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# Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

## Annual Report 2018



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Since 1979



On behalf of Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), I would like to present to you our 2018 Annual Report. During the fiscal year 2018, AAR Japan organized 32 projects in 15 countries, reaching 421,935 people directly. I would like to express our most sincere gratitude to all your generous donations, contributions, grants and subsidies.

AAR Japan will celebrate its 40th anniversary in coming November. AAR Japan was originally founded to assist Indochinese refugees by Yukika SOHMA, the former Chairperson, who upheld the spirit of giving helping hands to one another in times of trouble, and the determination to spread the goodwill of the Japanese people across the globe. AAR Japan has been fully committed to make tomorrow better than today for everyone with your generous support, and now proudly considers ourselves one of the leading international NGOs in Japan.

According to The Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the number of people who were uprooted from their homes by conflict and persecution continued to increase and reached 70.8 million at the end of 2018, the worst in the post-World War II era. AAR Japan has been providing support to these people from its beginning, and continued to do so in 2018. AAR Japan opened children and women friendly spaces in camps for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, provided comprehensive assistance for Syrian refugees, along with educational assistance for South Sudanese refugees' children who live in northern Uganda and northwestern Kenya. AAR Japan has also been continuing our activities in the field of mine action and disability assistance.

In Japan, AAR Japan dispatched an emergency unit to the regions damaged by the torrential rain in western Japan in July 2018, distributed food and assisted the repair work of welfare facilities in Okayama, Hiroshima and Ehime prefectures. AAR Japan also dispatched an emergency unit to the areas hit by the earthquake in Hokkaido in September 2018.

It has been a continuing process of trial and error for AAR Japan. AAR Japan takes the lessons learned to heart and will try to improve itself to play a fundamental role in Japanese civil society. I am utterly grateful for your support over the years and sincerely ask for your continued generosity.

Thank you.

July 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Yukika Osa' in a cursive, flowing style.

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 Conduct<sup>1</sup> and other humanitarian standards<sup>2</sup>.
- 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.

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 2018 (April 2018 – March 2019)

During the fiscal year 2018, AAR Japan received 30,906 offers of support from Japan and around the world, and engaged in 32 projects in 15 countries including Japan.

In overseas, AAR Japan continued its support to internally displaced people in Syria, whilst providing individual assistance to those who fled to Turkey. In Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, where emergency assistance was launched in response to an overflow of refugees from Myanmar in 2017, AAR Japan started a new project mainly focusing on protection for vulnerable groups – children and women. In Uganda, AAR Japan delivered various projects such as improving school facilities and providing teacher training as well as holding sports events so that refugee children from South Sudan and children in the host community can learn how to live better together.

In addition to emergency assistance, AAR Japan continued carrying out various projects which focused on enforcing counter-measures against landmines and unexploded ordnances or supporting persons with disabilities.

In Japan, AAR Japan immediately began food distribution on site after the torrential rain in West Japan that occurred in July. The assistance for welfare facilities has been continued in Okayama, Ehime and Hiroshima. Those facilities were reconstructed and made more user-friendly than they were before the disaster. The emergency unit was sent to Hokkaido right after the great earthquake in September to distribute meals and also assess the damage in the evacuation areas and to welfare facilities. AAR Japan then helped seriously damaged welfare facilities in Mukawa town and Hidaka town so that they could re-start their activities. The assistance for welfare facilities damaged by the Great East Japan Earthquake in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima has been continuing since 2011.

The 3-year advertising campaign coordinated with AC Japan was successfully completed at the end of June. AAR Japan shared the expense of the production costs of spot commercials and posters but was exempted from paying their broadcasting and posting fees. The campaign resulted in a great number of donations.

In terms of finance, total annual income reached 1.970 billion yen, excluding the balance brought forward from the previous fiscal year. Approximately 1.590 billion yen (equivalent to 82 % of total expenditure) was spent on the overseas projects and 53 million yen (equivalent to 2.8 % 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]



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



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 401,362,554 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 fled from the crisis, children, women, persons with disabilities and unaccompanied refugees as well as by promoting community construction and capacity building. To support healthy growth of refugee children by providing opportunities for them to play and learn safely.

**Achievement:** Through house visits, AAR Japan provided valuable information for refugees for living, including information concerning legal and administrative services, medical care and education in Turkey. Group sessions to raise awareness on protection for children and women were also carried out. After identifying individual needs of the most vulnerable refugees such as fatherless family, pregnant women, children without guardians, victims of domestic violence and sexual violence, persons with disabilities, AAR Japan offered each the assistance they need including supports for legal, administrative and medical services, food and NFIs, assistive devices and in home rehabilitation services whilst cooperating with administrative bodies. In Sanliurfa, AAR Japan continued managing the community center, regularly hosting events such as sports, music, crafts and cooking classes to strive for mutual understanding between refugees and local residents. Also, in Mardin, we continued managing the child-friendly space and provided opportunities for refugee children to play and learn safely by regularly hosting events such as crafts, games, drama, discussion workshops, and museum visits, picnics and sports contests for children and their parents.

**Beneficiaries:** 64,725 persons who received information and awareness raising services; 4,527 persons who received individual assistance; 5,859 persons who received services from the community center; 2,850 persons who received services from the child-friendly space; 56 Turkish administrators and 25 cooperation organizations that received capacity building.

\* Child-friendly space is the place where refugee and local children are able to spend time together safely. It also provides opportunities and supports for children to play, learn, and to grow mentally and physically healthy.



Children hold a paint of butterfly in an event at Sanliurfa community center. (October 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 people, their host communities and returnees from neighboring countries.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 238,588,324 JPY

## 1 Distribution of Food Items

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To improve the living standards of internally displaced people (IDPs) by supplying emergency food aid and hygiene kits. To alleviate chronic food shortages through regular distribution of food and vocational trainings in the target areas.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan distributed 20,039 boxes of food, 6,630 sets of hygiene kits and 100,000 liters of drinking water to IDPs and residents in the host communities in the target areas where food supplies were insufficient. With a continuous supply of food to households residing in the target areas including IDPs who have fled from intensive violence, AAR Japan contributed to alleviate chronic food shortages and improve their hygienic environment.

**Beneficiaries:** 50,876 persons



Emergency food distribution at a refugee camp. (May 2018)

## 2 Risk Education (RE) and Victim Assistance

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To contribute to the improvement of lives of IDPs and local residents by providing risk education (RE), which would protect themselves from landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) and aerial bombing, and victim assistance.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan organized 874 RE sessions in which a total of 14,817 Syrians and local residents participated. We also carried out trainings to local staff in charge of RE and developed teaching materials. We selected 62 households with persons with disabilities including victims of explosives such as landmines, and provided assistive devices and rehabilitation services.

**Beneficiaries:** About 14,879 persons



Risk education session for farmers and their families. (May 2018)

# Republic of the Sudan

## Khartoum Office, Kassala Office

With the conclusion of 20 years of civil war in 2005, AAR Japan established its office in the capital city of Khartoum and began conducting MRE activities. AAR Japan opened offices in Kaduqli in 2007 (closed in 2011) and in Kassala in 2012 to expand those activities. In 2013 AAR Japan started to take action to prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as mycetoma. A project to improve water sanitation and hygiene and a project to support landmine survivors was launched in February 2016 and June 2016 in Kassala, respectively. The former project was completed in March 2019.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 69,101,752 JPY

## 1 Improving Water Sanitation and Hygiene (completed)

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

**Objective:** To improve hygienic environment and support its sustainable management in Kassala State.

**Achievement:** In Refi Aroma in Kassala State, AAR Japan contributed to improve hygienic environment by repairing water supply infrastructures, introducing garbage collection system, and establishing systems for their sustainable management. AAR Japan also carried out activities that promoted awareness amongst local residents of sanitation and hygiene.

