversary of the advertising campaign with AC Japan. The campaign was originally planned for two years, but AAR Japan was able to continue the campaign due to its persevering efforts. Through renovated spot commercials on TVs and radios, advertisement posters on trains and at platforms, AAR Japan succeeded in reaching out to many people in Japan. AAR Japan bears the advertising production costs, but is exempted from burdening the broadcasting and posting costs.

In terms of finance, the total annual income reached 1.655 billion yen, excluding the balance brought forward from the previous fiscal year. Approximately 1.441 billion yen (equivalent to 82.3% of total expenditure) was spent on the overseas projects and 63 million yen (equivalent to 3.6% of the total expenditure) was spent for the activities to support the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake.

Please refer to the following pages for details.

Countries in which the AAR Japan works [map follows]



People's Republic of Bangladesh (Emergency Assistance)

2017 fiscal year final settlement: 41,132,603 JPY

1 Emergency Assistance to the Displaced from Myanmar

Target Area: Kutupalong Refugee Camp, Ukhia, Cox's Bazar District, Chittagong Division, People's Republic of Bangladesh

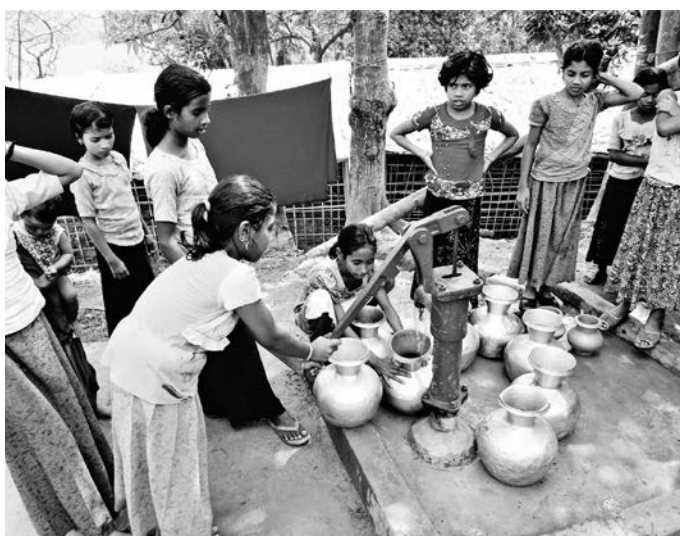
Objective: To satisfy minimum living conditions for Muslim minorities from Myanmar to survive in the refugee camp in Bangladesh.

Achievement: The refugee camps where Muslim minorities from Myanmar fled to in Bangladesh, are situated in areas prone to Malaria and where the lowest temperature in winter drops to 12 to 13 degrees Celsius. AAR Japan provided relief supplies to 2,598 households in order for the displaced to survive the winter. The supplies for each household included one mosquito net, two blankets and clothes for adults and children (two sets each), and were delivered to the most vulnerable refugees including single-female-parent or child-headed households as well as households with elderlies and person with disabilities. In addition, the refugee camps were highly congested with large number of makeshift tents; over half of the toilet facilities were out of use; safe space for female members to bathe was extremely limited. Given the situation, AAR Japan constructed two buildings that included two shower rooms and four toilet facilities, and built two wells.

Beneficiaries: 2,598 households (approx. 12,990 persons).



At the center, Fukuro Kakizawa, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, delivers relief supplies at Katupalong Refugee Camp. (January 2018)



Children wash their cloth, and draw water from a well built through the project at Katupalong Refugee Camp. (March 2018)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 338,260,332 JPY

1 Distribution of Food Items

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To alleviate chronic food shortages through regular distribution of food in target areas within Syria; to improve living standards of internally displaced persons (IDPs) by supplying emergency food aid and hygiene kits.

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed 26,888 boxes of food, which consisted of 17 food items to Syrians, including IDPs. The areas targeted for the distribution focused in northern part of the country where food supplies are insufficient. With continuous supply of food to households residing in the target areas, AAR Japan contributed to alleviation of chronic food shortages. AAR Japan also contributed to alleviate acute food crisis of those internally displaced due to intensive fighting.

Beneficiaries: 78,373 persons

2 Mine Risk Education (MRE)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To reduce casualties related to explosive remnants of war (ERW) through mine risk education (MRE) to IDPs and residents in northern Syria.

Achievement: AAR Japan organized MRE workshops in which a total of 18,173 Syrians participated. In addition, AAR Japan carried out trainings to local staff 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.

Beneficiaries: 18,173 persons

3 Survey on Explosive Remnants of War (Completed)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

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

Achievement: AAR Japan organized an interview survey, and collected information regarding ERW and damages caused as the consequence. The research was conducted in 197 communities within the target areas, investigated the causes of 465 cases of casualties and interviewed 384 victims. A map was created to indicate and share the information with other organizations. The research was further compiled in to a report “Vulnerability Multiplied in Syria: Report on the Survivors of Explosive devices”; a symposium on Syria was held at Rikkyo University on October 14th 2017, where the results were presented to the Japanese public.

Beneficiaries: None (due to research activity)



Local staff delivers food aid to IDPs. (September 2017)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 318,946,012 JPY

1 Comprehensive Assistance to Syrian Refugees in Turkey

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

Objective: To improve the living standards of Syrian refugees by providing assistance to the most vulnerable refugees in poverty such as those who have recently escaped the crisis, children and those who have disabilities, as well as by promoting community and capacity building.

Achievement: Through house visits and group sessions, AAR Japan provided valuable information to refugees for living, including information concerning legal and administrative services in Turkey. After identifying individual needs of the most vulnerable refugees such as children without guardians, victims of domestic violence and sexual violence, persons with disabilities, we offered each the assistance they need including food and translation services, legal and medical services, assistive devices and in home rehabilitation services. In Sanliurfa, AAR Japan continued managing the community center, regularly hosting events to strive for mutual understanding between refugees and local residents, such as sports, music and cooking classes. Also, in Mardin, we continued managing the children's center, where we provided them with opportunities to learn. The methods included systematic program incorporating studying and recreation sessions such as arts and crafts, and drama. We also hosted events such as picnics and visit to museum for children and their parents.

Beneficiaries: 61,514 persons who received information and awareness raising services; 2,477 persons who received individual assistance; 4,325 persons (3,623 Syrian refugees and 702 Turkish) who participated in events; 3,868 persons who received services from the children's center.



Children participate in arts and crafts workshop held at the community center in Sanliurfa. (November 2017)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 1,281,988 JPY

1 Providing Protection to Refugees (Completed)

Target Area: Athens, Republic of Greece

Objective: To ensure that unaccompanied refugee minors and single-female-parent households, the most vulnerable of all refugees arriving in Athens, receive appropriate protection.

Achievement: The protection facility in Athens, managed by the local partner organization, took in single-female-parent households (five mothers and eight children). Therefrom, AAR Japan assisted the local organization to help these refugees with the procedure to reunite with separated family members, to relocate within the EU member states, and to apply for the recognition of refugee status in Greece. As a result, eight persons (three mothers and five children) reunited with their families in Germany, three persons (one mother and two children) relocated to Germany, and two persons (one mother and one child) were accepted as refugees in Greece. All of the 13 persons were able to leave the facility, and embark on new lives.

