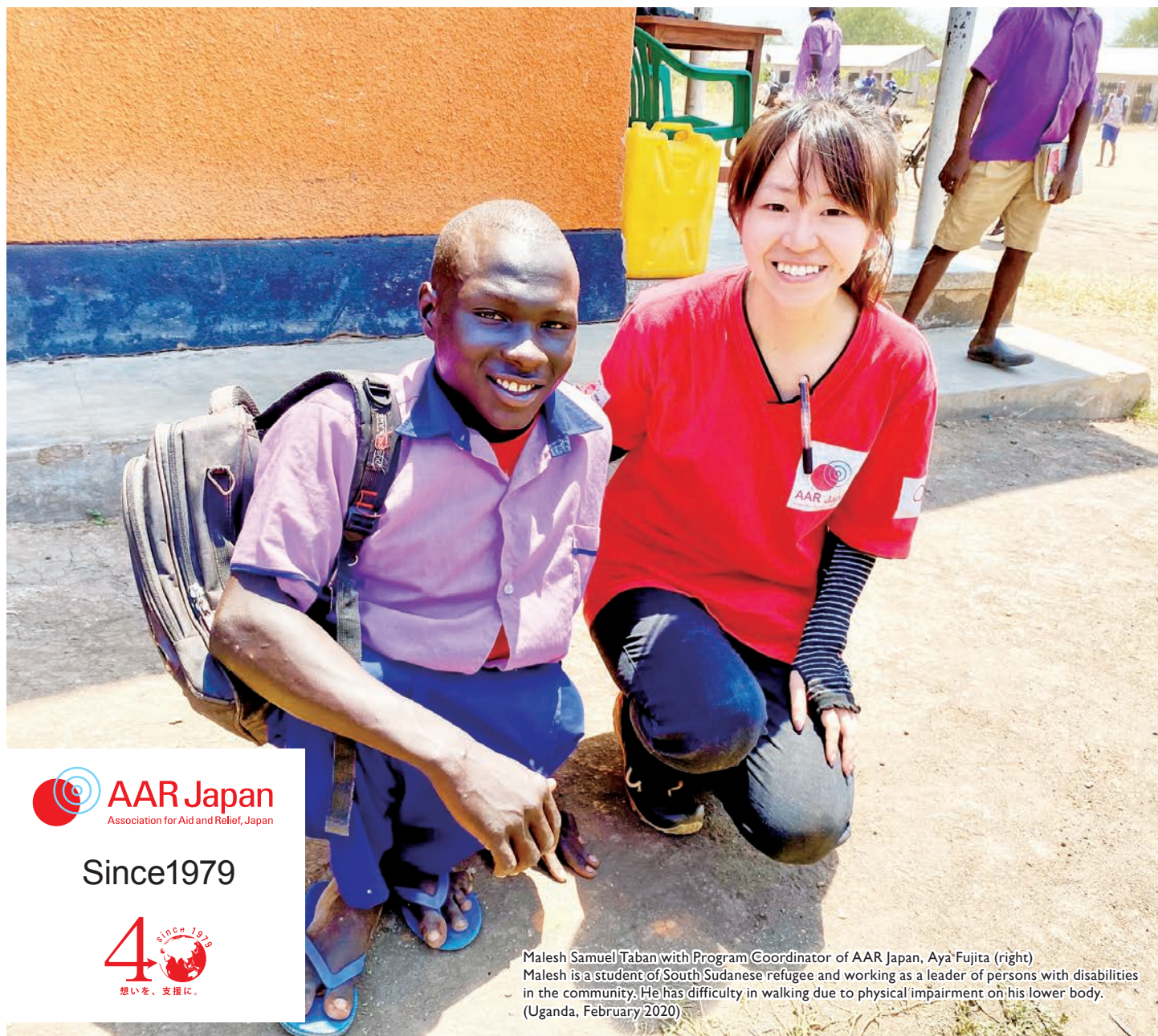


April 2019 – March 2020

# Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

## Annual Report 2019



Since 1979



Maresh Samuel Taban with Program Coordinator of AAR Japan, Aya Fujita (right). Maresh is a student of South Sudanese refugee and working as a leader of persons with disabilities in the community. He has difficulty in walking due to physical impairment on his lower body. (Uganda, February 2020)

On behalf of the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), I would like to present to you our 2019 Annual Report.

During the fiscal year 2019, AAR Japan implemented 36 projects in 15 countries including Japan and directly supported 306,342 persons. I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for all your generous donations, contributions, grants and subsidies.

We encountered the change of era from Heisei to Reiwa in 2019 which brought us many press stories of the exaltation and expectation of the whole nation. However, torrential rains hit northern Kyushu in August, followed by Typhoon Faxai (#15) in September and Typhoon Hagibis (#19) in October which caused widespread severe damage from Tokai to Tohoku region. And what is worse, since the beginning of 2020, the spread of COVID-19 has posed a significant risk to people around the world including Japan.

Immediately after each disaster, AAR Japan has dispatched emergency response team and started relief activities. For the response to COVID-19, we started assessments from late March and shortly afterwards launched internal and external assistance projects for those who survive with disabilities and also refugees who were forced to leave their homes by conflict and disasters.

At this time, although I deeply sympathise with you all living with some sense of anxiety, I am profoundly moved by so many people showing compassion for us and supporting us with donations. Each one of our officers and staffs is grateful for all the support and keeps the weight of responsibility in mind while proceeding with our activities. And furthermore, we are also deeply encouraged by the warm messages we received with the donations.

AAR Japan celebrated the 40th anniversary of its foundation on November 24th 2019. Each one of your generous contributions enables us to conduct activities which have led to opportunities for those who are struggling and coping with difficulties to change their future.

AAR Japan will connect all the supporters with the project fields and continue to help as many people as possible through relief activities that only we can provide, while valuing our original spirit from 40 years ago.

Thank you very much again for the great support, and I sincerely wish you the best of health.

July 2020

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

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. Disability and development, 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\*.

### Disability and development



Photography by Yoshifumi Kawabata

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 are working to improve sanitation, raise awareness, and combat infectious diseases such as mycetoma or COVID-19.

### 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

\*Japan Platform (JPF) is an intermediary support organization with an equal partnership among NGOs, the business community and the government, which makes use of their respective characteristics and resources to cooperate and collaborate with each other in order to provide more efficient and faster emergency assistance in the event of a refugee crisis or natural disaster.



# Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2019 (April 2019 – March 2020)

During the fiscal year 2019, AAR Japan received 29,684 offers of support from Japan and around the world, and carried out 36 projects in 15 countries including Japan.

With regard to overseas activities, in Syria, we have continuously focused on relief activities for internally displaced people, who have been forced to leave their homes. We distributed daily necessities including foods and provided landmine and explosive remnants of war risk education, and offered assistance to persons with disabilities.

In Turkey, AAR Japan provided individual support in order to respond to the needs of each Syrian refugee, helped to build mutual cooperation between refugees and residents in the host communities, and assisted in the launch of self-help group formed by persons with disabilities and their family members. In Bangladesh, we carried out the sanitation promotion project and also the protection project for particularly vulnerable groups -children and women- who fled Myanmar. In Uganda, we continuously delivered educational support for refugee children from South Sudan and children in the host communities so that they can learn together.

In addition to the emergency assistance above, AAR Japan continued carrying out various projects which focused on enforcing countermeasures against landmines and unexploded ordnances as well as supporting persons with disabilities.

In Japan, AAR Japan continued its support to the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima, especially for elderly people, persons with disabilities and children. We delivered the activities to maintain physical and psychological health of the survivors and held events to promote interaction among the communities.