**Beneficiaries:** 88,448 residents of the target villages



Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, Yuhei Honda (second from the right), explains how to manage water supply facilities (July 2018)

## 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 landmine victims in Sudan, and to help persons with disabilities (PWDs) attain self-reliance and increase their social participation.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan mitigated the risks of landmines and unexploded ordnances by conducting MRE workshops at villages in three target states, and disseminated information regarding the explosives through radio broadcasts. AAR Japan also provided assistive devices and vocational trainings for PWDs including landmine victims.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 20,280 persons who participated in MRE workshops, 90 PWDs who received assistive devices or vocational trainings.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 450 family members of the PWDs who received assistance.



A beneficiary being examined and measured to make his prosthetic leg. (February 2019)



### 3 Actions against Infectious Diseases

**Target Area:** Sennar State, Republic of the Sudan

**Objective:** To contribute to prevent the spread of mycetoma\* by raising residents' awareness and providing medical treatments for the disease in Sennar State.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan created an educational tool kit and carried out awareness raising events to emphasise the importance of early medical treatment. Medical equipment for surgery and treatment were provided for a partner organization.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 191 persons who participated in awareness raising sessions, about 300 persons who participated in the international conference on mycetoma.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 1,000 family members of the direct beneficiaries.

\* Mycetoma is the 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 a tissue destruction.



Awareness raising session on the risks of mycetoma using picture card show. (February 2019)

# 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 in 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 a residential area of refugees in Kalobeyei, a town located approximately 30km away from the Kakuma Refugee Camp.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 82,397,211 JPY

## 1 Secondary Education Assistance at Kakuma Refugee Camp

**Target Area:** Kakuma Refugee Camp, Republic of Kenya

**Objective:** To protect at-risk youths by promoting learning environment of secondary schools, empowering their problem-solving skills and providing awareness raising activities in the communities, and to contribute to the development of human resources who would lead the nation building process in the future.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan reconstructed 8 classrooms in Camp 1 and also repaired learning facilities in 2 schools in Camps 1 and 2. AAR Japan provided advanced trainings for 22 teachers from 5 schools on teaching children life skills, and basic counselling workshops for 23 teachers and 90 students from 3 schools. For 20 teachers who participated in the basic workshops in 2017, advanced ones were offered. Additionally, AAR Japan's school counsellor visited 5 target schools and monitored how the counselling was conducted.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 2,750 students of secondary schools # 1 -5 in Kakuma Camp and 65 teachers who received the training.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 18,750 family members of the students.



A lesson on reproductive health given by a teacher who received the training on life skills. (September 2018)

## 2 Youth Development and Protection in Kalobeyei

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

**Objective:** To empower the capacity and financial resilience of refugees and local residents in the target area, while promoting mutual understanding between them.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan constructed a community center and a public space in Kalobeyei refugee settlement and started their services. A democratic election to select the management committee members was organized and all the management processes from planning to implementation were conducted with the participation of residents. AAR Japan also carried out events to promote mutual understanding between refugees and local residents in the host community.

**Beneficiaries:** 8 board members of a community center, 1 ICT expert, 13 participants in the ICT training, about 3,000 refugees and host community members of Kalobeyei.



Children playing at the public space supported by AAR Japan. (May 2018)

# 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 the 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 2016 and an extension office in Yumbe in October 2016.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 223,227,760 JPY

## 1 Educational Assistance 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 refugee children from South Sudan and children of the host communities in the target areas.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan selected Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe District and Imvepi Refugee Settlement in Arua District in northwest Uganda as its target areas. For primary schools, 42 classrooms, 2 teachers' rooms, 67 compounds and 31 temporary ones for teachers, and 1 school yard were constructed. As assistance for secondary schools, AAR Japan built 6 classrooms, 1 teachers' room, 16 compounds for teachers and 1 science room. As well as carrying out these constructions, AAR Japan supplied schoolbags and stationery for students as well as offered trainings for school officials including the PTAs. Sports events for refugee children and children in the host communities were also held. Furthermore, AAR Japan supported the management of 5 primary and 1 secondary schools in zone 5 at Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement.

**Beneficiaries:** 47,622 refugees from South Sudan and local residents in the host communities.



Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, Aya Fujita (top right) delivers stationeries to refugee children. (September 2018)

## 2 Livelihood Assistance for Landmine Victims

**Target Area:** Western region, Republic of Uganda

**Objective:** To improve the livelihoods of landmine victims by providing materials necessary for maintaining their prosthetics and vocational trainings.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided 16 landmine victims new stockings for prosthetics. Workshops on prosthetics and foot maintenance for the victims, their family members and helpers were conducted, aiming to promote their understanding of community-based rehabilitation and livelihood assistance.

**Beneficiaries:** 16 landmine victims, their 14 family members and helpers.



AAR local staff (left) instructs a landmine victim who wears prosthetic foot how to select proper shoes. (March 2019)

# Republic of Zambia

## Lusaka Office

For 20 years from 1984 to 2004, AAR Japan supported refugees in the Meheba Refugee Settlement. The Meheba office was closed when the project was completed. Starting in 2000, AAR Japan implemented initiatives to fight the spread of HIV/AIDS particularly in and around Lusaka. In February 2016, AAR Japan terminated all these activities, except form a project to promote education for AIDS orphans, and in the same month launched a new project to improve maternal and child health. AAR Japan reopened the Meheba office in March 2017, and commenced a project to facilitate former refugees' local integration.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 93,370,452 JPY

## 1 Improvement of Maternal and Child Health (Completed)

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

**Objective:** To reduce risks related to pregnancy, childbirth, and the health of children under the age of five in Chisankane area of Kafue District.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan built a maternity waiting space at Old Kabweza Health Center. Furniture and other equipment were also provided so that expectant mothers coming a long distance can wait there comfortably until the delivery. AAR Japan offered a total of 5 workshops for members of a regional health committee which is consisted of volunteers. It contributed to establish a sustainable system of conducting supportive activities for mobile clinics and awareness raising activities on community health.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 4,520 in total (about 2,100 women aged from 15 to 49, including 500 expectant mothers, about 2,300 children under the age of five, and about 120 local health committee members).

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 11,635 local residents of communities.



Health check of children aged under 5 is carried out as a part of mobile clinic service. A worker is checking a child's weight using a measuring equipment hung from a tree. (June 2018)

## 2 Assistance to HIV/AIDS Orphans (Completed)

**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 so that the HIV/AIDS orphans may continue their schooling.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan supported 6 HIV/AIDS orphans in attaining education by financing school tuitions and providing school supplies. AAR Japan also provided a regular counseling in order to grasp a situation of each orphan was in, and encourage them to continue their schooling. As our Lusaka office was closed in March 2019, income generating activities for guardians and supporting activities for 2 orphans in schooling were taken over by another Japanese NGO.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 6 school-aged children and about 30 of their family members.