Beneficiaries: 13 refugee women and minors



Children living in by the protection facility run by the local partner organization in Athens. These children were relocated to Germany in December 2017 through Family Reunification Program, in order to reunite with their family members. (April 2017)



Vocational training center for persons with disabilities at Yangon, Republic of the Union of the Myanmar. The students practice using scissors for haircutting in beauty and barber course. (September 2017)

Please refer to p.18 for details

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 72,800,925 JPY

1 Improving Water Sanitation and Hygiene

Target Area: Kassala State, Republic of the Sudan

Objective: To improve hygiene in Kassala State.

Achievement: In Refi Aroma of Kassala State, AAR Japan contributed to improve hygiene by repairing water supply infrastructures, building toilet facilities, introducing garbage collection system, and establishing a management system for maintaining the facilities. AAR Japan also carried out activities that promoted awareness of local residents on sanitation and hygiene.

Beneficiaries: 41,769 residents of the target villages



Handover ceremony of Water Supply Facility, Kassala State. (July 2017)

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 and increase social participation.

Achievement: AAR Japan mitigated the risks of landmines and unexploded ordnances by conducting MRE workshops at villages throughout the three target states, and disseminated information regarding the explosives through radio broadcasts. AAR Japan constructed a database of PWDs, and provided them with assistive devices and vocational training.

Direct Beneficiaries: 190,285 persons who participated in MRE workshops, 32 PWDs who received assistive devices or vocational training.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 160 family members of the PWDs who received assistance.



Handover ceremony for assistive devices and livelihood assistance supplies to landmine victims in Kassala State. On the right is Ryoma Yamagishi, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (December 2017)

3 Actions Against Infectious Diseases

Target Area: White Nile State, Republic of the Sudan (Changed from Sennar State)

Objective: To contribute to preventing the spread of mycetoma* and reducing serious cases of the disease in Sennar State.

Achievement: The target area was changed from Sennar State to White Nile State where greater number of population with mycetoma lived. AAR Japan provided medical examination and treatment to those infected with the disease. Educational toolkit was also produced to raise awareness on the significance of taking preventive measures and early treatment when contracted with mycetoma.

Direct Beneficiaries: 1,726 persons who participated in awareness raising sessions, 172 persons who received medical examination and treatment.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 9,490 family members of the direct beneficiaries.



Awareness raising session on the risks of mycetoma, White Nile State. (November 2017)

* Mycetoma is a disease caused by certain types of bacteria and fungi found in soil and water. These bacteria and fungi may enter the body through a break in the skin, eventually leading to tissue destruction.

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. Since July 2015, AAR Japan has been carrying out activities to promote secondary education in the camp. In August 2017, AAR Japan launched a new project in residential area of refugees in Kalobeyei, a town located approximately 30km away from the Kakuma Refugee Camp.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 79,568,885 JPY

1 Secondary Education Assistance at Kakuma Refugee Camp

Target Area: Kakuma Refugee Camp, Republic of Kenya

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

Achievement: AAR Japan constructed additional four classroom buildings and a science classroom at a secondary school situated in Kakuma camp 3, and supplied desks, chairs and equipments for science class. At each secondary school in Kakuma camp 2 and 3, AAR Japan organized a school maintenance team which consists of teachers, students and guardians, and then provided training to its members. In addition, AAR Japan trained 21 teachers in five schools at Kakuma camp on teaching children life skills. AAR Japan also installed an office for counseling, dispatched counselors to each school, and further provided basic training on counseling to 20 teachers at five schools.

Direct Beneficiaries: 5,000 students of secondary schools in Kakuma camp 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, and 66 teachers who received the training.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 25,000 family members of the students.



A student learning how to carry out laboratory test in the science laboratory room built by AAR Japan. (Kakuma camp, January 2018)

2 Youth Development and Protection in Kalobeyei

Target Area: Residential areas of refugees in Kalobeyei, Republic of Kenya

Objective: To protect at-risk youth and nurture talent that will help rebuild their home country through measures including construction of youth centers.

Achievement: AAR Japan constructed a community center in Kalobeyei refugee settlement. After providing basic training on design and construction to refugees and residents of the host community, AAR Japan implemented all the process of construction - from designing to mobilizing labour for construction - by community participation.

Direct Beneficiaries: 67 refugees and host community members of Kalobeyei who received the training.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 335 family members of those who received the training.



A discussion session on the design of the community center with the community members of Kalobeyei. (Kalobeyei, September 2017)

Republic of Uganda

Kampala Office, Yumbe Office

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 112,076,064 JPY

1 Promotion of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, and Education in Refugee Camps and Settlements

Target Area: Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement, Yumbe District and Imvepi Refugee Settlement, Arua District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To improve the educational environment of children from South Sudan and of the host community in the target area.

Achievement: Out of the refugee settlements in northwest Uganda, AAR Japan selected Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe District and Imvepi Refugee Settlement in Arua District as its target areas. The former was chosen, as the area hosted the largest number of refugees and thus had high needs for assistance. The latter, on the other hand, was a new area that started receiving refugees recently from February 2017. In Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement, AAR Japan constructed a total of 15 primary school buildings with 42 classrooms, 66 toilets, surrounding fence and two reformed schoolyards. In addition, AAR Japan supplied each class room with desks, chairs and blackboards, as well as the students with schoolbags and stationeries. AAR Japan also provided trainings for teachers on classroom management, and held sport events in which children from both the refugees and the local community can participate. In Imvepi Refugee Settlement, AAR Japan commenced its preparation for constructing 6 schools buildings with 18 classrooms, and supplied the students with schoolbags.

Beneficiaries: 20,400 children from the refugee settlements and the local communities, 229 teachers.



Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, Juri Hiroya (second from the left), delivers stationeries to the primary school students. (Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe District, February 2018)

2 Livelihood Assistance for Mine Victims

Target Area: Northern and western region, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To promote self-sustainability of mine victims through trainings on handicrafts production and sales.

Achievement: 12 mine victims received trainings, and acquired surpassing skills on handicrafts. The individuals were from Agago, Amuru, Gulu, Yumbe and Kasese District in northern and western region of the country. In addition, the victims purchased and sold products in the market; these products were made by an individual or a group of individuals who are also victims of mines, but has already started living off from selling handicrafts.

Beneficiaries: 72 mine victims and their family members.



Handcrafted bags and tablemats made by mine victims. (June 2017)

Republic of Zambia

Lusaka Office, Meheba 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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 103,757,457 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 in Chisankane area of Kafue District.

Achievement: AAR Japan built a housing for health post staff members at Old Kabweza. AAR Japan also constructed a building of maternity waiting rooms at Chisankane Health Center, and supplied medical equipment. Furthermore, AAR Japan started a mobile clinic project in two new areas, where the organization also supported forming local health committees and conducted trainings to increase the capacity of the members on organization management. To the existing committees, AAR Japan provided trainings on promoting maternal and child health.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,100 women aged from 15 to 49, 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 residents.