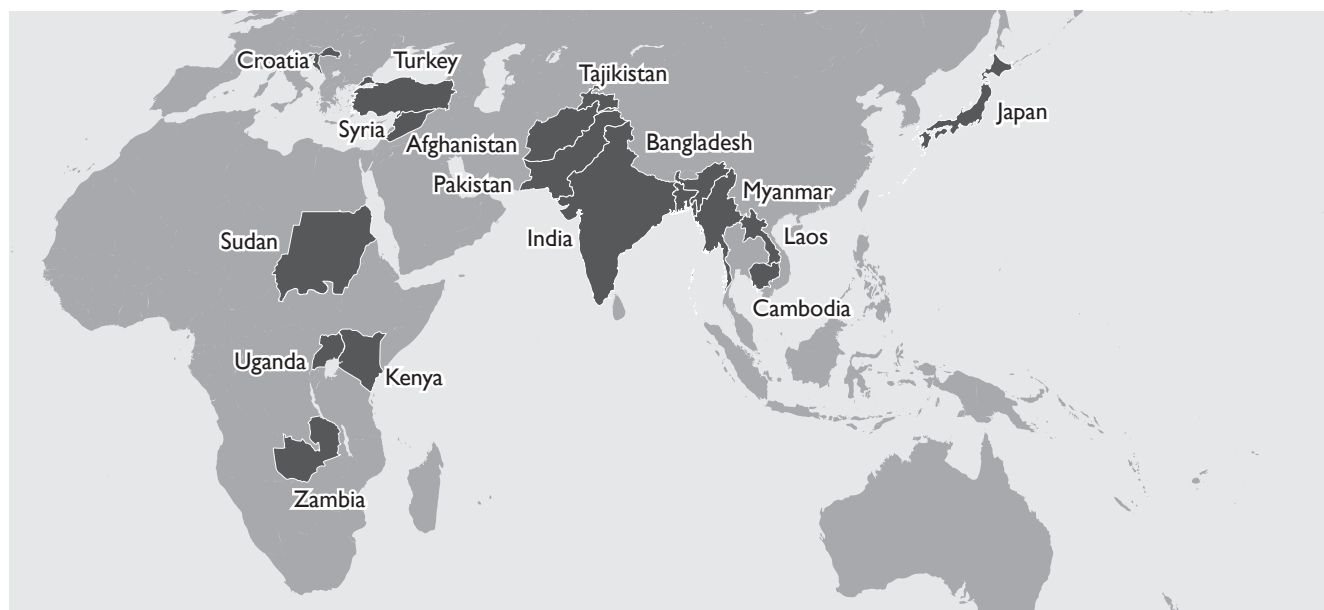
Furthermore, in October 2019 Typhoon Faxai (#15) struck Chiba Prefecture, causing great damage. Immediately after the disaster, AAR Japan distributed safe drinking water, hygiene products and other relief supplies, and assisted with the reconstruction of welfare facilities. Later in the same month, Typhoon Hagibis (#19) landed in the main island of Japan, which brought about widespread, enormous damages. We dispatched our emergency response team to conduct soup kitchen for the flood victims and to distribute relief supplies in the affected areas, in addition to supporting reopen of the welfare facilities services damaged by the typhoon in 5 prefectures- Nagano, Fukushima, Miyagi, Tochigi and Saitama.

In addition to domestic and overseas activities, AAR Japan strove to raise awareness and promote policy advocacy, particularly in the field of mine action. As an example, in November 2019, the President and one of our staffs participated in the 4th Review Conference of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Treaty in Oslo, Norway, where they provided advocacy to the Government of Japan and other governments.

AAR Japan celebrated its 40th anniversary in November 2019 and held several events to celebrate during that time. In June we held the event entitled “40th anniversary reunion” aiming to share the 40 years’ progresses and express our gratitude, and also in November we hosted a symposium that reviewed back the past 40 years’ history of accepting Indochinese refugees and a roundtable discussion with former refugees who were supported by AAR Japan. Furthermore, a collection of photographs and interviews as well as a record of activities titled “40 Years History” were produced to commemorate its 40th anniversary.

In terms of finance, total revenues, excluding the balance brought forward from the previous fiscal year, amounted to approximately 1,715 million yen. Approximately 1,393 million yen (80% of total expenses) used for overseas activities, and 124 million yen (7.2% of total expenses) used for domestic ones. For more information, please see the following pages.

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



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 398,095,512 JPY

## 1 Comprehensive Assistance to Syrian Refugees

**Target Area:** Sanliurfa, Mardin and Gaziantep Provinces and Istanbul City, Republic of Turkey

**Objective:** To develop better environment in order to adequately protect refugees.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided refugees with essential information for their daily lives, such as local services available and application procedures through home-visits and at help desks. Also we carried out group sessions aiming to raise awareness on protection and rights of children, women and persons with disabilities (PWDs). Through the activities above, more vulnerable refugees, who left behind any assistance offered by local authorities or aid agencies, were identified. AAR Japan then delivered direct support to those vulnerable refugees by distributing food and other daily supplies, providing welfare support equipment and home care rehabilitation services, as well as psychological counselling based on their individual needs.

In addition, AAR Japan continued to maintain the community centres and the child-friendly spaces (CFS\*) in order to enhance mutual cooperation between refugees and residents in the host communities. In the community centres and the CFS, we provided various learning courses and events including sewing, arts and crafts, cooking, visiting museums and picnics so that participants can deepen mutual understanding and children can learn in safe environment. Meanwhile, AAR Japan formed self-help groups of PWDs and their family members and other groups for children and youths so they could take the initiative to solve their own daily issues.

**Beneficiaries:** 44,357 persons (32,520 persons received information and participated in awareness-raising activities; 3,586 persons received individual assistance; 8,251 persons participated in community activities)\* 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.

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A Syrian physical therapist giving rehabilitation to a refugee under the instruction of Japanese physical therapy expert Ms. Kazue Morii (right) in Sanliurfa (September 2019)



# 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 began 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 neighbouring countries.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 216,408,414 JPY

## 1 Distribution of Food Items

**Target Area:** Northwest Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To meet urgent need of food for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the most vulnerable people in the local host communities through distribution of food.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan distributed 17,673 boxes of food to IDPs who fled from intense violence and residents in the host communities in northwest Syria where food supplies were insufficient. It contributed to alleviate the sudden food shortages.

**Beneficiaries:** 64,815 IDPs and residents in the host communities (12,555 households)



A beneficiary receiving a food package in the emergency response (September 2019)

## 2 Mine Risk Education (MRE) and Victim Assistance

**Target Area:** Northwest Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To alleviate the risk of victim caused by landmines, explosive remnants of war (ERW) or aerial bombing, and to improve the quality of lives of victims and persons with disabilities (PWDs) through MRE and victim assistance.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan organised 1,415 MRE sessions in which a total of 22,471 IDPs and residents in the target communities participated. We also selected 129 households with PWDs including the victims of explosive devices and provided assistive devices and rehabilitation services.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 22,600 persons including IDPs, residents in the host communities and victims of landmines



A beneficiary receiving a wheelchair in the victim assistance project (January 2020)

# 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 mine risk education (MRE) activities. AAR Japan opened offices in Kadugli 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 support landmine survivors was launched in June 2016. With the completion of projects on MRE and assisting landmine survivors, each office in Kassala and Khartoum was closed in August 2019 and January 2020 respectively.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 31,043,466 JPY

## 1 Mine Risk Education (MRE) and Victim Assistance (Completed)

**Target Area:** Kassala, Blue Nile and South Kordofan States, Republic of the Sudan

**Objective:** To reduce the number of landmine victims, and to help persons with disabilities (PWDs) including landmine survivors attain self-reliance and increase their social participation.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided prosthetic limbs, livelihood support and physiological care in order to encourage self-reliance of PWDs including landmine survivors. In Kassala, we hold the events related to disability that could help the targeted communities to deepen understanding of disability. AAR also carried out workshops regarding know-how on creating effective educational materials for the local implementing partner which conducts MRE sessions. Due to deteriorating security situation in Sudan, some parts of the project had to be altered.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 195 persons (63 PWDs including landmine victims; 120 persons including family members of PWDs and residents in the target communities; 12 staff of a local NGO)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 315 family members of PWDs received assistance