Poultry raising is one of income generating activities for guardians of HIV/AIDS orphans in Ng'ombe. (February 2019)



### 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 established a system to manage their wells and improve their hygienic environment by themselves by providing various trainings and workshops on organization management, accounting, water sanitation and hygiene to members of 11 self-help groups formed in 2017, and conducting monitoring of their activities. 80 wells were repaired by plumbers who were trained in this project, and AAR Japan provided equipment to carry water so that residents can ensure safe water sustainably. Recreation events were held 5 times to promote communication and mutual understanding between local residents and former refugees.

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



Local residents and former refugees play together in the recreation event. (October 2018)

# Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

## Vientiane Office, Phongsaly Office

After establishing its office in the capital city, Vientiane, in 1999, AAR Japan has been providing assistance for persons with disabilities (PWDs) until today. Between the years 2010 and 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 a project enhancing maternal and child health services, especially at the community level.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 55,090,767 JPY

## 1 Promotion of Small Scale Income Generation Activities, particularly for Women with Disabilities

**Target Area:** Udomusai Prefecture and Sayaboury Prefecture, Lao PDR

**Objective:** To improve the livelihoods of PWDs, particularly women.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted interviews and consulted with administrators in 3 provinces in Udomusai and Sayaboury, and selected 80 PWDs (mainly female) who were willing to participate in cultivation trainings such as growing mushrooms, and raising catfish and frogs. AAR Japan provided trainings to those who were selected and their helpers in total of 160, and also provided start-up kits for cultivation. These activities were carried out in cooperation with a local partner organization managed by PWDs themselves. Staff of branch offices of that organization cooperated with administrators in the target municipalities in order to proceed the project, and it contributed to strengthen the fundamental network with local government officials and participants of the training.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 80 PWDs (mainly female) and 80 helpers, 28 village chiefs, 6 administrators in 3 provinces, 2 staff from a local partner organization and 4 staff from branch offices in the target areas.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 500 family members of 80 PWDs.



Training participants carry their cultivation packages of mushroom to a stove to steam. (Sayaboury, February 2019)

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

**Target Area:** Phongsaly and Bunnua Province of Phongsaly Prefecture, Lao PDR

**Objective:** To improve health conditions of children as well as expectants and nursing mothers in Phongsaly, an impoverished mountainous area, through enhancing of maternal and child health services.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided medical equipment including infant warmers and biological information monitors for hospitals in the target areas. AAR Japan provided trainings to medical staff in the hospitals on how to use these equipment properly in co-operation with a local medical equipment company so that medical staff could understand fully how to use them effectively. AAR Japan also organized trainings for staff of medical institution by inviting an expert from Mahidol University in Thailand in order to improve their medical services such as proper management of equipment or medicines. For community health workers (CHW), who are community volunteers, had opportunities to observe CHW activities in the different areas. AAR Japan held the events on health education in target areas in cooperation with officers from province health department, staff from health centers and CHWs in order to raise awareness of maternity and child health of community people. CHS came up with lots of ideas through these trainings and events, which they could apply in their communities.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 19 staff from health centers in Phongsaly and Bunnua province, a total of 44 community members including village health volunteers, village chiefs and women's' committee, about 270 expectant mothers and children aged under five.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 42,000 local residents living in the target areas.



An officer from province health department (right) explains about the importance of nutrition while AAR local staff (left) translates to the language which Akha people use. (February 2019)

# 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) project for children with disabilities.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 25,270,267 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 provided trainings on IE to teachers, conducted study tours to other areas where other organizations are conducting activities for the IE promotion group which consists of representatives from the local government, schools and regional representatives, and held a regular meeting among the IE group members. Provision of assisting devices and medical services for children with disabilities in the target areas were continued depending on each child's educational and health conditions. As a result of sharing the results of these activities to other areas, committees to support PWDs were launched in 18 villages in Ksach Kandal district. AAR Japan also contributed to promote IE in the country by carrying out regular meetings with other organizations which support PWDs and organizing a national forum on IE.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,696 persons including 1,448 students from four target schools, 33 teachers, 28 members of the IE promotion group and 187 students supported individually.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 29,000 residents of 4 villages where spillover effect of the project can be anticipated.



Teachers learn how to use educational materials in IE training with Program Coordinator of AAR Japan, Satomi Mukai (center in the back) . (May 2018)



# 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 Speu Province, Kampong Chhnang Province, Kampong Thom Province, Pursat Province, Siem Reap Province, Battambang Province, Stung Treng 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 2017, AAR Japan funded AAR-WCD to cover its part of management fees and production fees for assistive devices. AAR Japan continued to give guidance and advice to develop project and financial management capacity of the head and financial staff of workshop by attending their quarterly board meetings and checking their regulations and reports. AAR Japan also supported their fund-raising activities.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 477 persons including 7 employees of the workshop, and 470 PWDs who received assisting devices. \*The latter figure includes those who received assistive devices from AAR-WCD as well as its partner organizations.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 2,350 family members of PWDs received assistance devices.



A child receives a walking assistive device at AAR-WCD. (October 2018)

# 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.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 70,192,925 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 the sustainable and independent living of persons with disabilities by reinforcing employment support networks for PWDs.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan continued to offer 3 courses at the vocational training center: tailoring, beauty/cosmetics and computers. Employment rate after graduation reached over 90%. AAR Japan provided management trainings to the staff members of vocational training center run by the Department of Social Welfare. AAR Japan also visited corporations to carry out awareness raising activities, issued a guideline for corporations on employing PWDs, and held a symposium on issues regarding the working environment for PWDs. AAR Japan was selected as a member of a national committee concerning the employment of PWDs.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 200 trainees and graduates of the vocational training center, 8 staff members from the vocational training center run by the Department of Social Welfare.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 1,040 family members of PWDs, 100 personnel from corporations, organizations which support PWDs, PWDs, 45 national corporations, about 18,000 support members of organizations which support PWDs and students.



A trainee of a tailoring course in the vocational training center. (April 2018)

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar

### 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, while providing them opportunities to have education and promoting a hygiene environment. To raise awareness among family members of these children on disabilities and to improve their capacity to provide better care for their children.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted house visits, and provided rehabilitation services and assistive devices to children with disabilities. AAR Japan also offered them support in education, by supplying stationeries and arranging financial aid to cover their tuitions fees. To those who were not enrolled despite being school-aged, AAR Japan took an initiative in consulting with the schools, providing them with learning materials and offering financial aid to cover their home-tutoring fees. In addition, AAR Japan provided free dental check-ups and excursions for these children. For family members of children with disabilities, workshops on different topics such as special needs education and effective daily care were offered. AAR Japan continued supporting the local NGO who runs welfare facilities for children with disabilities.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 150 children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities and their family members.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 244 children who receive care from the welfare facility run by the local NGO, their family members and the staff of the facility.



A child with disabilities receives a dental check. Left is Yusaku Oshiro, Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan. (June 2018)

### 3 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 to promote Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR), conduct awareness raising on disabilities and provide basic welfare services.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan formed CBR committees in 4 target areas, then made action plans and monitored its implementation process. AAR Japan also held an awareness raising seminar and trainings on welfare services for community volunteers, and conducted barrier-free constructions in schools and district offices in target areas. AAR Japan supported 9 self-help organizations to launch, and supported their income generation activities, IE and group activities for children with disabilities together.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 638 persons with disabilities.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 2,500 family members of PWDs and about 23,900 local residents.