Children and their parents receive mobile clinic service. Prenatal checkup are carried out in the tent at the back. (Kafue District, September 2017)

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 uniforms and stationeries, and providing regular counseling. AAR Japan also worked to encourage self-study in the library where the lending service extended from books to textbooks. To ensure the guardians a stable income, AAR Japan continued to support and supervise their income generating activities such as poultry farming, maize milling and running photo shops, and initiated a consultation process on self-managing these activities.

Beneficiaries: 8 HIV/AIDS orphans and approx. 40 family members.



Children receive regular counseling; second from the left is Daisuke Kanamori, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (January 2018)

3 Assistance to Facilitate Local Integration of Former Refugees

Target Area: Meheba refugee resettlement area in Kalumbila District, North Western Province, Republic of Zambia

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

Achievement: AAR Japan formed 11 self-help groups composed of residents from 236 households who hold joint ownership of a well, and provided management training to the members. From each group, three delegates for water management and six delegates for hygiene management were selected; AAR Japan provided trainings in order for the delegates to acquire basic knowledge and skills on inspecting and maintaining wells, and raised their awareness on hygiene. AAR Japan also trained 11 well repairer. In addition, AAR Japan organized recreation events 3 times, in which a total of 720 residents participated.

Beneficiaries: 236 households (1,581 persons) of local residents and former refugees who resettled in the area from refugee settlements.



Members of self-help groups repair a well in the training; At the center is Yuko Goto, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (October 2017)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

Vientiane Office, Phongsaly Office

Established its office in the capital city, 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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 53,317,760 JPY

1 Promotion of School Lunch (Completed)

Target Area: Oudomxay Province, Vientiane, Lao PDR

Objective: To establish the school meal program utilizing nutritious food materials farmed by the local residents including students, school teachers, parents and guardians, and community members.

Achievement: In addition to the project on farm-raised catfish which was commenced in 2016, AAR Japan started farming frogs at 10 primary schools in Oudomxay Province. AAR Japan rebuilt the cement pond for frog farms, provided trainings on cultivation, and therefrom distributed baby frogs and the feed. AAR Japan also provided trainings on natural breeding, and in some schools, created employment opportunities for persons with intellectual disabilities by having them take care of day-to-day farm operations or cook grown frogs. In order for the schools to continue farming on their own initiatives, a part of the harvest was sold to fundraise for the project; AAR Japan also worked out the budget and the annual plan for the subsequent year in cooperation with school teachers. AAR Japan carried out a similar frog farming project at the daycare center for children with intellectual disability in Vientiane. The raised frogs were offered to students at school lunch, and further sold to local residents; the sales profit were used to cover the expenses for farming activities in the subsequent year.

Beneficiaries: Students from the 10 target schools, approx. 935 local residents, 50 students from the day-care center for children with intellectual disabilities.



Students hold frogs farmed in the culture pond at their school; far left is Yosaku Oshiro, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (Oudomxay Province, October 2017)

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

Target Area: Phongsaly Province, Lao PDR

Objective: To improve health conditions of children as well as expectant and nursing mothers 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 including vacuum extractors, biological information monitors and infusion pumps to prefectural and district hospitals. This resulted in increased usage of incubators; furthermore, using infusion pumps and biological information monitors simultaneously enabled a more tailored examination and treatment for the patient. AAR Japan also provided trainings on communications capacity building and micro planning. This enabled the community health workers to calculate the required vaccines and draw up a budget, enhancing the local residents' sense of security to maternal and child health services. The number of expectant and nursing mothers who received prenatal checkups more than 4 times increased by 64%, while the number of deliveries at health care facilities rose 14% compared to the year 2016.

Direct Beneficiaries: A total of 625 women between the age of 15 to 49 and infants under five years of age, 37 employees at medical facilities and 40 community health workers in the target area.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 42,000 local residents living in the target area.



Health worker explains about family planning to the local residents. (Phonhom village, October 2017)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 36,136,911 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 in the target area, regardless of their disabilities, receive basic education by improving their school environment and providing proper assistance to those with disabilities.

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted barrier-free constructions at four primary schools, which made the premises more accessible to children with disabilities. AAR Japan also provided basic trainings on IE to all teachers as well as trainings specifically targeted to teachers directly in charge of children with disabilities, and implemented various activities to raise awareness of local residents and children in the target area on PWDs. After assessing the living conditions and the school attendance rate of children with disabilities, AAR Japan supplied those in need with assistive devices and medical aid services. AAR Japan formed an IE promotion group which consists of representatives from the local government, schools and the region, and therefrom provided trainings to its members. In addition, AAR Japan received visitors from other organizations to the target schools, and facilitated forums, contributing to promoting IE in the country.

Direct Beneficiaries: A total of 4,400 persons including 3,300 students from the eight target schools, 70 members of the IE promotion group, 220 teachers and support staff members of primary schools in Ksach Kandal District (including the four schools where the trainings were conducted), 120 representatives of the local governments and schools within and outside the Kandal Province who received the trainings, 600 residents who participated in the awareness raising events conducted in the four target villages, and 120 children who received the individual assistance through case management services.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 64,000 residents of the 8 villages where spillover effect of the project can be anticipated.



Satomi Mukai on the left, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, talks at awareness raising workshop for children. (February 2017)

2 Distribution of Wheelchairs (Enhancing the Self-Reliance of PWDs through Capacity Building of a Local NGO)

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

Objective: To promote social participation and self-reliance of PWDs in Cambodia through capacity building of a local NGO that engages in wheelchair production (AAR-WCD).

Achievement: Subsequently to the year 2016, AAR Japan funded AAR-WCD to cover its part of management fees and production fees for assistive devices. Giving guidance and advice to develop operational and financial capabilities was prioritized, with the replacement of the workshop manager during the fiscal year. To secure financial resources for its operations, AAR Japan continued to provide information regarding possible donors, concerned private companies and organizations.

Direct Beneficiaries: 515 persons including 7 employees of the workshop, and 508 PWDs who received assistive devices. *The latter figure includes those who received assistive devices from AAR-WCD as well as its partner organizations.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,500 family members of the PWDs who received assistive devices.



Maki Okubo on the right, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, visits and talks with PWDs who received assistive devices manufactured by AAR-WCD, to monitor the status of use. (May 2017)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 66,961,609 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 promote sustainable and independent living of PWDs by reinforcing employment support networks for PWDs.

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to offer three courses at the vocational training center: tailoring, beauty/cosmetics, and computer. In order to further promote the employment, AAR Japan introduced a new session, and started a referral program that gave the trainees an opportunity to connect them with employed graduates. As means to support the employment of graduates, AAR Japan opened the tailoring and beauty/cosmetics course for the graduates who hoped to retake the training sessions, and conducted a survey on the graduates and their employers to confirm their status quo. In addition, AAR Japan provided management trainings to the staff members of the vocational training center run by the Department of Social Welfare. In collaboration with other local organizations, AAR Japan also visited corporates to carry out awareness raising events and trainings for practitioners, and started producing a guideline for corporates on employing PWDs.