Beneficiaries receiving necessary equipment to start their grocery store (July 2019)

## 2 Actions against Infectious Diseases (Mycetoma\*)

**Target Area:** Sennar State or White Nile State, Republic of the Sudan

**Objective:** To increase the opportunities for treatment to prevent the aggression of Mycetoma by raising awareness amongst the patients and residents in the targeted state.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan raised residents' awareness and expanded their knowledge on Mycetoma through the delivery of educational materials, carrying out workshops and broadcasting a radio programme. Field research was conducted to gain information about how people with the disease are medically examined. In total 29 patients received surgery from the medical team deployed in Sennar State.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** Approximately 1,404 persons (1,400 persons including the patients with Mycetoma, their families and residents in the target communities; 4 clinic staffs)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 7,000 family members of the patients

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



AAR staff (right) carrying out story-telling with pictures to raise children's awareness of Mycetoma (January 2020)



# 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 northeast area of Kenya to respond to the severe drought that occurred in the Horn 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 began aid projects for South Sudanese refugees who settled in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County in the northwest part of Kenya in February 2014. 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 for refugees in Kalobeyei, a town located approximately 30km away from the Kakuma Refugee Camp.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 67,910,757 JPY

## 1 Secondary Education Assistance at Kakuma Refugee Camp

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

**Objective:** To contribute to the development of human resources who could lead the nation-building process in the future by providing a suitable learning and protective environment in schools for youths as well as empowering their problem-solving skills.

**Achievement:** In order to improve the learning environment, AAR Japan constructed 1 building for science rooms, 4 toilet compartments with 1 septic tank, 4 classrooms and desks and chairs. As teenagers might face many different obstacles whilst living as refugees, AAR Japan conducted training on life skills, which is one of the measures to overcome these difficulties independently, for educators and events for residents to raise their awareness of the behavioural tendencies and worries of teenagers. Counselling training was offered for teachers and students so that they would be able to become aware of the stress and troubles that teenagers were facing in the early stage. To maintain the counselling activities independently in each school, AAR Japan selected the head of teachers in charge and provided management skills training such as activity planning, procuring educational materials, funding and accounting.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 7,852 persons (7,257 students and 73 teachers participated in the training; 522 residents in the target communities participated in the awareness raising events)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 36,300 family members of the students



Students participating in a counselling training. They became active peer counsellors at each school (September 2019)

## 2 Youth Development and Protection in Kalobeyei

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

**Objective:** To promote co-existence between refugees and residents in host communities and to support the livelihood of youths through managing the community centre.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan supported the management of a community centre constructed in the targeted area by providing workshops on administration for board members consisting of both refugees and residents in the host communities. Also, we helped to promote mutual understanding between the refugees and the residents in host communities by hosting the events such as sports festival. Apart from these workshops and events, training on starting a business and ICT were offered for board members and youths respectively.

**Beneficiaries:** 2,135 persons (16 board members; 119 youth participated in the ICT training; approximately 2,000 persons of the residential area and its host community)



Participants learning how to use a computer from an assistant instructor (centre) in the ICT training (February 2020)

# 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 a field office in Yumbe in October 2016.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 156,406,796 JPY

## 1 Educational Assistance in Refugee Camps and Settlements

**Target Area:** Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe District, Imvepi Refugee Settlement in Arua District, and Palorinya Refugee Settlement in Obongi District, Republic of Uganda

**Objective:** To improve the learning environment of refugee children from South Sudan and children of the host communities in the target areas.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan engaged in making a better learning environment by arranging 14 schoolyards, constructing 21 classrooms and providing desks and chairs in primary schools in the target refugee settlements located in north Uganda. Various activities such as clubs, work experience, career guidance and counselling by teachers encouraged students to be more enthusiastic towards learning. AAR Japan also held awareness-raising events aiming at promotion for girls education, workshops on Inclusive Education and Para-sports events for members of the refugee welfare committee and 70 educators. Through these activities, we contributed to create foundational environment to promote schooling for girls and children with disabilities.

**Beneficiaries:** 33,171 refugees from South Sudan and residents in the host communities



Masayasu Higuchi, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (third from right) and children participated in a school football tournament match (October 2019)

## 2 Livelihood Assistance for Landmine Victims

**Target Area:** North Republic of Uganda

**Objective:** To support the self-reliance of landmine and UXO victims by improving their livelihoods.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan offered business skills training for 16 victims of landmines and UXOs. The participants started a small-scale business after receiving equipment and materials for it. Meanwhile, AAR Japan conducted field research to assess the further needs of landmine and UXO victims.

**Beneficiaries:** 16 landmine victims



Aya Fujita, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (second from left) and mine landmine victims receiving goats to start a small business (July 2019)



## Republic of Uganda

### 3 Educational Assistance for Refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Target Area:** West Republic of Uganda

**Objective:** To improve the learning environment of refugee children who fled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted preliminary survey in three refugee settlements, Rwamwanaja Settlement in Kamwenge District, Kyaka II Settlement in Kyegegwa District and Kyangwali Settlement in Kikuube District in western Uganda and found out the situation concerning refugee flows and humanitarian response as well as current status and issues in the education sector in these refugee settlements and their host communities. In response to the result of survey, we decided to launch the project for education sector in Kyangwali Settlement in the fiscal year 2020.

**Beneficiaries:** 0 persons as only a field assessment was conducted in 2019



Mai Ietaka, a program coordinator of AAR Japan listening to a student from DRC (February 2020)

# Republic of Zambia

## Meheba Office

For 20 years from 1984 to 2004, AAR Japan supported refugees in the Meheba Refugee Settlement in the north-west region of the country. The Meheba office was closed when the project completed. Between 2004 and 2019, AAR Japan implemented projects to fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS in the capital city Lusaka and its surrounding areas. Meanwhile, AAR Japan conducted projects to improve maternal and child health from February 2016 to March 2019. Although the Lusaka office was closed due to the completion of these activities, the Meheba office re-opened to begin a project to support former refugees' local integration.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 36,540,834 JPY

## 1 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 build the foundation for improving the livelihood of residents in the refugee resettlement area.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan selected 33 core members from self-help groups which were established in 2017 with the aim of improving livelihoods and provided the skill training for them. Also we offered agricultural tools such as hoes, sickles, pesticides and seedlings and created the rules for proper operation and storage of these tools. Furthermore, we demonstrated how to use and keep them efficiently and safely. After the training and demonstrations, AAR Japan visited cultivation fields with the core members to monitor how the acquired information and knowledge were applied to improve the agricultural income generation.

**Beneficiaries:** 2,198 (approximately 328 households) former refugees resettled in Zambia and local Zambian residents



AAR staff (right) checking the growth of maize and instructing on how to grow it further (January 2020)



# 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 assisting persons with disabilities (PWDs) until today. Between the years 2010 and 2014, AAR Japan supported UXO survivors, having a branch office in Xiang Khouang province in the north 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. The Phongsaly office closed due to the completion of the project in September 2019.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 51,656,153 JPY

## 1 Promotion of Small-scale Income Generation Activities, Particularly for Women with Disabilities

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

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

**Achievement:** AAR Japan selected 80 PWDs (mainly female) who were willing to participate in cultivation training such as growing mushrooms and raising catfish and frogs through interviews and consulted with administrators in 3 provinces in Udomusai and Sayaboury. AAR Japan then conducted trainings to those who were selected and their helpers in total 160 people and also provided start-up kits for the cultivation. These activities were carried out in cooperation with a local partner organisation managed by PWDs themselves. The staff of its branch offices were encouraged to involve administrators in the target municipalities to strengthen the network among local government officials, the local PWD organisation and participants in the training.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 201 persons (80 PWDs mainly female and 80 care-givers; 28 village chiefs; 6 administrators; 3 staff from a local partner organisation and 4 staff from its branch offices)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 500 family members of PWDs.