A community volunteer who participated in an awareness raising seminar holds an awareness raising workshop in her community. (January 2019)

# People's Republic of Bangladesh

AAR Japan started providing emergency assistance in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar District located in the southeast of Bangladesh in November 2017, for refugees who has been fled from Myanmar in response to a conflict that occurred in Rahkuing state in August 2017. AAR Japan has been conducting activities to provide protection for women and children as well as to improve the hygiene conditions in refugee camps. June/2018



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 171,748,941 JPY

## 1 Emergency Assistance to the Refugees from Myanmar

**Target Area:** Refugee Camps in Teknaf and Ukhia, Cox's Bazar District, Chittagong Division, People's Republic of Bangladesh

**Objective:** To support prolonged life as refugees of Muslim minorities fled from Myanmar by improving hygiene conditions in refugee camps. To protect women and children who are especially vulnerable among refugees, and to provide education and conduct awareness raising activities for them.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan constructed 310 toilets, 130 bathing facilities, 46 wells and 2 sewage treatment facilities to improve hygiene conditions in refugee camps. AAR Japan also conducted awareness raising activities for refugees on issues such as the importance of washing hands and the necessity of keeping toilets clean. In addition, AAR Japan constructed toilets and wells and distributed hygiene kits including soaps and tooth brushes for local residents living in the area whose lives were affected by the massive flows of refugees. AAR Japan constructed 2 facilities for each of child-friendly and women-friendly space and held a class of music or craft making regularly so that children and women could spend their time with a sense of security.

**Beneficiaries:** about 20,000 users (4,724 households) of water and sanitation facilities, 200 persons registered for child-friendly space, 199 persons registered for women-friendly space.



Children participate in an event in a child-friendly space in a refugee camp. (February 2019)



# India

In 2014, AAR Japan started a pilot project in the state of Kashmir to help impoverished women, some of whose families are missing, earn income for living. There is currently no office in the country.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 878,912 JPY

## 1 Assisting Women in the Kashmir State

**Target Area:** Jammu and Kashmir State, India

**Objective:** To establish a system which enables women, some of whose families have been missing and facing social and financial difficulties, to become independent financially.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan has provided skills trainings on traditional embroidery with the cooperation of a local craftsperson since 2017. The participants applied the skills learning from the training to produce shawls for customers in Japan and received the feedbacks from them on the products. Persons involved in this project from Kashmir and Japan held a meeting in Mumbai and received an advice from a local organization who conducts fair trade on how to form an organization in Kashmir.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 20 impoverished women in the Jammu and Kashmir State.



Takehiro Hozumi, Manager of AAR Japan discusses the future prospect of the project with staff of local NGO and persons involved in this project. (February 2019)

# 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 in each of those instances. In 2010 when massive floods hit Pakistan, AAR Japan set up an office for emergency assistance for the flood survivors that eventually became the Islamabad Office today. Since then, AAR Japan has been engaged in improving the 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.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 29,429,959 JPY

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

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

**Objective:** To contribute to increase the girls' enrollment ratio and to decrease drop out ratio by improving hygiene at Pakistani public girls' primary schools and primary schools in an Afghan refugee camp.

**Achievement:** At 11 public girls' primary schools and at 4 primary schools in an Afghan refugee camp, AAR Japan started to build wells, handwashing facilities and toilets and to install water purifiers. In addition, AAR Japan conducted training of trainers on health and hygiene education to teachers and students' parents. With the initiative of those participants, classes and events were held for the students in each school to promote their awareness on hygiene.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,457 persons including 1,335 students, 34 female teachers and 88 guardians from 11 Pakistani public girls' primary schools. 1,242 persons including 1,190 male students, 20 teachers and 32 guardians from 4 primary schools in an Afghan refugee camp.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 13,350 family members of the students from 11 Pakistani public girls' primary schools. 11,900 family members of the students from 4 primary schools in an Afghan refugee camp.



AAR local staff and Yasushi Oizumi (center right), Programme Coordinator of AAR Japan, conduct a survey of wells in an Afghan refugee camp in Pakistan. (October 2018)

# Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

## Kabul Office

Since 1999, AAR Japan has been financing landmine and UXO clearance efforts with the sales revenue from 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 in 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 the 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 landmine victims in and around the capital city of Kabul, through remote management from its headquarters in Tokyo. Since July 2016, a staff member from AAR Japan in charge of Afghanistan’s projects has been stationed at the Islamabad Office in Pakistan, which serves as the remote management hub for Afghan projects.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 86,502,644 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 landmine risks and support for PWDs, as well as study support for children with disabilities including victims of landmines.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan newly trained 140 local MRE instructors in 67 villages in Kabul Province and Parwan Province, and these trained instructors and AAR female field staff carried out MRE and supported activities for PWDs. In 20 villages out of the 67, AAR Japan conducted trainings of instructors and MRE sessions by these instructors through the cooperation with a local NGO due to security reasons. A total of 1,074 workshops were carried out, and 45,643 children and women learned about the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs and how to avoid them. AAR Japan produced a radio drama, and broadcasted through national radio station in order to disseminate the knowledge on IED. AAR Japan constructed classrooms for IE activities at 2 target schools in Parwan Province, and reinforced the functions of supplementary classes for students with disabilities, which was highly appreciated by the education department of the province. In addition, AAR Japan provided the training to 9 officers from the education department of province in order to deepen their understandings of disabilities and to disseminate IE. 50 students with visual and/or hearing impairments learned sign language and Braille in the supplementary classes in the target schools.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** A total of 55,002 persons including 140 local MRE instructors, 54,772 participants of the workshops, 30 members of school committees from the target schools, 1 officer from the Ministry of Education, 9 officers from provincial education department, and 50 students with disabilities of the target schools.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 6,034 students of the target schools for IE, residents in the target areas, and the listeners of the radio program on IED.



Children receive brochures at MRE session. (January 2019)

## 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 the 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 13 anti-personnel landmines and effaced the related risks from 27,980m<sup>2</sup> land. As the result, a safer living environment was ensured for households living in the area.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 269 households (1,886 persons) living in the target area.



A worker removes landmine in a newly build residential area for returnees. (September 2018)

## 3 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 (SWABAC) - to improve their skills and abilities. AAR Japan conducted 47 institutional capacity building training sessions on basic knowledge on humanitarian response and how to write effective proposals, and that benefited not only staff members of CSO but also the administrative officers of the government. This program was conducted in partnership with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC) along with 3 local organizations mentioned above.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,167 staff of CSO network organizations.



Capacity building training on monitoring and evaluation for local organizations in Nimroz Province. (September 2018)

# Republic of Tajikistan

## Dushanbe Office

AAR Japan opened its office in the capital city of Dushanbe in 2002, in preparation for assistance for the northeastern area of Afghanistan. Subsequently, AAR Japan started its fully-fledged support for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Tajikistan. AAR Japan has been promoting Inclusive Education (IE) in Tajikistan since 2014.