Direct Beneficiaries: 161 trainees and graduates of the vocational training center, six staff members of the vocational training center from the Department of Social Welfare.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 825 family members of the PWDs, 41 corporate personnel, approx. 50 corporates and 18,000 members of PWDs organizations and students.



Trainees in the tailoring course; AAR Japan newly introduced a session on industrial sewing machines to increase employment at garment factories. As the result, 4 trainees were offered jobs from garment factories in 2017. Far right is Yoshio Nakagawa, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (Yangon City, August 2017)

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

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

Objective: To improve the 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.



A child with disabilities and the family members practice brushing teeth in awareness raising workshop on hygiene. The workshops was held in collaboration with volunteer dentists. (Yangon City, May 2017)

Achievement: AAR Japan conducted house visits, and provided rehabilitation services and assistive devices to children with disabilities. AAR Japan also offered them support on education, by supplying stationeries and arranging financial aid to cover tuitions fees. To those who were not enrolled despite the school-age, AAR Japan took the initiative in consulting with the schools, providing children learning materials, and offering financial aid to cover home-tutoring fees. In addition, AAR Japan distributed awareness raising tool kits on hygiene to necessary households, and supported the local NGO that run welfare facilities for children with disabilities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 33 children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and 132 members of their families.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 220 children who receive care from the welfare facility run by the local NGO, their family members and the staff of the facility.

3 Improvement of Living Standards of PWDs (Completed)

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

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

Achievement: In total of 15 villages of Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, AAR Japan established a contact group of households with PWDs in order for the families to receive proper care and accurate information on the support they need; the group would work to promote communication and network among the community. AAR Japan engaged in enhancing the capacity of each group to enable its sustainable activity. In particular, AAR Japan provided support on holding regular meetings in addition to drawing up action plans, and conducted trainings on fund management and barrier-free development. AAR Japan also carried out workshops and events to raise awareness of local residents about disabilities. To create an environment more livable and safer for everyone including PWDs, AAR Japan, depending on the person's needs, provided assistive devices such as walkers and canes. Where necessary, AAR Japan built wells and toilet facilities, and conducted barrier-free construction for schools and other public facilities.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 300 PWDs and 1,800 members of their families.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 14,000 inhabitants of Hlaingbwe Township.



A local resident learns how to use assistive devices. (Hlaingbwe Township, August 2017)

4 Promotion of Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR)

Target Area: Hlaingbwe Township and Kya In Seikkyi Township, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To establish a system where PWDs are able to make most use of their abilities, and their social participation is increased through Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR).

Achievement: AAR Japan carried out interviews to 534 households in the target villages, and gathered information on 782 persons potentially with disabilities. AAR Japan also provided trainings on basic knowledge regarding disabilities and overview of CBR to the key stakeholders. For each village, AAR Japan appointed total of 63 volunteers to promote the CBR. The volunteers would conduct a survey to confirm the living conditions and needs of PWDs, and therefrom, deliver the necessary aid with the support of AAR Japan in the following fiscal year.

Direct Beneficiaries: 782 PWDs.

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,800 family members of the PWDs, 27,000 inhabitants of the target villages.



AAR Japan staff members hold an interview with local residents on their knowledge about disabilities and attitudes towards PWDs. Right front is Takumi Matsushima, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (Kya In Seikkyi Township, December 2017)

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. There is currently no office in the country.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 667,966 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, with the cooperation of local craftspeople, provided skills trainings on traditional embroidery. As part of the training, the participants produced embroideries ordered by 15 pseudo customers whom AAR Japan arranged in Japan.

Beneficiaries: 20 women in the Jammu and Kashmir State.



Women work on embroidery for scarves. (April 2017)

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Islamabad Office, Haripur 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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 44,712,172 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 at girls' primary schools.

Achievement: At 10 public primary schools for girls, all which the funding from the government or aid agencies are limited and inadequate, AAR Japan built a total of four toilets, nine wells, 10 handwashing facilities, 10 water purifiers as well as five septic tanks, and renovated 22 toilet facilities. In addition, AAR Japan conducted training of trainers on health and hygiene education to teachers, students and their parents. Therefrom, with the initiatives of the participants, classes and events were held for the students in each school to promote their awareness on hygiene.

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,029 students from the target schools, 53 teachers, 123 guardians.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 20,300 family members of the students.



Girls use newly constructed handwashing facilities in their school. (Haripur District, September 2017)

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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 129,963,409 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 ensure children a safer learning space through holistic measures composed of community-based education on mine risks and support for PWDs, as well as study support to children with disabilities including victims of mines.

Achievement: AAR Japan newly trained 74 local MRE instructors in 56 villages of Kabul Province and Parwan Province, and provided capacity building trainings to 68 instructors. A total of 1,503 workshops were carried out by the local instructors, where 69,218 children learned about the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs and the workaround. The information was also disseminated through a radio, on which the program AAR Japan produced for CBMRE was broadcasted 150 times. In addition, AAR Japan provided trainings on sign language and braille to teaching staffs selected from the committee of the 2 public schools in Parwan Province. In these schools, supplementary classes were held for children with visual and auditory disabilities. Currently, 37 students participate in the classes, where they are taught alphabets and greetings in sign language or braille by the trained teachers.

Direct Beneficiaries: A total of 69,360 persons including 142 local MRE instructors, 69,218 participants of the workshops, 30 teachers of the committee from the two target public schools in Parwan Province, 37 children with disabilities.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 6,084 students of the two public schools in Parwan Province.



Students learn braille from trained teacher in supplementary class. (November 2017)

2 Landmine and UXO Clearance

Target Area: Baghlan Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To clear landmines and UXOs in Baghlan Province, in order to prevent landmine/UXO accidents and to create a safe living environment in the target area.

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 Pul-i-Khumri District of Baghlan Province. This removed six anti-personnel mines and effaced the related risks from 39,936m² (approximately equivalent to 153 tennis courts) land. As the result, a safer living environment was ensured to 73 households living in the area and another 461 households in the neighboring area.

Beneficiaries: 534 households (3,738 persons) living in the target area.



Children in Baghlan Province walk on the path to the well nearby the minefield. (October 2017)

3 Assistance to Returnees (Completed)

Target Area: Nangarhar Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To deliver daily necessities and emergency relief aids to the unregistered returnees without adequate assistance, and improve their living conditions.

Achievement: AAR Japan distributed relief aid to 580 vulnerable families, such as those with PWDs and single-female-parent households, in Nangarhar Province. The aid included a voucher with which a person can buy daily necessities, and a portable 100W solar charging kit. The households who received the aid were able to obtain rice, beans, and other food products as well as cooking utensils. In winter, AAR Japan supplied blankets to 715 households. Portable solar charging kits were also provided to the households yet without electricity to ensure a better and safer living environment.

Beneficiaries: 1,295 households (9,065 persons).