A beneficiary taking care of mushrooms using a cultivation kit at home (April 2019)

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

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

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

**Achievement:** Through training and monitoring conducted by AAR Japan, the service quality of maternal and child health in the health centre were improved and a 5S routine – seiri (organizing), seiton (tidying up), seisou (cleaning), seiketsu (sanitary) and shukan (routine)-became a part of their daily life. We also provided the training on maternal child health activities to Community Health Worker (CHW). The vigorous activities of CHW encouraged to strengthen cooperation between CHW themselves and medical facilities, and it helped increasing of awareness of maternal and child health among the residents in the communities. As a result of the three-year project, the number of residents who received health services increased, and thus contributed to improvement of the health of expectant and nursing mothers and children. Due to the completion of the project, AAR Japan closed the Phongsaly office in September 2019.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** Approximately 2,260 persons (1,500 females aged 15-49; 700 children under 5 years; 19 health centre staff; 42 core local members such as village chiefs, health volunteers and members of a women's association)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 42,000 residents in the target areas



An AAR staff (right) monitoring a home-visit conducted by community health workers (May 2019)

# Kingdom of Cambodia

## Phnom Penh Office

Since its establishment in 1979, AAR Japan has supported Cambodian refugees in the camps along the Cambodia-Thailand border and those who have resettled to Japan. AAR Japan opened an office in the capital city, Phnom Penh in 1992, a year after the peace agreement was signed, and began operating a vocational training centre for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in 1993 and a wheelchair workshop in 1994. The centre and workshop became independent local NGOs in 2006. In 2013, the Phnom Penh office was re-opened to start an Inclusive Education (IE) project for children with disabilities.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 35,094,968 JPY

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

**Target Area:** Ksach Kandal District, Kandal Province, and Phnom Penh City, Kingdom of Cambodia

**Objective:** To develop an assessment tool for IE, meanwhile improving the mechanisms for supporting CWDs' education by establishing special education classes for children in need and resource centres as well as strengthening the capacity of the IE promotion committee.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan developed a checklist to assess the condition of IE in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the local groups that are committed to supporting of education for CWDs. In Ksach Kandal District, we engaged to create a system where the communities and the schools can promote IE along together through capacity-building activities. In addition, we newly opened special education classes, and 9 CWDs were enrolled in its classes. Also, for teachers and residents in 3 target villages, AAR Japan held awareness-raising activities and provided individual support for those children in need.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** Approximately 890 persons (230 members of an IE promotion committee; 10 teachers of adaptive classes; 9 CWDs attending adaptive classes; residents in 3 target villages; 640 teachers and students in public elementary and secondary schools)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 35 family members of CWDs attending adoptive classes



Participants learning how to teach children with intellectual disabilities (December 2019)

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

**Target Area:** Phnom Penh City, Kingdom of Cambodia

**Objective:** To improve the capabilities in project management and fundraising of a local NGO, AAR-WCD to ensure the organisation will be able to operate activities stably and independently.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan funded part of the production costs for assistive devices and the management fee of the organisation. As a board member, AAR Japan not only participated in the board meeting but also checked related documents to advise a director of the workshop and accounting staff to improve their management and financial skills as well as fundraising abilities.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 650 persons (8 staff of AAR-WCD; 642 P/CWDs received assistive devices)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 3,210 family members of P/CWDs who received assistive devices



A boy trying his new wheelchair at the WCD workshop (January 2020)

# 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 centre for persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the following year. In 2001, the foster parenting programme to assist the lives of children with physical and intellectual disabilities in Myanmar launched under the title, “Future of the Children in Myanmar”, involving supporters in Japan. In 2013, the Hpa-an Office was opened in Kayin State to support internally displaced persons and returnees.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 76,171,770 JPY

## 1 Operation of a Vocational Training Centre and Promotion of an 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 centre: tailoring, beauty/cosmetics and computers. Employment rate after graduation reached over 86%. AAR Japan visited corporations to carry out awareness raising activities and provided follow-ups with VTC graduates after their employment. AAR Japan also participated in the regular meeting of a national committee concerning the employment of PWDs as a member. In addition, together with a local partner organization, a proposal on employment of PWDs was prepared for the government and a meeting of experts was held to adopt the government's action plan on employment.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 200 trainees and graduates

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 19,100 persons (1,000 family members of PWDs; 100 persons including PWDs, members of a PWD supporting organisation and cooperate person in charge of recruitment; staff of 20 companies; 18,000 persons of the members and students of PWD-related groups)



A student attending a computer class in the vocational training centre (February 2020)

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

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

**Objective:** To improve the physical conditions of children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities while providing them opportunities to access education and promoting a hygienic environment.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted home-visits and provided rehabilitation services and assistive devices to children with disabilities (CWDs). We also provided stationeries with school-aged children and renovated barrier-free toilets at schools. To those who were not enrolled, AAR Japan took the initiative in consulting with schools, providing learning materials and offering financial aid to cover their home-tutoring fees. In addition, AAR Japan offered free health check-ups and excursions for CWDs. For their family members, it held workshops to raise awareness on hygiene and sanitation. Meanwhile, AAR Japan continued supporting the local NGO who runs welfare facility for CWDs.



A child with disabilities learning through home-based education (May 2019)



**Direct Beneficiaries:** 290 persons (33 children with intellectual and/or physical disabilities who participated in the home-visit programme; 230 CWDs attending the welfare facility run by local NGO and 27 staff in the facility)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 1,315 persons (165 family members of CWDs in the scope of home-visits; 1,150 family members of CWDs using the welfare facility run by local NGO)

### 3 Promotion of Community-based Rehabilitation (CBR)

**Target Area:** Hlaignbwe and Kya In Seikkyi Townships, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Objective:** To establish a system to promote CBR, conduct raising awareness on disabilities and provide basic welfare services.

**Achievement:** In the target areas, AAR Japan planned the activities for CBR and reviewed the progress situation in cooperation with the CBR committees. Then Awareness-raising workshops for community volunteers and training on welfare services were also carried out while constructing barrier-free facilities in schools and township offices in the target areas. AAR Japan supported 14 Self-Help Groups to carry out the income generation activities, special education for CWDs and other group activities such as music and cooking.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 600 PWDs

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 26,400 persons (2,400 family members of PWDs; 24,000 residents)



AAR staff monitoring a self-help group for PWDs carrying out income generation activities (October 2019)

### 4 Economic empowerment for PWDs in the Conflict-affected Areas and Urban Districts

**Target Area:** Hpa-an, Hlaignbwe, Myawaddy and Kawkareik Townships, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Objective:** To improve PWDs' livelihoods by expanding their income source through increasing the opportunities to allow PWDs to enjoy financial services and participate in activities to make a living.

**Achievement:** To launch this project, AAR Japan made adjustment of the planned activities and the way of collaboration with a partner organisation BRAC, while preparing a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the government authority.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,000 PWDs

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 4,000 family members of PWDs



AAR staff interviewing PWDs in a target area (May 2019)

# People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Cox's Bazar Office

In response to a large number of people who fled from Myanmar due to the conflict that occurred in Rakhine State in August 2017, AAR Japan started providing emergency assistance in refugee camps in Cox's Bazar District in the southeast Bangladesh in November 2017. AAR Japan has been implementing projects to provide protection for women and children as well as to improve the hygiene conditions in the refugee camps since June 2018. The hygiene project targets on the residents of host communities surrounding the camps as well.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 148,306,140 JPY

## 1 Emergency Assistance to the Refugees from Myanmar

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

**Objective:** To support the prolonged life of Muslim minorities fled from Myanmar by assisting them to independently and sustainably maintain facilities to improve water and hygiene conditions in the refugee camps. To support vulnerable populations such as women and children in the camp so that they will be able to respond and manage properly the protection risks.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan developed a mechanism for refugees to independently maintain water and hygiene facilities such as wells, toilets and bathing spaces by conducting repair training, awareness-raising activities and establishing a board committee. AAR Japan then continued to operate a woman-friendly space (WFS) and a child-friendly space (CFS), which was built for the purpose of improving responsiveness of various protection risks for women and children in the camp. Different seminars on protection issues, for instance, human trafficking and gender-based violence were carried out in the WFS. Besides, in order to relieve the stress of women who face protection risks, craftwork and sewing work therapies were offered to them. For those who experienced gender-based violence and other risks, AAR Japan referred them to organisations who expertise on the related field.