2018 fiscal year final settlement: 48,404,314 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 for human resources development.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan newly selected 2 target schools in addition to 2 schools in which AAR Japan supported infrastructure development in 2017. AAR Japan conducted barrier-free construction of school facilities, set up leaning support rooms, provided learning materials and assistive devices for children with disabilities. To foster personnel who can implement IE, AAR Japan provide practical trainings to social workers, teachers and administrative officers. In addition, AAR Japan invited a chairperson of Hisor educational board, 2 principals from the former target schools and a representative of a local partner organization to Japan to visit schools which focus on IE. These former target schools promoted IE actively by conducting voluntary in-school training or conducting home visits by teachers to houses of children with disabilities. AAR Japan also conducted awareness raising activities and meeting with students' parents regularly in the region and schools in order to disseminate and entrench knowledge on IE.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 3,369 persons including 64 children with disabilities newly enrolled in learning support rooms at 4 target schools, 284 children with disabilities or potentially disabled children attending at the target schools and partner schools, 972 family members of children with disabilities, 423 teachers and principals as well as officials from the municipal board of education who received the IE training sessions, 1,608 participants in the awareness raising events at each school, 18 children with disabilities who were visited by AAR staff.

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 28,804 persons including 8,352 students without disabilities and 452 teachers at target schools and partner schools, 20,000 radio listeners.



Students make crafts at a learning support room. (December 2018)



# Japan

## Tokyo Headquarters, Sendai Office (closed March 2019), Saga Office

AAR Japan provided various aid, primarily in Miyagi, Iwate, and Fukushima Prefectures, which were all affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11th, 2011. AAR Japan opened offices in Sendai, Morioka and Soma respectively for each affected prefecture. AAR Japan closed Morioka and Soma offices in 2013 and 2014 respectively, after transferring their functions mainly to Sendai office. Then, Sendai office was closed in March 2018, and transferred its partial functions to Tokyo office, while pursuing long-term support for the disaster survivors. Foreseeing that a large-scale earthquake will hit the capital and the Kanto area, AAR Japan set up Saga office in August 2016 to enable the organization to maintain its functions and activities even under such circumstances. After the emergency response to the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011, AAR Japan also took action after the Kumamoto Earthquake, the torrential rain in northern Kyushu and western Japan, and the Eastern Hokkaido Earthquake.



## 1 Aid to Survivors of the Great East Japan Earthquake

2018 fiscal year final settlement: 53,709,556 JPY

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

**Objective:** To help maintain the 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:** As an assistance to PWDs, AAR Japan provided manufacturing equipment to 28 social welfare facilities and supported them to widen sales by adding new menus. AAR Japan also held marketing events four times at corporations in Tokyo area to promote sales of products of manufactured by these facilities. For the elderly living in temporary or public housing complexes in Fukushima and Iwate prefectures, AAR Japan conducted in total 104 various activities such as massage therapy, active listening sessions, chatting time over a cup of tea, handcrafting, bus tours and joining regional festivals to maintain their health and promote interactions among them. In addition, AAR Japan provided assistance to those who fled to Musashino city in Tokyo after the nuclear power plant accident by conducting group or study meetings in cooperation with organization formed by those evacuated to other areas themselves. AAR Japan held an overnight field trip programmes 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, socialize with each other, and strengthen the resilience of the communities in the disaster-affected area. As a support to children and their guardians in Fukushima prefecture, AAR Japan provided mineral waters to 6 places including nursery schools, kindergartens, and child-support centers. AAR Japan also contributed to establish a comprehensive support system by organizing coordination meetings which aim to meet the needs of welfare of community residents in Koriyama city including evacuees. In addition, AAR Japan supported the continuation of activities of 3 local organizations which focus on supporting children, youth, and PWDs.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 4,400 persons in total including 500 persons with disabilities and their family members or helpers, 2,980 persons who joined interaction activities, about 650 persons who received drinking water, 223 participants who joined Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku, about 50 members of local organizations.



Mitsuru Namatame, programme coordinator of AAR Japan, helps participants cook soba noodle in Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku. (February 2019)

## 2 Assistance for People Affected by the Kumamoto Earthquakes (Completed)

2018 fiscal year final settlement: 2,589,985 JPY

**Target Area:** Mashiki Town and Minami Aso Village, Kumamoto Prefecture

**Objective:** To strengthen the support system for persons with disabilities (PWDs) by making brochures of case studies and lessons learnt on how to support PWDs in emergencies in cooperation with local organizations who support PWDs.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan launched a project called “our community, our disaster management” in order to make brochures of case studies and lessons learnt on how to support PWDs in emergencies. After consulting with local organizations, AAR Japan decided to publish a book which includes not only lessons learnt from the Kumamoto Earthquakes but also from the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and the Torrential Rain in West Japan in 2018, and conduct a survey for its preparation. AAR Japan would continue this project as a part of assistance activities for the Torrential Rain in West Japan after 2019. In addition, AAR Japan donated necessary equipment for mobile library and 450 picture books to a local organization which conducts mobile library activities as part of a reconstruction assistance in Minami-Aso. This activity enabled children and local residents living in the communities and temporary housing complexes to read more pictures books and books in a better environment.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 200 residents of Minami Aso Village.



A volunteer reads to children in a mobile library. (November 2018)

## 3 Aid to People Affected by the Torrential Rain in Northern Kyushu

2018 fiscal year final settlement: 3,845,688 JPY

**Target Area:** Northern Kyushu area affected by the torrential rain.

**Objective:** To contribute to strengthen resilience in the disaster affected communities by establishing a sustainable governing structure of local organizations working in the target areas.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided management support for local organizations which help afflicted people put their lives back in order through making door-to-door visits to provide appropriate aid for each one. For those who were especially vulnerable and impoverished, AAR Japan played a liaison role by helping communication between them and the municipal office of Asakura city, and contributed to reconstruct the livelihoods of about 60 households. AAR Japan also provided a support to a local organization, which operates play parks and supports children, by developing its organizational infrastructure. AAR Japan gave an advice for its future activities and provided a delivery vehicle for playground equipment necessary for operating play parks, to contribute toward its medium to long term goal to operate permanently installed play parks.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 1,400 persons in total including about 200 residents who received livelihood support, 1,200 of children and their parents.



Discussion on how to support afflicted people at the municipal office of Asakura City. (November 2018)

## 4 Aid to People Affected by the Torrential Rain in West Japan

2018 fiscal year final settlement: 78,597,142 JPY

**Target Area:** Okayama, Ehime and Hiroshima Prefectures

**Objective:** To contribute to reconstruct the livelihoods of persons with disabilities (PWDs) as one of the most vulnerable groups as soon as possible through supporting welfare facilities where they lived.

**Achievement:** Torrential rain hit western Japan in July 2018, an emergency unit of AAR Japan was dispatched immediately and carried out food distribution at evacuation spots until the end of August in Mabi town of Kurashiki-shi in Okayama Prefecture. Meanwhile, AAR Japan visited 26 welfare facilities in 3 prefectures, Okayama, Ehime and Hiroshima, to assess the damage and also to supply emergency materials. Based on the assessment, 13 welfare facilities which were critically affected received further support including repairs to the buildings and the supply of equipment. These facilities were located in Mabi town, Okayama, Ozu city and Nomura town, Ehime and Yasuura town, Hiroshima. It contributed to help 557 PWDs to get their life-space back. Furthermore, it helped their family members to focus on reconstructing their own livelihoods, and lead to the improvement of working environment for 87 staff working in these facilities. As well as these welfare facilities, AAR Japan also helped a local organization which provides home-visit in Mabi town by supplying necessary equipment to continue their activities after the relocation of their office. AAR Japan also helped out with its early reconstruction of the community in Sakai town, Hiroshima Prefecture.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** In total about 14,000 persons including 6,472 persons who received food distribution, about 500 persons who received emergency materials, about 2,315 users and workers of welfare facilities, about 3,285 persons who benefit from the local organization and persons affected in Sakai town, Hiroshima.