Left is a returnee who receives relief aid from AAR Japan at the designated shop of distribution. (April 2017)

4 Capacity Building of Civil Society

Target Area: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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

Achievement: AAR Japan assisted three prominent CSO network organizations in Afghanistan - Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR), Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau (ANCB) and South Western Afghanistan and Balochistan Association for Coordination - to improve the skills and abilities. AAR Japan conducted 53 institutional capacity building training session that benefitted a total of 472 (210 females) CSO members and local government officials. The CSO network organizations, under the management of ACBAR and ANCB, carried out activities to disseminate information on environmental protection and laws on elimination of violence against women. This program was conducted in partnership with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC).

Beneficiaries: 1,577 persons who received the training sessions.



A staff member from the local partner organization speaks to CSO members in training sessions about formulating and strategizing action plans. (Herat Province, January 2018)

Republic of Tajikistan

Dushanbe Office

AAR Japan opened its office in the capital city of Dushanbe in 2001, 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.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 41,215,098 JPY

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

Target Area: Hisor City, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote IE and ensure access to education for every child, including those with disabilities, in Hisor City, through the supply of necessary equipment and materials to public schools in addition to the support on human resources development.

Achievement: For two schools in Hisor City, AAR Japan worked to improve the environment of the facilities more accessible for all children, including those with disabilities. This includes conducting barrier-free constructions, setting up learning support rooms, providing textbooks and assistive devices for children with disabilities, and supplying other necessary equipment. To foster personnel who can implement IE, AAR Japan provided practical training to social workers, teachers and administrative officers. Inviting IE experts from Japan, AAR Japan carried out three seminars respectively for the school, the administration and the community. To further raise awareness about IE, AAR Japan held 11 workshops for the school and the community, and visited homes of children with disabilities. AAR Japan also produced and distributed a total of 4,000 pamphlets on IE. The following results were obtained from the project: the system and the structure to implement the IE, including the management of the learning support system by teachers and local social workers, were reinforced; 34 out-of-school children with disabilities were newly admitted and started attending classes; Understanding and respect towards children with disabilities were nurtured among the community and the schools.

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,505 persons including 34 children with disabilities attending the classes at learning support rooms, 15 children with disabilities attending regular classes at the two schools in Hisor City, 40 children with disabilities at partner schools, 178 family members of the children, 108 teachers and officials from municipal board of education who received the IE training sessions, 27 officials from municipal board of education, 3 social workers who attended the seminar inviting IE experts from Japan, and 2,100 participants of the awareness raising events for the community.

Indirect Beneficiaries: 17,120 persons including 6,751 children without disabilities as well as 369 teachers at the 2 schools in Hisor city and partner schools, and approx. 10,000 radio audiences.



Classes held at learning support rooms; children move their hands and fingers along with the song that the teachers sing. (November 2017)

Japan

Tokyo Headquarters, Sendai Office, Saga 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. AAR Japan opened offices in each area. AAR Japan closed 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. Foreseeing a large-scale earthquake will hit the capital and the Kanto area, AAR Japan set up Saga office in August 2016 that would enable the organization to maintain its function and activity even under such circumstances. The office engaged in the emergency aid launched in response to the Kumamoto Earthquakes.



2017 fiscal year final settlement: 76,890,024 JPY

1 Aid to Survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake

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

Objective: To help maintain physical and mental health of the survivors, particularly persons with disabilities (PWDs), elderly persons, and children, and to strengthen the resilience of the communities in the disaster-affected areas.

Achievement: For the elderly living in temporary or public housing complexes in Fukushima, Miyagi, and Iwate Prefectures, AAR Japan conducted massage therapy and active listening sessions, in addition to handicraft and cooking classes for a total of 111 times. In terms of support for PWDs, AAR Japan provided manufacturing equipment to 28 social welfare facilities, supported the marketing event in Morioka, Iwate Prefecture, and furthermore, held marketing events six times at corporations in the metropolitan area to promote sales of products manufactured by the facilities. In Fukushima prefecture, AAR Japan completed the construction of work place for the social welfare facility “@Katatsumuri”, and held inauguration ceremony. Focusing on the support for children, AAR Japan supplied drinking water to six nursery schools and kindergartens. AAR Japan also held an overnight field trip program called “Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku” four times in Nishiaizu; the program helped children and their guardians residing in Hamadori Region alleviate stress and problems related to insufficient exercise due to their prolonged lives as evacuees, and socialize with each other. In addition, AAR Japan provided assistance to those who fled to Tokyo Metropolis after the nuclear power plant accident. AAR Japan also conducted an interview to those living in temporary housing complexes in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, as well as the members of the local organizations, and therefrom, coordinated with other organizations to deliver necessary support to the survivors yet without one. To ensure a safe living environment, AAR Japan provided fire extinguisher to the public housings in Fukushima.

Beneficiaries: 5,927 persons.



Yuko Ogasawara (on the right), AAR Japan staff member, stands in front of the coffee machine that AAR Japan provided for the social welfare facility in Miyagi. (October 2017)

2 Assistance for People Affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes

Target Area: Areas affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes

Objective: To reconstruct living environment of victims of the Kumamoto Earthquakes in April 2016, particularly for persons with disabilities (PWDs), and to reinforce the management structure of support organizations for PWDs. To promote community revitalization through support activities for the people living in temporary housing complexes.

Achievement: For two local organizations that were established after the Kumamoto Earthquakes to support PWDs and children with disabilities, AAR Japan provided materials and equipment necessary for them to carry out sustainable work, exchanged ideas and offered advice on their organizational management. These two local organizations worked to improve the living conditions of 177 persons with disabilities in 10 cities and villages including Kumamoto, Mashiki, Hikawa, Uki and Uto. In collaboration with corporates and social welfare councils, AAR Japan organized tea social events, contributing to community revitalization for the people, including 272 elderlies in Mashiki and Nishihara, living as evacuees in temporary housing complexes. In addition, AAR Japan donated 360 picture books to the concerned organizations in Minami-Aso, which benefitted 200 children in the community who could not use the neighboring libraries due to the effect of the disaster.

Beneficiaries: 177 persons.



Tea social event Ochakkokai held in Nishihara. (June 2017)

3 Aid to People Affected by Torrential Rain in Northern Kyushu (Emergency Assistance in Japan)

Target Area: Northern Kyushu area affected by torrential rain.

Objective: To improve the living conditions of those taking refuge due to torrential rain, particularly children and elderly, in Northern Kyushu.

Achievement: Torrential rain that continued to hit Northern Kyushu from July 5th to 6th 2017, has triggered large-scale floods and landslides; the most affected areas were Asakura and Tohomura in Fukuoka Prefecture, and Hita in Oita Prefecture. On July 7th, AAR Japan dispatched its staff members to carry out needs assessment by visiting designated evacuation centers, and therefrom, distributed food and other necessities to a total of 975 persons of 6 evacuation centers in Asakura. AAR Japan also helped evacuation centers set up a welfare space for PWDs, and organize a meeting with local government officials and representatives of the local residents for information sharing. In addition, AAR Japan supported evacuees to sustain their health by setting up play grounds for children and providing transportation services from evacuation centers to other places, contributing to improvement of living conditions of 84 persons. AAR Japan also funded the local support group to manage play parks and organize related events; from August 2017 to March 2018, the events served a total of 1,077 children and their parents. Throughout the project, AAR Japan worked to deliver the support efficiently by sharing information and coordinating with other support groups including the local NPOs, NGOs from other regions, local governments and the Emergency Response Headquarters. Based on many years of experience in supporting PWDs, AAR Japan, together with the local organizations, provided advice to social welfare facilities.