In the CFS, AAR Japan held various events such as singing, drama and sports as well as classes on calculation and basic English. Children facing protection risks, for instance, child labour and early marriage were referred to specific organisations dealing with these issues.

As assistance for the host communities, AAR Japan carried out maintenance work for 52 toilets, 52 bathing spaces and 24 wells constructed in 2018 and held repair workshops for residents who are willing to learn.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 34,228 persons (200 persons registered in the CFS; 400 persons registered in the WFS; 6,573 households, approximately 33,628 persons, using water and sanitation facilities)



Female participants receiving work therapy through sewing in a WFS (December 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.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 192,944 JPY

## 1 Women and Development

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

**Objective:** To establish a system which enables impoverished women, some of whose families have been missing to become independent financially.

**Achievement:** Based on a consultation in Mumbai, AAR Japan helped to proceed with judicial registration to establish a partner organisation and move the discussion forward on designs for the next production.

**Beneficiaries:** 20 impoverished women in the target areas

# Islamic Republic of Pakistan

## Islamabad Office, Haripur Office

When AAR Japan provided emergency assistance to the survivors of the great 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. When massive floods hit Pakistan in 2010, AAR Japan opened its office for the emergency assistance that eventually became the Islamabad Office today. Since then, AAR Japan has been engaging in improving the educational and hygiene environment for refugees fleeing from Afghanistan and residents in the host communities. 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. From November 2019, AAR Japan has started the project for children with disabilities to improve their learning environment.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 50,322,549 JPY

## 1 Improving 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 enrolment ratio of children and to decrease their drop-out ratio by improving the hygiene environment at Pakistani public girls' primary schools and primary schools in an Afghan refugee settlement.

**Achievement:** At 10 public girls' primary schools and 4 primary schools in the target Afghan refugee camp, AAR Japan built wells, handwashing facilities and toilets as well as installed water purifiers. Meanwhile, the mechanisms for maintaining these facilities were also set up at target schools. Furthermore, AAR Japan conducted training sessions for trainers on health and hygiene education to teachers and students' parents. Then, these participants initiated lessons and events for the students in each school to raise their awareness of hygiene.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,478 persons in the target Pakistani schools (1,275 students; 29 teachers; 174 members of parents' associations)

1,270 persons in the target Afghan schools in the refugee settlement (1,190 students; 20 teachers; 60 members of parents' association)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 6,370 students' family members from the target Pakistani schools and 5,950 from the target Afghan schools



A constructed well at a target school in the Afghan refugee settlement and Yasushi Oizumi, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (second from left) (July 2019)



## 2 Improving Water Facilities in an Afghan Refugee Settlement

**Target Area:** Panian Refugee Settlement in Haripur District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

**Objective:** To ensure access to safe water in the refugee settlement.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan constructed the deep-drilled well and the water point that any resident can obtain water. We also greened around the water point green by planting trees and allowed the place to use as resting area by installing benches. Then to maintain all facilities including the water point properly, AAR Japan established a management committee consisted of the local residents.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 3,500 residents (650 households)

## 3 Improving the Learning Environment for Children with Disabilities (CWDs)

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

**Objective:** To increase the opportunity of education for CWDs in order to grow their potential and ensure CWDs to obtain social participation through promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) in the target district.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided schooling support for CWDs and conducted training to raise awareness of CWDs' rights and importance of IE in 2 target schools in the centre of Haripur District and their surrounding communities. Furthermore, AAR Japan formed the Parents Teacher Association for the purpose of promotion of IE in these schools.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 916 persons (23 teachers; 893 students including 7 CWDs)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 4,460 family members of the students

# 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 northeast Afghanistan then began Mine Risk Education (MRE) and a physical therapy rehabilitation project. In 2008, the projects implemented in Takhar 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 areas of Kabul, through remote management from its headquarters in Tokyo. Since July 2016, a staff member from AAR Japan in charge of Afghan projects has been stationed at the Islamabad Office in Pakistan, which serves as the remote management hub for Afghan projects.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 74,232,996 JPY

## 1 Community-based Mine Risk Education (CBMRE) and Support for Children with Disabilities (CWDs)

**Target Area:** Kabul and Parwan Provinces, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**Objective:** To ensure children understand the risks of landmine and how to avoid them by conducting mine risk education and to establish the learning environment where any children, regardless of with or without of disabilities, can access to education through the methodology of comprehensive mine action.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan newly trained 110 local CBMRE instructors in 55 villages in Kabul and Parwan Provinces. A total of 140 instructors and AAR's female team carried out the sessions on MRE and how to support landmine victims in the target communities. In 20 villages out of 55, a local NGO cooperating with AAR Japan conducted training sessions for the instructor and MRE sessions due to security concerns. CBMRE instructors and AAR's female team held in total 1,533 workshops, and the number of participation at sessions were 57,264. Mainly children and women were able to learn about the dangers of landmines/UXO/IEDs and how to avoid the risks of them. Also AAR Japan produced a TV drama and broadcast the programme through a national TV station in order to reach out more people who has less information regarding risks of IEDs.

In the target 2 schools in Parwan Province, AAR Japan constructed classrooms for IE activities and strengthened the functions of extra-curricular classes for CWDs, which was highly appreciated by the education department of the province. These 2 schools held the awareness events for 180 children without disabilities. As of March 2020, 84 CWDs have attended the extra-curricular classes to learn sign language and braille.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** In total 57,960 persons (140 CBMRE instructors; 57,264 seminar participants; 30 board members of the target schools; 1 officer from the Ministry of Education; 1 officer from the Education Department in Parwan; 84 CWDs and 80 their parents; 180 students in the target schools)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Audience of TV programme; all residents in the target villages; all students in the target schools



Children receiving booklet on mine-risks in AAR workshops (December 2019)

## 2 Landmine and UXO Clearance

**Target Area:** Baghlan and Balkh Provinces, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**Objective:** To clear landmines and UXOs in order to prevent accidents caused by them and to ensure residents a safe living environment in the target areas.

**Achievement:** In cooperation with the Halo Trust, a British NGO specialized in the removal of landmines, the clearance of landmines and UXOs was carried out in Pul-i-Khumri District of Baghlan Province and Marmul District of Balkh Province. It removed 22 anti-personnel landmines and 4 UXOs which brought a safe living environment of 40,959m<sup>2</sup> of the land.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 632 residents

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 4,232 persons



Clearance work near Baghlan University  
(August 2019)

## 3 Capacity Building of Civil Society Organisations

**Target Area:** Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**Objective:** To improve the skills and abilities of Afghan Civil Society Organisations (CSO) so that they can put them into practice.

**Achievement:** 50 capacity building training sessions on basic knowledge of humanitarian responses and how to write convincing proposals for three prominent CSO network organisations in Afghanistan; Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR), Afghan NGO Coordination Bureau (ANCB) and South Western Afghanistan and Balochistan Association for Coordination (SWABAC) were carried out. And a guideline booklet on how to create sustainable project management was created.

This project was conducted in partnership with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ) and Japan International Volunteer Centre (JVC).