Yoshiteru Horie, Secretary General of AAR visiting a child service center which reopened after the torrential rain in West Japan. (August 2018)

## 5 Aid to People Affected by the Earthquake in Eastern Iburi Region, Hokkaido

2018 fiscal year final settlement: 5,677,086 JPY

**Target Area:** Atsuma town and Mukawa town of Yuhutsu district, Hidaka town of Saru district in Hokkaido

**Objective:** To support damaged welfare facilities for persons with disabilities (PWDs) who are not able to utilize the legal system such as Disaster Relief Act or national budget for a reconstruction due to an institutional constraint.

**Achievement:** The earthquake hit Eastern Iburi Region on 6th September 2018, and AAR Japan started distributing food immediately at evacuation spots in Atsuma town from 7th to 12th September and provided a total of 980 meals. On September 10th, AAR Japan dispatched its staff members to assess the damage and the needs in Kiyota, Mukawa, Yasuhira, Oiwake and Hidaka town of Sapporo city. AAR Japan visited 6 welfare facilities for PWDs, municipal offices and evacuation spots, and provided a fund for repair and necessary equipment to 2 facilities in Mukawa and Hidaka town.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** About 1,000 persons.



Ben Kato, a board member of AAR (right) distributes food with Shinichiro Ohara, AAR staff (center). (September 2018)

# Activities in Japan

## 1 Assessment, Research, and Advocacy

### 1-1 Study / Research

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted study and research on related issues of projects in order to develop expertise and conduct projects which would benefit more people. For the improvement of the quality of aid, AAR Japan also conducted evaluation, internal study sessions and shared knowledge and experiences among staff members. In regard to gender related issues, AAR Japan contributed to write a section of a book on international cooperation and supported its publication, submitted an opinion statement regarding the second version of National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and wrote a working paper on the project by JICA Research Institute, “Conflicts and Gender”, for a presentation in a conference of Japan Association of International Relations.

### 1-2 Campaigns to Ban Landmines

**Achievement:** AAR Japan proactively engaged in building a network with other organizations which address landmine problems in Japan and abroad, and disseminated information to raise awareness on the issues related landmines. AAR Japan also tried to strengthen staff capacity in order to implement projects more effectively by reviewing and revising the contents of materials for internal trainings.

### 1-3 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

**Achievement:** As a regional steering committee member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots in the Asian region, AAR Japan dispatched its staff member to the meetings for the Group of the Governmental Experts on the Conventional on Conventional Weapons held in April and August to collect information and build networks with other organizations. After these conferences, AAR Japan cooperated with other civil organizations and invited members of the parliament and the officials in April and November respectively to hold a study session on the issue. In February 2019, AAR Japan organized the first regional meeting in the Asia Pacific region, and invited representatives of civil organizations from 10 countries including Japan. As a result of the meeting, the Tokyo Statement, which aims to make addresses the necessity of international regulations to restrict killer robots and to build networks with other organizations in the Asian Pacific region, was adopted and presented at Japan National Press Club. AAR Japan also held a symposium on this campaign co-organized by Rikkyo University along with the regional meeting.

### 1-4 Assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

**Achievement:** AAR Japan organized 5 seminars through participations in planning and policy making meeting of Japan Council on Disability (JD), or board meetings of Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) and CBR Asia-Pacific Network in order to promote the understandings on issues related to assistance to PWDs and expand networks among related organizations. Through regular internal study sessions and meetings, as well as participation in external seminars, the quality PWDs projects was improved and knowledge of staff members were enhanced. AAR Japan has been continuing to promote disability-inclusive policies and perspectives in its multiple activity fields including in emergency, reconstruction, development assistance, and disaster risk reduction.

### 1-5 Response to Infectious Diseases

**Achievement:** In order for staff members to deepen their knowledge regarding infectious diseases, 7 staff members including overseas staff participated in symposiums on primary health care and academic conferences. AAR Japan held an internal study session by inviting the expert on construction of water sanitation and hygiene facilities. Also, the lessons learnt from previous projects in this field were shared among staff members for evaluation and planning of new projects. AAR Japan presented its project and challenges in an international conference on Mycetoma.

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

**Achievement:** Tokyo office, together with Saga office, promoted an “International Understanding Education Support Program” and conducted a total of 78 lectures and workshops in a year. During summer holidays, Tokyo office actively accepted students from several schools to do volunteer work. Furthermore, AAR Japan participated in the Global Festival, one of the largest international cooperation events in Japan and local events held 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 opinions on the examination of asylum-seekers who were not recognized as refugees and filed an objection, while observed procedures in which petitioners presented their statements, 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 a social welfare corporate, assuming the role of supporting refugees and foreign residents in Japan. Since then, AAR Japan has shifted its work to focus on overseas activities, while Support 21 carried out domestic activities. Together with Support 21, AAR Japan continues to address the issue of refugees worldwide.

## 3 Advertisements

**Achievement:** AAR Japan focused on 3 activities particularly in the field of advertisements, disseminating information through media, posting articles on websites and SNS, and holding regular events. By disseminating information through media, some activities, which were rarely covered before, appeared in newspapers, and annual media coverage amounted to 104 cases in the result. An access analysis of AAR Japan’s website was conducted in the first half of the year, and to solve the problems found in this analysis and to improve the usability, the page on donation was revised and user flow was re-designed. AAR Japan organized a total of 15 events with 1,339 participants in total (please refer to page 26 for the list of these events). When conducting these activities, AAR Japan collected the feedbacks from long-time supporters or made an analysis on donation patterns with the cooperation of pro bono volunteers from corporations, and used these information and data to plan a next event. The campaign with Advertising Council (AC) Japan, which started in 2015 and conducted through television commercials, newspaper advertisements and posters at train stations, completed in June 2018.

## 4 Public Relations and Fundraising

**Achievement:** While continuing to maintain and cultivate relationships with existing donor corporations and organizations, AAR Japan visited new places and tried to establish new connections by making a visit by overseas staff when they were back in Tokyo and sending an information on events by mail. Many donations and support were offered to AAR Japan for its emergency response to the disaster caused by the torrential rain in West Japan in July and the earthquake in Hokkaido in September. AAR Japan also put an effort to gain small scale subsidies and donation programs offered by corporations and foundations, worked with the corporation for collaboration in abroad, continued selling charity products developed with the cooperation of corporations, and established relationships with corporations which participated in study sessions organized by Global Compact Network Japan. AAR Japan started a supporter system for corporations and held a fourth-consecutive seminar on promotion of understanding of SDGs.

## 5 For-profit Projects

**Achievement:** On November 13th, AAR Japan held a charity concert to celebrate its 40th anniversary by inviting two pianists, Ms. Ikuyo Nakamichi and Mr. Miyuji Kaneko at Kikui Hall. With the great honor of the presence of Empress Michiko (current Empress Emerita), there was an audience of about 800 at the concert, and proceeds and donations amounted to 5,171,049 JPY. As for charity goods, AAR Japan re-designed hand towels, and added furoshiki (a cloth wrapper) as a new product which was produced by Maruwa Co., Ltd. AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Rokkatei Confectionery and sold charity chocolates in two flavors, milk and white. Message cards with illustrations of hearts painted by Syrian refugee children whom AAR Japan supported in Turkey were given to purchasers of charity chocolates. Jiji Press, Kyodo News and 10 local newspaper as well as Yahoo web news introduced charity chocolates on their articles. Those charity merchandise including chocolates attracted 471 news 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 donors. In order to enhance their level of satisfaction by deepening the relationship with AAR Japan, we invited supporters to convey our gratitude to them directly and collected their feedbacks. AAR Japan utilized their feedbacks on supporter and donor relations activities, and advertisement activities. These efforts contributed to increase the overall number of supporters.