Beneficiaries: 2,136 persons.



Children and their parents who participated in the summer event at the Play Park. (August 2017)

Activities in Japan

1 Assessment, Research, and Advocacy

1-1 Study / Research

Achievement: In regards to gender related issues, AAR Japan hosted bimonthly study workshops on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and worked to accumulate expertise as well as to establish a stronger network with the concerned parties. As a steering committee member of civil network for 1325 NAP (National Action Plan on WPS), AAR Japan organized the symposium “Evaluating the Implementation of National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security” on May 10th, in where two staff members from AAR Japan participated as guest speakers. In April, JICA Research Institute’s project on “Gender and Conflict” was launched, and a field-survey was conducted in Uganda in February 2018. AAR Japan also supported producing Japanese translation of the two animations made by ICAN (US-based nonprofit organization) to raise awareness on WPS.

1-2 Campaigns to Ban Landmines

Achievement: Welcoming the year 2017 as 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, AAR Japan proactively engaged in disseminating information on contributions the organization has made in addressing the issue. In July, AAR Japan conducted a research on victims of the conflict in Syria, and released the report “Vulnerability Multiplied in Syria - Report on the Survivors of Explosive Devices” with six recommendations included. In order to enhance our actions for landmine countermeasures, AAR Japan held internal training session for staff members to increase the knowledge of landmines, and worked to strengthen the network with concerned parties from both within and outside the country.

1-3 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

Achievement: As a steering committee member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, and one of the few organizations participating in this global campaign from Japan, AAR Japan continued to raise awareness on the issue. In December 2017, AAR Japan attended the meeting for the Group of the Governmental Experts on the Conventional on Conventional Weapons held in Geneva, to conduct lobbying and establish a stronger network. Calling out particularly to the members of civil organizations and academics, AAR Japan organized a briefing session on the meeting stated above and network gatherings. As part of the strategy to accelerate the discussion at governmental level, AAR Japan is currently planning a study session, targeting the members of the parliament and the officials, to be held in 2018.

1-4 Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

Achievement: AAR Japan adopted and promoted disability-inclusive policies and perspectives in multiple fields including in emergency, reconstruction, development assistance and in disaster prevention. While expanding its network through coordination, regular study sessions and seminars with Japan Council on Disability (JD), Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) and Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability (APCD), AAR Japan worked to enhance the quality of its humanitarian assistance and the knowledge of its staff members on disabilities. In particular, AAR Japan, as a member of steering committee for the research project on “Challenges of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster” led by National Federation of Organization for the Disabled Persons, spoke at the disaster prevention workshop and symposium for PWDs on March 3rd, 2018. Furthermore, at the side event of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities that was held in Beijing from November 27th to December 1st 2017, AAR Japan presented, based on its own experience, recommendations to the key issues of disaster relief seen in Japan. AAR Japan is also running an article in the bimonthly magazine “Society for All” issued by JD, after receiving a request from the organization.

1-5 Response to Infectious Diseases

Achievement: In order for the staff members to deepen the knowledge and techniques regarding infectious diseases, AAR Japan delegated its staff members and overseas officers to related trainings and academic conferences. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the situation of places where infectious diseases are widely spread or where the health care system has not yet been established, as well as the measures taken in such places to address the issue. A total of nine staff members from AAR Japan attended the seminar on universal health coverage, Africa Health Forum and meetings by Japan Association for International Health. AAR Japan also created cloud-based archive to store reports, documents and survey results concerned with the project on infectious diseases, allowing its staff members to easily retrieve and share the information. In addition, AAR Japan revised the training materials for the newly employed, and provided them with updated information on infectious diseases.

1-6 Education and Public Awareness Raising (Promotion of Understanding Global Issues)

Achievement: AAR Japan, while promoting its “International Understanding Education Support Program”, leveraged “NGO Counselor” by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, which enabled the Tokyo office, together with Saga office, to conduct a total of 95 lectures and workshops in a year. Other than the new schools that applied to these programs, the result showed the increased number of schools that became a repeater and continued to use the service. During schools holidays in March and August, Tokyo office held the annual parent-child workshop titled “If I were a refugee”. The workshop gives participants a simulated experience of being a refugee, and had good reputation last year. AAR Japan reviewed its contents, and conducted the workshop after receiving many requests from the school. Furthermore, AAR Japan participated in the Global Festival, one of the largest international cooperation events in Japan, the May Day event, and local events held by NGOs in Shinagawa District to gain more publicity.

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 the country. 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 their statement, submitting her opinion to the Minister of Justice upon the hearing.

* “Support 21”

AAR Japan was established in 1979, and has been assisting refugees both in Japan and outside the country. In 1992, Support 21 was established as social welfare corporate, assuming the role of supporting refugees and foreign residents in Japan. Since then, AAR Japan shifted its work to focus on overseas activities, while Support 21 carried out domestic activities; together with Support 21, AAR Japan continue to address the issue of refugees worldwide.

3 Advertisements

Achievement: Following the fiscal year 2015 and 2016, AAR Japan continued the campaign with Advertising Council (AC) Japan, and advertised the organization through television commercials, newspaper advertisement and posters at train stations in order to gain more public recognition. The media coverage amounted to 106 cases of where AAR Japan’s activities or comments from its staff members were reported in newspapers and TV programs. Through the website and social media, AAR Japan timely posted detailed description of the projects in 16 countries. As a result of these efforts, the Facebook Likes rose 1.3 times compared to the previous year, and the number of Twitter followers increased by 500. In addition, few but some HP viewers made donations after confirming the reliability of the information on the website, which illustrates how the work contributed to enhancing empathy towards the organization. AAR Japan also organized a total of 19 events including the symposium held inviting the representative of the Syrian NGO, talk event with Akutagawa Prize winning novelist on the topic of refugees, and debriefing sessions on emergency assistance activities. A total number of the participants adds up to 2,178, with some increasing their involvement and support to the organization. These diverse advertisement activities resulted in gaining 2,222 new supporters in a year.

4 Public Relations and Fundraising

Achievement: AAR Japan continued to maintain and cultivate relationships with approximately 140 existing donor firms and organizations, and established new connections with 24 firms and organizations. On 32 occasions, the overseas officers attended the visit to these firms and organizations. AAR Japan also distributed a total of 90 advertisement posters to 37 firms and organizations, and posted on Facebook how the posters are displayed to show our collaboration with them. A total of 4,500,000 JPY from three firms and organizations were offered to AAR Japan for its emergency response to the disaster caused by torrential rain in Northern Kyushu in July as well as to the Myanmar refugee crisis in November. AAR Japan seized more fund-raising opportunities with small-scale subsidies and donation programs, working to strengthen relationships with existing donors in addition to developing new connections. AAR Japan also drew up the guideline for materialistic donations, given the several requests from firms and organizations.