**Beneficiaries:** 1,206 staff of CSO network organisations (1,056 participated in the training and 150 joined the symposium)



CSO capacity building training in Kabul  
(November 2019)

# 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.



2019 fiscal year final settlement: 51,197,627 JPY

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

**Target Area:** Hissor City, Republic of Tajikistan

**Objective:** To increase access to education for CWDs by arranging a learner-friendly environment for all children including CWDs at schools.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan newly selected 3 target schools and provided barrier-free construction, educational materials and assistive devices for CWDs. So-called resource classrooms were opened in the 3 schools to offer a better learning environment for CWDs. To develop human resources to enable effective interaction with CWDs, AAR Japan developed human resources with hands-on skills of IE by conducting IE seminars, sign language training and Training of Trainers(ToT) for school teachers and local medical workers. In addition, AAR Japan also invited the principals and teachers of the 3 target schools to visit former target schools to observe the practices of IE. Furthermore, AAR Japan invited a Japanese expert in IE to observe current and former target schools to advise how they can create a better learning environment. Various activities in schools, parent gatherings and communities contributed to raising awareness of IE.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 4,453 persons (46 CWDs learning regular classes, 60 CWDs learning in the resource classrooms and 31 CWDs attending both the regular class and resource class at 7 target schools; 22 CWDs receiving home-based education provided by a partner organisation; 250 family members and guardians of CWDs; 168 teachers participating in seminars and training; 50 medical workers participating in seminars; 476 parents in 10 schools who joined a gathering activity; 50 CWDs receiving a home-visit by the staff of AAR; 3,300 persons who joined awareness-raising activities)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 13,171 persons (approximately 12,959 students with no disabilities in 7 target schools; 212 teachers except those who received seminars and training)



A boy with speech impairment (left) learning with his classmate in the resource classroom (February 2020)

## 2 Disability and Financial Development

**Target Area:** Dushanbe City, Republic of Tajikistan

**Objective:** To promote employment and social participation of PWDs so that they will be able to be socially and financially independent.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted an assessment of livelihood support and vocational training for PWDs and planed the future project.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 14 PWDs in Hissor City

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 75 family members of PWDs



# Republic of Croatia

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 0 JPY

## 1 Pre-assessment of Refugee Assistance

**Target Area:** Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Objective:** To assess the feasibility of project implementation for refugees mainly from Syria who fled ahead to Europe but were not permitted to enter thus eventually remaining in the former Yugoslavian countries (Republic of Croatia, Republic of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina).

**Achievement:** The assessment suspended as the assessment resource was insufficient.

**Beneficiaries:** N/A

# Japan

## Tokyo Headquarters, 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 Cities for each affected prefecture. The offices in Morioka and Soma were closed in 2013 and 2014 respectively, after transferring their function to the Sendai office. The Sendai office closed in March 2019, and all the administration regarding long-term support for the people affected by the disaster was integrated into the Tokyo Headquarters. Foreseeing the possibility that a large-scale earthquake will hit the capital area, AAR Japan set up the Saga office in August 2016 to enable the organisation to maintain its functions and activities even under such circumstances. Since 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, the Eastern Hokkaido Earthquake and typhoons Faxai (#15) and Hagibis (#19).



## 1 Aid to People Affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 49,228,159 JPY

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

**Objective:** To help maintain the physical and mental health of the survivors, mainly persons with disabilities (PWDs), elderly persons and children, and to strengthen the communities in the disaster-affected areas to be more disaster resilient and able to accommodate the needs of every person with or without disabilities.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided manufacturing equipment to 24 disability welfare facilities and supported them to widen sales by adding new menus and products. In addition, in order to maintain the health of elderly people affected by the disaster and to avoid them being separated from their communities, AAR Japan carried out in total 86 various interactive events such as massage therapy, active listening sessions, chatting time over a cup of tea, handcrafting and community festivals in the temporary residence and public housing areas.

AAR Japan held an overnight field trip programme called “Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku” 3 times in West Aizu inviting children and their guardians living in the Hamadori region of Fukushima Prefecture to alleviate stress and problems related to insufficient exercise. The programme encouraged participants to interact and strengthened the resilience of the disaster-affected community. Furthermore, AAR Japan supplied bottles of mineral water to 3 nursery schools and kindergartens in Fukushima.

To allow local community organisations to continue their aid works in the disaster affected areas, AAR Japan assisted 3 local organizations which focus on supporting children and youths as well as people reconstructing their livelihoods. In addition, AAR Japan assisted an organisation in Tokyo providing aid for those who were evacuated to different cities and prefectures.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 7,100 persons (2,982 persons benefited from disability related activities; 3,502 persons joined interactive activities; 350 persons benefited from water aid; 165 persons joined “Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku”; 100 persons benefited from assistance for local community organisations to continue their operations)



Volunteers of physical therapists giving a massage to elderly people in a community centre (August 2019)



Takeji Asano, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (right) instructing how to cook rice under emergency conditions to children who participated in “Waku-Waku Kodomo Juku” (February 2020)

## 2 Aid to People Affected by the Torrential Rain in Northern Kyushu (Completed)

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 626,864 JPY

**Target Area:** Parts of Northern Kyushu affected by the torrential rain

**Objective:** To enhance resilience in the disaster-affected communities by supporting establishment of a sustainable administrative structure of local organisations working in the areas.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan provided management support for local organizations which support self-help groups consisting of people living in the disaster-affected areas. In July 2019, 140 households (approximately 30% of the residents) in temporary housing were forced to leave by Asakura City, despite the fact that they were still not able to find new accommodation. AAR Japan acted as a coordinator between the residents in temporary housing and Asakura city, Fukuoka Prefecture and a self-help group, and contributed to create a foundation of sustainable activities for rebuilding the community of Asakura city. Furthermore, AAR Japan supported a local organisation which provides a playground with children suffered from the disaster. AAR Japan also promoted communication among the generation raising children in the area where has less young people while improving the settlement condition of the affected families.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 1,500 persons (300 persons needed livelihood support, 1,200 children and parents)



People moving out at Miyano Danchi, temporary housing in Asakura City (August 2019)



Provision of the play car at the opening ceremony of the playground (September 2019)

## 3 Aid to People Affected by the Torrential Rain in West Japan (Completed)

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 33,428,366 JPY

**Target Area:** Okayama and Ehime Prefectures

**Objective:** To contribute to reconstruction of the disaster-affected areas by rebuilding the welfare facilities where persons with disabilities live and improving the living condition of people who left behind the assistance.

**Achievement:** In Mabi city, Okayama prefecture, AAR Japan continued to support 2 disability welfare facilities. We provided furniture and equipment to these facilities and helped to rebuild the residences with health and welfare services for PWDs. Through this response, 31 PWDs and 94 family members of them were able to bring their lives back to the original, and also the working environment of welfare facility where 12 staffs work was improved. In addition, our activity contributed to strengthen its operational infrastructure of the welfare facilities and promote the social activities towards self-reliance of PWDs in the affected area. In Ozu City, Ehime Prefecture, in order to improve the environment surrounding children with developmental disability, AAR Japan held 4 meetings in cooperated with local organisations to launch a network aimed at enhancing collaboration among households, the education sector and the welfare sector. This network is planned to start its operation in upcoming summer 2020.

Also, AAR Japan prepared a questionnaire for PWDs and professionals in welfare facilities to produce a book focusing on disaster prevention and mitigation as well as the quality of aid to ensure no one is left behind regardless of disabilities during a disaster.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 237 persons (137 persons benefited from assistance for disability welfare facilities; 100 persons benefited from support for local organisations)



A resident for PWDs reconstructed in Mabi town (November 2019)



A meeting discussing how to establish networks for connecting households and education as well as welfare sectors (November 2019)

## 4 Aid to People Affected by the Earthquake in Eastern Iburi Region, Hokkaido (Completed)

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 3,579,635 JPY

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

**Objective:** To support damaged welfare facilities for PWDs which were not able to utilize the legal system such as the Disaster Relief Act or national budget for reconstruction due to an institutional constraint.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan completed assistance for the relocation of 2 group homes and reconstruction of their manufacturing facilities.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 250 persons including PWDs and their family members as well as staffs of disability welfare facilities



Yuki Sakurai, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (right) receiving a certificate of gratitude from a disability welfare facility (July 2019)

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

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 1,072,162 JPY

**Target Area:** Saga City, Takeo City and Omachi Town, Saga Prefecture

**Objective:** To deliver emergency assistance items and improve living conditions after the disaster. To assist PWDs, who left behind aid activities, by reconstructing operation of the disability welfare facilities.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted a needs assessment in the critically affected area in Saga right after the torrential rain occurred on August 27th 2019. AAR Japan then visited the town office, evacuation shelters and 8 welfare facilities for elderly and PWDs in order to deliver emergency assistance items. For a heavily damaged disability welfare facility, furniture and equipment were also provided. Furthermore, AAR Japan delivered a few set of cleaning equipment for an elderly welfare facility which played a role as a volunteer centre.