## 7 Fundraising

**Achievement:** In addition to half-yearly direct mail fund-raising campaigns conducted in summer and winter, AAR Japan appealed for donations to support its emergency response to the disasters caused by the torrential rain in West Japan in July and the earthquake in Hokkaido in September. AAR Japan also carried out donation campaigns to supply stationeries for refugee children from South Sudan in Uganda in April and May, and to provide food packages for internally displaced people in Syria from October 2018 to January 2019. These campaigns were resulted in many donations from new supporters. AAR Japan tried to gain new monthly supporters by all-year campaigns. In the fiscal year 2018, AAR Japan received a total of 30,906 donations amounting to 410,190,848 JPY. As of the end of March 2019, AAR Japan had 165 regular members, 668 associate members, and 1,633 monthly supporters.

## 8 NGO Counselor

**Achievement:** AAR Japan was entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan with the service of consultations on NGOs and international cooperation for the general public, corporations, students, and media. AAR Japan responded to about 540 inquiries from April 2018 to March 2019. The inquiries were mostly on refugees to which AAR Japan answered with expertise accumulated from its field experience, allowing the inquiries to have deeper understanding on the issue. 40% of these inquiries or requests for the visiting lecture program were from schools and students, and it contributed to promote the understanding of younger generation on international cooperation. AAR Japan reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the feedback received from the inquirers and case examples of which the inquiry triggered the person's involvement in international cooperation, advocating the essential role of Japanese NGOs in promoting international cooperation.

## 9 40th Anniversary

**Achievement:** As launching 40th anniversary projects in November 2018, AAR Japan held a charity concert by inviting two pianists, Ms. Ikuyo Nakamichi and Mr. Miyuji Kaneko (please refer to page 29, 5. For-profit Projects). A new logo for the anniversary was designed and used in advertisement activities.

## Project Implementation and Organizational Structure

**Achievement:** AAR Japan implemented 32 projects across 15 countries and in the Tohoku region, the Kyushu region, West Japan and Hokkaido. At the end of the fiscal year 2018, AAR Japan had 82 employees (51 domestic and 31 overseas) in addition to 318 locally employed by offices overseas. AAR Japan maintained stable overseas operations and the mental and physical health of expatriates by dispatching multiple personnel from its Tokyo Headquarters.

At the Tokyo Headquarters, approximately 350 volunteers actively participated in sending newsletter and conducting public awareness events. AAR Japan also promoted new approaches such as holding a fourth-consecutive seminar on promotion of understanding SDGs for corporations.

In September, AAR Japan held training programs and conferences in which the expatriate employees and all the domestic employees attended, and they discussed issues related 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 the Tohoku region and Hokkaido.

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

Mr. Atsushi Naoe, an expat in Meheba office in Zambia passed away after suffering from malaria during his holidays in Turkey. AAR Japan extends our sincerest condolences to his family. AAR Japan made sincere effort to prevent similar incidents, and set up guidelines which includes what should be done when staff get infectious disease during their holidays.



Mr. Atsushi Naoe with local staff in front of the library made for HIV/AIDS orphans, Zambia.



AAR Japan held a charity concert to celebrate its 40th anniversary of the organization. AAR Japan had the great honor of the presence of Empress Michiko (current Empress Emerita). Ms. Ikuyo Nakamichi (back) and Mr. Miyuji Kaneko (front) plays together at Kioi Hall. (November 2018, please refer to page 29, 5. For-profit Projects).

# Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

## Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2019

USD1=JPY 110.99

### Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,028,429,412	9,265,965
Accounts Receivable - Trade	503,708	4,538
Other Account Receivables	3,265,042	29,417
Advance Payments	3,294,805	29,686
Supplies	2,706,434	24,384
Inventories	2,655,253	23,923
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,040,854,654</b>	<b>9,377,913</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Vehicles	7,081,642	63,804
Equipments	3,639,263	32,789
Buildings and Structures	33,375,539	300,708
Office Rental Deposit	8,675,260	78,163
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,771,704</b>	<b>475,464</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,093,626,358</b>	<b>9,853,377</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Advance Received	626,270,210	5,642,582
Account Payable - Trade	22,518	203
Account Payable - Non-trade	46,327,746	417,405
Temporarily Received	9,149,409	82,435
Tax Payable	142,000	1,279
<b>Total</b>	<b>681,911,883</b>	<b>6,143,904</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	8,895,000	80,142
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,895,000</b>	<b>80,142</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>690,806,883</b>	<b>6,224,046</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	282,804,724	2,548,020
Gain(Loss) for the Year	15,960,098	143,798
<b>Balance at the End of the Year</b>	<b>298,764,822</b>	<b>2,691,818</b>
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	102,333,371	922,005
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	1,721,282	15,508
<b>Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>104,054,653</b>	<b>937,513</b>
<b>Total Amount of Net Assets</b>	<b>402,819,475</b>	<b>3,629,331</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,093,626,358</b>	<b>9,853,377</b>

# Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

USD1=JPY 110.99

## Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>General Accounting</b>			
<b>Membership Fees and Donations</b>			
Membership Fees	3,808,000	34,310	
Donations	410,190,848	3,695,746	
<b>Total</b>	<b>413,998,848</b>	<b>3,730,056</b>	<b>21.0%</b>
<b>Grants, etc.</b>			
Domestic Private Funds	70,905,249	638,844	
Domestic Public Funds	1,070,183,183	9,642,159	
International Funds	382,365,045	3,445,040	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,523,453,477</b>	<b>13,726,043</b>	<b>77.3%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Project Income	1,583,939	14,271	
Interest Income	497,648	4,484	
Gain on Foreign Exchange	3,419,333	30,808	
Miscellaneous Income	5,836,872	52,589	
Others	423,180	3,813	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,760,972</b>	<b>105,965</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>Total Income of General Accounting</b>	<b>1,949,213,297</b>	<b>17,562,064</b>	
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Operating Income (Sales)	19,264,940	173,574	<b>1.0%</b>
Non-operating Income	2,411,622	21,728	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting</b>	<b>21,676,562</b>	<b>195,302</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(A) 1,970,889,859</b>	<b>17,757,366</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>General Accounting</b>			
<b>Overseas Project Expenses</b>			
Turkey	401,362,554	3,616,205	
Syria	238,588,324	2,149,638	
Sudan	69,101,752	622,594	
Kenya	82,397,211	742,384	
Uganda	223,227,760	2,011,242	
Zambia	93,370,452	841,251	
Laos	55,090,767	496,358	
Cambodia	25,270,267	227,681	
Myanmar (Burma)	70,192,925	632,426	
Bangladesh	171,748,941	1,547,427	
India	878,912	7,919	
Pakistan	29,429,959	265,159	
Afghanistan	86,502,644	779,373	
Tajikistan	48,404,314	436,114	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,595,566,782</b>	<b>14,375,771</b>	<b>82.1%</b>
<b>Domestic Project Expenses</b>			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	53,709,556	483,914	
Emergency Relief for Kumamoto Earthquake Victims	2,589,985	23,335	
Emergency Relief for Northern Kyushu Heavy Rain Disaster	3,845,688	34,649	
Emergency Relief for West Japan Heavy Rain Disaster	78,597,142	708,146	
Emergency Relief for Hokkaido Earthquake Victims	5,677,086	51,150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>144,419,457</b>	<b>1,301,194</b>	<b>7.4%</b>
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Research (Incl. Campaign to stop Killer Robots)	7,071,111	63,710	
Mine Action	1,694,974	15,271	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	2,077,058	18,714	
Infection	1,257,177	11,327	
Public Awareness	20,492,790	184,636	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,593,110</b>	<b>293,658</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>PR and Fund raising</b>			
Public Relations	65,809,561	592,932	
Fund Raising	8,417,729	75,842	
<b>Total</b>	<b>74,227,290</b>	<b>668,774</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	38,849,502	350,027	
Others	29,429,023	265,150	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,278,525</b>	<b>615,177</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
Fixed Assets	527,553	4,753	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	4,852,769	43,723	
Other Non-operating Expenses	4,898,369	44,134	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,278,691</b>	<b>92,610</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure of General Accounting</b>	<b>1,925,363,855</b>	<b>17,347,184</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Purchases	11,614,042	104,640	0.6%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	7,558,800	68,104	0.4%
<b>Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting</b>	<b>19,172,842</b>	<b>172,744</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(B) 1,944,536,697</b>	<b>17,519,928</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)</b>	<b>26,353,162</b>	<b>237,438</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)</b>	<b>328,517,522</b>	<b>2,959,884</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)</b>	<b>354,870,684</b>	<b>3,197,322</b>	



# Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

USD1=JPY 110.99

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>I Operating Income</b>		
<b>1 Membership Fees</b>		
Regular Membership Fees	868,000	7,821
Associate Membership Fees	2,940,000	26,489
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,808,000</b>	<b>34,310</b>
<b>2 Donations</b>		
Donations	350,402,785	3,157,066
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	61,066,781	550,201
Gain on Donation of Assets	4,097,273	36,916
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>415,566,839</b>	<b>3,744,183</b>
<b>3 Grants, etc.</b>		
Private Funds	22,004,308	198,255
Public Funds	1,498,449,169	13,500,759
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,520,453,477</b>	<b>13,699,014</b>
<b>4 Operating Income (Sales)</b>		
Events	7,138,074	64,313
Charity Goods Sale	10,670,946	96,143
Commissioned Project	3,039,859	27,389
Miscellaneous Operating Income	2,768,581	24,945
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,617,460</b>	<b>212,790</b>
<b>5 Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	497,648	4,484
Gain on Foreign Exchange	3,419,333	30,808
Miscellaneous Income	5,885,420	53,027
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,802,401</b>	<b>88,319</b>
<b>Operating Income Total</b>	<b>(A) 1,973,248,177</b>	<b>17,778,616</b>
<b>II Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>1 Project Expenses</b>		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	300,168,235	2,704,462
Retirement Benefits Expenses	1,315,000	11,848
Legal Welfare Expenses	37,978,531	342,180
Welfare Expenses	1,349,782	12,161
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>340,811,548</b>	<b>3,070,651</b>
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	421,470,501	3,797,374
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	941,710,055	8,484,639
Overseas Travel Expenses	60,051,753	541,056
Local Travel Expenses	15,787,654	142,244
Depreciation Expenses	6,074,541	54,731
Printing Expenses	8,149,327	73,424
Advertizing Expenses	2,297,190	20,697
Communications Expenses	16,213,712	146,083
Rent	10,365,001	93,387
Fees/Charges	11,024,162	99,326
Sales Cost	4,458,371	40,169
Other Expense Items	39,716,460	357,838
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,537,318,727</b>	<b>13,850,968</b>
<b>Project Expenses Total</b>	<b>1,878,130,275</b>	<b>16,921,619</b>

<b>2 Administrative Expenses</b>			
1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	28,420,553		256,064
Retirement Benefits Expenses	3,075,000		27,705
Legal Welfare Expenses	6,194,093		55,808
Welfare Expenses	614,856		5,540
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>38,304,502</b>	<b>345,117</b>
2) Other Expenses			
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	878,798		7,918
Utilities Expenses	1,097,873		9,892
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	894,576		8,060
Rent	15,359,450		138,386
Travel Expenses	1,153,898		10,396
Fees/ Charges	7,245,737		65,283
Depreciation Expenses	149,796		1,350
Sundry Expenses	64,800		584
Other Administrative Expenses	2,847,741		25,658
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>29,692,669</b>	<b>267,527</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses Total</b>		<b>67,997,171</b>	<b>612,644</b>
<b>3 Other Expenses</b>			
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	4,852,769		43,723
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4,852,769</b>	<b>43,723</b>
<b>Other Expenses Total</b>		<b>4,852,769</b>	<b>43,723</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure Total</b>		<b>(B) 1,950,980,215</b>	<b>17,577,986</b>
<b>Net Income from Operating Activities</b>		<b>(C)=(A)-(B) 22,267,962</b>	<b>200,630</b>
<b>III Non-Operating Loss</b>			
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	1,267,495		11,420
Other Non-operating Expenses	4,898,369		44,133
<b>Non-Operating Loss</b>		<b>6,165,864</b>	<b>55,553</b>
<b>Net Income from Non-Operating Activities</b>		<b>(D) -6,165,864</b>	<b>-55,553</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>		<b>(C)+(D) 16,102,098</b>	<b>145,077</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Total Net Income	16,102,098		145,077
Taxes	142,000		1,279
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	15,960,098		143,798
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	282,804,724		2,548,020
Balance at the End of the Year	298,764,822		2,691,818
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *</b>			
Donations	59,788,063		538,680
Grants, etc.	3,000,000		27,029
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-61,066,781		-550,201
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	1,721,282		15,508
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	102,333,371		922,005
Balance at the End of the Year	104,054,653		937,513
<b>Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year</b>		<b>402,819,475</b>	<b>3,629,331</b>

(\*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Profitable Business Accounting  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

USD1=JPY 110.99

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Operating Income (Sales)</b>			
Concerts/Events	7,138,074	64,313	
Goods	10,670,946	96,143	
Projects Commissioned Income	1,455,920	13,118	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,264,940</b>	<b>173,574</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>Non-operating Income</b>			
Copyright Royalty	2,399,581	21,620	
Miscellaneous Income	12,000	108	
Interest Received	41	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,411,622</b>	<b>21,728</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(E) 21,676,562</b>	<b>195,302</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Purchases</b>			
Concerts/Events	4,238,640	38,189	
Goods	7,033,274	63,369	
Projects Commissioned Expenses	480,791	4,332	
Transfer to Other Account	-138,663	-1,249	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,614,042</b>	<b>104,641</b>	<b>60.6%</b>
<b>Selling and Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	4,955,278	44,646	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	2,334,522	21,034	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,289,800</b>	<b>65,680</b>	<b>38.0%</b>
<b>Income taxes</b>	<b>269,000</b>	<b>2,424</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(F) 19,172,842</b>	<b>172,745</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss)</b>	<b>(E-F)=(G) 2,503,720</b>	<b>22,557</b>	

## **What is AAR Japan**

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.



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