5 For-profit Projects

Achievement: On December 14th, AAR Japan held a charity concert dedicated for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in collaboration with the trumpeter, Eric Aubier, at Opera City Concert Hall. A Japanese organist replaced Thierry Escaich, who was unable to make the visit due to sudden illness. With the great honor of the presence of the Empress Michiko, there was an audience of 1,236 at the concert, and proceeds and donations amounted to 4,941,515 JPY. In the Takarazuka musical “Hanna’s Florist” that run from October 11th to 29th, 2017, at the TBS Akasaka ACT Theatre, the doll of Sunny, the main character of the picture book “Not Mines but Flowers” appeared on stage. When the musical was performed, AAR Japan sold Sunny-related goods at the lobby of the venue, and the order for the goods continued even after the running period, which led to an increase of annual merchandise sales by 300 percent compared to the previous fiscal year. AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Rokkatei Confectionery and sold charity chocolates in two - milk and white - flavors. AAR Japan released Facebook advertisements on these chocolates, conducted consignment sales at Yoh Shomei Art Museum, and held marketing events at corporations. In addition, Yomiuri Shinbun and 10 local newspapers introduced them on the articles, bringing the number of chocolates sold in a year up to 15,000 pieces. Those charity merchandise including chocolates attracted 736 new supporters.

6 Supporter and Donor Relations

Achievement: Taking in account the preference of each individual, AAR Japan responded promptly and courteously to inquiries from supporters and donations. Particularly with regards to the response to new supporters, AAR Japan revised the thank you letter and the contents of PR brochures to be sent, leading some to increased involvement and support to the organization. AAR Japan received a total of 200 volunteers from corporates, providing them with an opportunity to engage in our activities. The number of the supporters amounts to 43,400, increased by 1,650 compared to the year 2015 when the advertisement campaign with AC Japan first started.

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 to the disaster caused by the torrential rain in Northern Kyushu in July and to the refugee crisis in Bangladesh in October. AAR Japan also carried out crowdfunding for the project on Syrian refugees, and gathered approximately 2,700,000 JPY, exceeding the target amount of 2,500,000 JPY. The crowdfunding was a good opportunity for AAR Japan to reach to the new audience, given that over 70% of the participants were first-time donors. Within three months from September to November, AAR Japan conducted a campaign that focused on gaining new monthly supporters and upgrading the existing monthly supporters. As a result of the campaign, 60 newly joined the monthly giving program, and 41 increased the amount of monthly donations. In terms of PR, AAR Japan used every opportunity possible, including at the times of sending donation reports or on occasions of events such as public lectures by the staff member, to appeal the significance of having a stable revenue through continuous support. In the fiscal year 2017, AAR Japan received a total of 28,964 donations amounting to 311,747,268 JPY. As of the end of March 2018, AAR Japan had 174 regular members, 697 associate members, and 1,610 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 773 inquiries between April 2017 and end of March 2018. The inquiries were mostly on refugees including Syrians, to which AAR Japan has answered with expertise accumulated from its field experience, allowing the inquirers to have deeper understanding on the issue. AAR Japan widely informed of the visiting lecture program to also enable its members to use the service, and conducted a total of 13 lectures and workshops in eight prefectures. AAR Japan reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the feedbacks received from the inquirers and case examples of which the inquiry triggered the person’s the involvement in international cooperation, advocating the essential role of Japanese NGOs in promoting international cooperation.

Project Implementation and Organizational Structure

Achievement: AAR Japan implemented 34 projects across 15 foreign countries and in the Tohoku region, Kumamoto, Fukuoka and Oita Prefectures of Japan. At the end of the fiscal year 2017, AAR Japan had 83 employees (52 domestic and 31 overseas) in addition to 290 locally employed by offices overseas. AAR Japan maintained stable overseas operations and mental and physical health of expatriates by dispatching multiple personnel from its Tokyo Headquarters.

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.

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.

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 region.

AAR Japan established its Office in Saga Prefecture in order that it may continue its operation in case of a capital-epicentral earthquake. The office usually works as a base for those activities for public awareness raising on global issues.



At the charity concert dedicated for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake, AAR Japan had the great honor of the presence of the Empress Michiko. On the left is the trumpeter, Eric Aubier, and the right is the organist, Ami Hoyano. (December 2017).

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2018

USD1=JPY 106.24

Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank Deposits	892,796,407	8,403,581
Accounts Receivable - Trade	733,776	6,907
Other Account Receivables	3,839,493	36,140
Advance Payments	3,710,580	34,926
Supplies	3,246,868	30,562
Inventories	2,256,722	21,242
Total	906,583,846	8,533,358
Non-current Assets		
Vehicles	10,396,061	97,854
Equipments	4,728,685	44,509
Buildings and Structures	35,935,977	338,253
Office Rental Deposit	8,675,260	81,657
Total	59,735,983	562,273
Grand Total	966,319,829	9,095,631

Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Advance Received	509,397,774	4,794,784
Account Payable - Non-trade	53,675,786	505,231
Temporarily Received	9,489,174	89,318
Tax Payable	269,000	2,532
Total	572,831,734	5,391,865
Non-current Liabilities		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	8,350,000	78,596
Total	8,350,000	78,596
Total Liabilities	581,181,734	5,470,461
Net Assets		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	379,036,667	3,567,740
Gain(Loss) for the Year	-96,231,943	-905,798
Balance at the End of the Year	282,804,724	2,661,942
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	96,472,338	908,060
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	5,861,033	55,168
Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets	102,333,371	963,228
Total Amount of Net Assets	385,138,095	3,625,170
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	966,319,829	9,095,631

Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

USD1=JPY 106.24

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Membership Fees and Donations			
Membership Fees	3,889,000	36,606	
Donations	311,747,268	2,934,368	
Total	315,636,268	2,970,974	19.1%
Grants, etc.			
Domestic Private Funds	9,759,439	91,863	
Domestic Public Funds	1,085,994,004	10,222,082	
International Funds	149,053,377	1,402,987	
Total	1,244,806,820	11,716,932	75.2%
Other Income			
Project Income	55,606,181	523,402	
Interest Income	156,957	1,477	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,174,377	11,054	
Miscellaneous Income	6,735,306	63,397	
Others	372,476	3,506	
Total	64,045,297	602,836	3.9%
Total Income of General Accounting		1,624,488,385	15,290,742
Profitable Business Accounting			
Operating Income (Sales)	24,364,269	229,332	1.5%
Non-operating Income	5,819,894	54,781	0.3%
Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting		30,184,163	284,113
Total Income		(A) 1,654,672,548	15,574,855
			100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Overseas Project Expenses			
Emergency (Myanmar) / Relief for Repatriated Refugee	41,132,603	387,167	
Turkey	318,946,012	3,002,127	
Syria	338,260,332	3,183,926	
Greece	1,281,988	12,067	
Sudan	72,800,925	685,250	
Kenya	79,568,885	748,954	
Uganda	112,076,064	1,054,933	
Zambia	103,757,457	976,633	
Laos	53,317,760	501,861	
Cambodia	36,136,911	340,144	
Myanmar (Burma)	66,961,609	630,286	
India	667,966	6,287	
Pakistan	44,712,172	420,860	
Afghanistan	129,963,409	1,223,300	
Tajikistan	41,215,098	387,944	
Total	1,440,799,191	13,561,739	82.3%
Domestic Project Expenses			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	63,341,555	596,212	
Emergency Relief for Kumamoto Earthquake Victims	5,774,438	54,353	
Emergency Relief for Northern Kyushu Heavy Rain Disaster	7,774,031	73,174	
Total	76,890,024	723,739	4.4%
Advocacy			
Research	1,237,185	11,646	
Mine Action	1,058,359	9,962	
Campaign to stop Killer Robots	687,917	6,475	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	2,174,628	20,469	
Infection	693,024	6,523	
Public Awareness	15,107,864	142,205	
Total	20,958,977	197,280	1.2%
PR and Fund raising			
Public Relations	85,460,780	804,412	
Fund Raising	11,075,812	104,253	
Total	96,536,592	908,665	5.5%
Purchases of fixed assets			
Vehicles	3,679,832	34,637	
Equipments	2,873,516	27,047	
Total	6,553,348	61,684	0.4%
Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	33,360,617	314,012	
Others	28,646,023	269,635	
Total	62,006,640	583,647	3.5%
Other Expenditure			
Loss on Foreign Exchange	20,823,321	196,003	
Total	20,823,321	196,003	1.2%
Total Expenditure of General Accounting	1,724,568,093	16,232,757	98.5%
Profitable Business Accounting			
Purchases	17,110,294	161,053	1.0%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	9,757,528	91,844	0.5%
Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting	26,867,822	252,897	1.5%
Total Expenditure	(B) 1,751,435,915	16,485,654	100.0%
Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)	-96,763,367	-910,799	
Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)	425,280,889	4,003,020	
Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)	328,517,522	3,092,221	

Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

USD1=JPY 106.24

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
I Operating Income		
1 Membership Fees		
Regular Membership Fees	889,000	8,368
Associate Membership Fees	3,000,000	28,238
Subtotal	3,889,000	36,606
2 Donations		
Donations	231,858,402	2,182,402
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	77,527,833	729,742
Gain on Donation of Assets	6,507,893	61,257
Subtotal	315,894,128	2,973,401
3 Grants, etc.		
Private Funds	9,510,054	89,514
Public Funds	1,231,796,766	11,594,473
Subtotal	1,241,306,820	11,683,987
4 Operating Income (Sales)		
Events	6,197,030	58,330
Charity Goods Sale	18,167,239	171,003
Commissioned Project	61,153,340	575,615
Miscellaneous Operating Income	238,028	2,240
Subtotal	85,755,637	807,188
5 Other Income		
Interest Income	157,004	1,478
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,174,377	11,054
Miscellaneous Income	7,048,966	66,349
Subtotal	8,380,347	78,881
Operating Income Total (A)	1,655,225,932	15,580,063
II Operating Expenses		
1 Project Expenses		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	298,011,976	2,805,083
Retirement Benefits Expenses	1,430,000	13,460
Legal Welfare Expenses	38,132,284	358,926
Welfare Expenses	1,282,439	12,071
Subtotal	338,856,699	3,189,540
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	290,470,260	2,734,095
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	858,084,338	8,076,848
Overseas Travel Expenses	53,111,799	499,923
Local Travel Expenses	14,202,841	133,686
Depreciation Expenses	7,698,799	72,466
Printing Expenses	8,675,278	81,657
Advertizing Expenses	21,417,973	201,600
Communications Expenses	13,931,960	131,137
Rent	12,223,421	115,055
Fees/Charges	11,113,430	104,607
Sales Cost	8,592,688	80,880
Other Expense Items	37,118,245	349,381
Subtotal	1,336,641,032	12,581,335
Project Expenses Total	1,675,497,731	15,770,875

2 Administrative Expenses			
1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	25,402,402	239,104	
Retirement Benefits Expenses	2,970,000	27,956	
Legal Welfare Expenses	4,720,249	44,430	
Welfare Expenses	777,966	7,322	
	Subtotal	33,870,617	318,812
2) Other Expenses			
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	640,158	6,027	
Utilities Expenses	991,158	9,329	
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	837,029	7,879	
Rent	15,456,036	145,482	
Travel Expenses	1,459,149	13,734	
Fees/ Charges	6,415,935	60,391	
Depreciation Expenses	193,640	1,823	
Sundry Expenses	476,000	4,480	
Other Administrative Expenses	2,695,458	25,371	
	Subtotal	29,164,563	274,516
Administrative Expenses Total		63,035,180	593,328
3 Other Expenses			
Loss on Foreign Exchange	20,823,321	196,002	
	Subtotal	20,823,321	196,002
Other Expenses Total		20,823,321	196,002
Operating Expenditure Total	(B)	1,759,356,232	16,560,205
Net Income from Operating Activities	(C)=(A)-(B)	-104,130,300	-980,142
III Non-Operating Profit			
Gain on Sales of Non-current Assets	8,474,955	79,772	
Non-Operating Profit		8,474,955	79,772
IV Non-Operating Loss			
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	307,598	2,896	
Non-Operating Loss		307,598	2,896
Net Income from Non-Operating Activities	(D)	8,167,357	76,876
Total Net Income	(C)+(D)	-95,962,943	-903,266
Net Assets			
Total Net Income	-95,962,943	-903,266	
Taxes	269,000	2,532	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-96,231,943	-905,798	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	379,036,667	3,567,740	
Balance at the End of the Year	282,804,724	2,661,942	
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *			
Donations	79,888,866	751,966	
Grants, etc.	3,500,000	32,944	
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-77,527,833	-729,742	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	5,861,033	55,168	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	96,472,338	908,060	
Balance at the End of the Year	102,333,371	963,228	
Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year		385,138,095	3,625,170

(*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Profitable Business Accounting
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

USD1=JPY 106.24

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Operating Income (Sales)			
Concerts/Events	6,197,030	58,330	
Goods	18,167,239	171,003	
Projects Commissioned Income	5,547,159	52,213	
Total	29,911,428	281,546	99.1%
Non-operating Income			
Copyright Royalty	238,028	2,241	
Miscellaneous Income	34,660	326	
Interest Received	47	0	
Total	272,735	2,567	0.9%
Total Income	(E) 30,184,163	284,113	100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Purchases			
Concerts/Events	5,099,913	48,004	
Goods	10,015,555	94,272	
Projects Commissioned Expenses	2,402,262	22,612	
Transfer to Other Account	-407,436	-3,835	
Total	17,110,294	161,053	63.7%
Selling and Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	7,084,301	66,682	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	2,673,227	25,162	
Total	9,757,528	91,844	36.3%
Total Expenditure	(F) 26,867,822	252,897	100.0%
Net Income(Loss)	(E-F)=(G) 3,316,341	31,216	



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 15 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

7F MIZUHO BLDG., 2-12-2, KAMIOSAKI, SHINAGAWA-KU, TOKYO, 141-0021, JAPAN
Tel.03-5423-4511 Fax.03-5423-4450 www.aarjapan.gr.jp 201809