To ensure the quality of aid activities that are able to accommodate individual needs, AAR Japan carried out a case management workshop with local member organisations of the disaster aid network to explore how to plan aid activities and how to cooperate with other organisations efficiently.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 485 persons including PWDs



Takumi Takagi, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (left) delivering sets of cleaning equipment to an elderly day-care centre (September 2019)



## 6 Aid to People Affected by Typhoon Faxai (#15) and Hagibis (#19)

2019 fiscal year final settlement: 35,747,292 JPY

**Target Area:** Chiba, Saitama, Tochigi, Nagano, Fukushima and Miyagi Prefectures

**Objective:** To deliver emergency assistance items and improve their living conditions after the disaster. To assist PWDs who can be left behind by aid activities by reconstructing the operation of disability welfare facilities.

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted a needs assessment in Chiba Prefecture right after Typhoon Faxai hit on September 9th 2019. AAR Japan then visited the town office, evacuation shelters and 17 welfare facilities for the elderly and PWDs to deliver emergency assistance items. For 3 heavily damaged elderly and disability welfare facilities, furniture and equipment were also provided.

Responding to serious flood damage caused by Typhoon Hagibis that passed through the Japanese archipelago between October 12th and 13th 2019, AAR Japan provided food assistance at evacuation shelters in Nagano, Fukushima and Miyagi Prefectures in cooperation with the NPO “Peace Project”. In total, 4,930 sets of meals were enjoyed by people affected. Furthermore, AAR Japan visited 46 nursery centres and disability welfare facilities to deliver emergency assistance items. For 11 critically damaged disability welfare facilities, AAR Japan assisted with the repair of buildings and supplied furniture and equipment as well as cars for providing their services.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 6,280 persons (4,930 persons received food assistance; 350 persons received emergency supplies; 1,000 persons benefited from reconstructions of disability welfare centres)



Mitsuru Namatame, a program coordinator of AAR Japan (right) delivering emergency aid items to an elderly welfare facility (September 2019)

# Activities in Japan

## 1 Assessment, Research, and Advocacy

### 1-1 Study / Research

**Achievement:** AAR Japan conducted study and research on issues related to projects in order to develop expertise and conduct projects which would benefit more people.

To improve of the quality of aid, AAR Japan also carried out a post-survey for completed projects and composed a list of project indicators useful for current and future projects.

### 1-2 Assistance to Refugees

**Achievement:** In December 2018, the United Nations General Assembly affirmed the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) that showed the determination and action plans of countries around the world to align and address the refugee issues. The framework stated that governments should join and work together with various social actors based on the idea of a “comprehensive approach to society as a whole” thus civil groups were expected to take a proactive role.

AAR Japan joined the annual gathering of the UNHCR and NGOs in July 2019 to collect information on what each country or actor had learned by practising GCR and how to provide better refugee assistance and to network with concerned individuals inside and outside Japan.

### 1-3 Campaigns to Ban Landmines

**Achievement:** AAR Japan proactively engaged in building a network with other organisations that address landmine problems in Japan and abroad and disseminated information to raise awareness on landmine issues. With reference to the change in policy for antipersonnel mines in the United States, AAR Japan issued a press release demanding its reconsideration and rescindment. The president and staff participated in the 4th review conference on the Landmine Ban Treaty at the end of November 2019 to advocate the Japanese and other governments.

AAR Japan also tried to strengthen staff capacity to implement projects more effectively by reviewing and revising the contents of materials for internal training.

### 1-4 Disability and Development

**Achievement:** AAR Japan participated in international conferences related to disabilities in Macau and Mongolia in June and July 2019 respectively to present their activities in Myanmar and Japan and also held a symposium in December 2019 in Tokyo to share case studies in Cambodia, Myanmar and Japan.

AAR Japan promoted understanding on issues related to disability and development and expanded networks among related organisations through participation in planning and policymaking meetings of the Japan Council on Disability (JD), board meetings of the Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET) and CBR Asia-Pacific Network.

Through regular internal study sessions and meetings as well as external seminars on disability-related issues and Inclusive Education, the knowledge of staff was enhanced thus the quality of projects in the field improved. A working team from AAR Japan worked on assessments while holding a meeting to continue promoting disability-inclusive policies and perspectives on reasonable accommodation for those who have difficulties in any field such as emergency response, reconstruction actions, development assistance and disaster risk reduction.

### 1-5 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 participated in a committee meeting held in Washington D.C. in December 2019 to discuss further strategies of the campaign.

AAR Japan also participated in the 2nd international conference held in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina, to network with active campaign members from the South America region and the Asia Pacific region. AAR Japan also has planned regular meetings with domestic concerned bodies.

### 1-6 Response to Infectious Diseases

**Achievement:** 4 staff participated in pieces of seminars on infectious diseases, tropical medicine and sanitary surveys. AAR Japan also held internal study sessions by inviting an expert on the construction of water sanitation and hygiene facilities to deepen staff's knowledge regarding infectious diseases.

AAR Japan also participated in several meetings to network with concerned bodies such as the general assembly of Japan Alliance on Global Neglected Tropical Diseases (JAGntd), the conference of an all-party parliamentary group to eradicate Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and a regular gathering for MOFA and NGOs on Global Issues Initiative Okinawa Infectious Disease Initiative (GII/IDI).

## 1-7 Education and Public Awareness Raising (Promotion of Education for International Understanding)

**Achievement:** The Tokyo office, together with the Saga office, promoted a “Support Programme of Education for International Understanding” and conducted a total of 70 lectures and workshops in the fiscal year.

During the summer holidays, the Tokyo office organised a workshop with the theme of SDGs for children and their parents which was well received. Meanwhile, the Tokyo office accepted students from nearby schools to do volunteer work for some operational work or events.

Furthermore, AAR Japan participated in the Global Festival 2019 at the Symbol Promenade Park of Odaiba and set up some booths to introduce our activities.

## 2 Assistance to Refugees in Japan

**Achievement:** AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Support 21, its sister organisation and a social welfare foundation. AAR Japan encouraged relationship-building among refugees and foreign residents in Japan, and its staff developed knowledge on issues affecting refugees in the country. As refugee examination counsellor 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 observing procedures in which petitioners presented their statements, submitting her opinion to the Minister of Justice upon the hearing.

### \* “Support 21”

AAR Japan has been assisting refugees both in Japan and outside the country since 1979 when it was established. In 1992, Support 21 was established as a social welfare corporation, 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 advertisements and information dissemination through its website and SNS as core communication tools. By using Facebook and Twitter to share information, followers increased each year (9,512 followers in 2019), thus AAR Japan could reach a further range of people. AAR Japan also worked on activating an Instagram account which opened the previous year.

As for improving the utilization of the website, AAR Japan considered remodelling it based on the result of traffic and other analysis, and advice offered by a production company while starting to outsource updating operations which required some expertise to raise efficiency.

In print form advertisements, AAR Japan prepared an easy to read annual report summary of the yearly activity results. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the foundation, AAR Japan made a photo album called “Flowers-When You’re Smiling” collecting the smiles of the children who had received support, and a book of interviews with those who have contributed a lot to the organisation since its founding, along with a collection of documents that traced past activities and events.

When participating in international conferences such as TICAD7 or those related to mines or disabilities, AAR Japan took the opportunity to present their expertise and worked on active publicity.

AAR Japan received pro-bono work from companies when reviewing the overall PR activity including supporter’s correspondence.

## 4 Public Relations and Fundraising

**Achievement:** While continuing regular visits to 77 existing donor corporations and organisations to maintain and deepen relationships, AAR Japan visited 30 new places and tried to establish new connections. In 2019, AAR Japan faced a series of domestic emergency responses due to the torrential rain in northern Kyushu through August to September, Typhoon Faxai (#15) in September and Typhoon Hagibis (#19) in October, which led to 62 donations and as much as 17 million yen in support from corporations and organisations.

With regard to gaining small scale grants and donation programmes, AAR Japan visited the existing donor corporations and foundations as well as trying to network with new ones.

AAR Japan also endeavoured to establish relationships with corporations by participating in study sessions organised by Global Compact Network Japan (GCNJ). It continued selling charity products developed with the collaboration of corporations. Information on charity fairs as well as AAR Japan’s co-operation with corporations was shared through SNS such as Facebook and Twitter.

Furthermore, with regard to the supporter system for corporations that started in April 2018, AAR Japan worked to maintain the relationship with 7 member companies by holding a networking event on February 5th 2020 and carried out a second consecutive seminar on the promotion of understanding of SDGs following one the previous year.

## 5 For-profit Projects

**Achievement:** AAR Japan's fundraising team carried out 5 events requiring charges such as ones for children, a symposium about disabilities and various seminars. The book "Shock of a Million Myanmar Refugees" authored by a former expatriate in Bangladesh was published for charity. This earned notable publicity by appearing in nationwide newspapers.

AAR Japan continued to collaborate with Rokkatei Confectionery and sold charity chocolates in two flavours, milk and white. Message cards with illustrations of flowers painted by children supported by AAR Japan in Turkey were attached to purchases of charity chocolates around the season of Valentine's Day and White Day. Jiji Press, Kyodo News, and 10 local newspapers introduced the charity chocolates in articles which attracted 255 new supporters through the charity merchandise.

## 6 Supporter and Donor Relations

**Achievement:** Considering the preference of each individual and the relationship that has been established, AAR Japan responded promptly and courteously to inquiries from supporters and donors.

At the event of celebrating the 40th anniversary, AAR Japan presented appreciation letters to those who have supported the organisation for years with comments on the determination to see the success of forthcoming activities from the Chairperson and the President.

AAR Japan made an effort to show courtesy to new donors and supporters to earn trust from them and also analysed their motivation for starting to donate in order to deepen our relationship with our supporters.

## 7 Fundraising

**Achievement:** In addition to twice yearly fundraising 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 northern Kyushu at the end of August, Typhoon Faxai (#15) in September and Typhoon Hagibis (#19) in October.

AAR Japan also carried out donation campaigns for emergency food assistance for internally displaced people in Syria in late February 2020.

To leverage the opportunity of its 40th anniversary, AAR Japan appealed for donations to existing supporters in April and September mainly to increase monthly supporters.

In the fiscal year 2019, AAR Japan received a total of 29,684 donations amounting to 305,322,638 yen. As of the end of March 2020, AAR Japan had 161 regular members, 630 associate members and 1,681 monthly supporters.

AAR Japan started fundraising for the emergency response to the global crisis caused by COVID-19.

## 8 NGO Counsellor

**Achievement:** AAR Japan was entrusted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan with the service of consulting NGOs and gaining international cooperation from the general public, corporations, students and media. AAR Japan then responded to 464 inquiries from April 2019 to March 2020. Many of them were about refugee issues and current situations which AAR Japan answered with expertise. There were inquiries or requests for the visiting lecture programme from schools and students, therefore AAR Japan contributed to promoting the understanding of the younger generation on international cooperation. AAR Japan reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the feedback received from inquirers and case examples which highlighted what triggered a person's involvement in international cooperation, advocating the essential role of Japanese NGOs in promoting international cooperation.

## 9 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Achievement:** Celebrating the 40th anniversary of its foundation, AAR Japan held memorial events in June and November.

On June 22nd there was an event called "Gathering for the 40th Anniversary" to present its 40 years of history and to convey gratitude. On November 9th, AAR Japan held a symposium called "Japanese Society Unclosed by Refugees" to review the 40 years since the acceptance Indo-Chinese refugees. This was followed by a reunion event "Gathering for the 40th Anniversary -AAR and Support 21" with a round-table talk of former refugee students on November 17th.

AAR Japan made an anniversary photo album called "Flowers-When You're Smiling", a book of collected interviews "Record of those who established the international NGO in Japan" and "Steps in 40 Years" that traced past activities and events. These were handed out to those who have supported the organisation for years and companies as well as volunteers in order to seek further support.

A total of 2,734 photo albums were presented to individuals, corporations, donors, and purchasers of the charity chocolate.



# Project Implementation and Organisational Structure

**Achievement:** AAR Japan implemented 36 projects (29 overseas and 7 in Japan) with 83 employees (55 domestic and 28 overseas) and 318 local employees working at the offices overseas.

At the Tokyo Headquarters, 9 employees took maternity/parental leave during the year resulting in several employees' promotion to managerial roles and the hiring of new members to sustain the ongoing projects. Furthermore, a new flexible time system introduced from January 2019 to facilitate various working styles for the employees. AAR Japan also adopted a flexible approach to the work by expanding telework in response to situations arising due to COVID-19 such as the temporary closure of schools.

For the overseas operations, AAR Japan maintained the assignment of multiple personnel per office to avoid overwork and maintain the health of the staff.

At the Tokyo Headquarters, approximately 350 volunteers actively participated in distributing newsletters and conducting public awareness events.

In September, AAR Japan held training programmes and conferences in which the expatriate employees and all the domestic employees from Tokyo and Saga attended. They discussed issues related to projects to offer higher quality support.

AAR Japan continued to advance its activities in Japan and overseas in cooperation with other organisations specialized in various sectors, for example, AAR Japan and Support 21 continued to jointly implement projects in the Tohoku region and also support people affected by Typhoon Faxai (#15) and Typhoon Hagibis (#19).

# Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020

## Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2020

USD1=JPY 108.83

### Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,042,439,506	9,578,604
Accounts Receivable - Trade	549,483	5,049
Other Account Receivables	15,629,179	143,611
Advance Payments	3,353,253	30,812
Supplies	2,100,731	19,303
Inventories	2,667,861	24,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,066,740,013</b>	<b>9,801,893</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Vehicles	2,137,459	19,640
Equipments	3,616,837	33,234
Buildings and Structures	31,407,459	288,592
Office Rental Deposit	8,665,260	79,622
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,827,015</b>	<b>421,088</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,112,567,028</b>	<b>10,222,981</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Advance Received	631,458,975	5,802,251
Account Payable - Non-trade	83,802,203	770,029
Temporarily Received	5,700,337	52,378
Tax Payable	70,000	643
<b>Total</b>	<b>721,031,515</b>	<b>6,625,301</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	7,525,000	69,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,525,000</b>	<b>69,145</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>728,556,515</b>	<b>6,694,446</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	298,764,822	2,745,243
Gain(Loss) for the Year	-17,750,882	-163,107
<b>Balance at the End of the Year</b>	<b>281,013,940</b>	<b>2,582,136</b>
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	104,054,653	956,121
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	-1,058,080	-9,722
<b>Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>102,996,573</b>	<b>946,399</b>
<b>Total Amount of Net Assets</b>	<b>384,010,513</b>	<b>3,528,535</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,112,567,028</b>	<b>10,222,981</b>

# Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

USD1=JPY 108.83

## Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>General Accounting</b>			
<b>Membership Fees and Donations</b>			
Membership Fees	3,682,000	33,834	
Donations	305,322,638	2,805,501	
<b>Total</b>	<b>309,004,638</b>	<b>2,839,335</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
<b>Grants, etc.</b>			
Domestic Private Funds	48,418,568	444,901	
Domestic Public Funds	1,005,991,309	9,243,695	
International Funds	320,109,395	2,941,371	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,374,519,272</b>	<b>12,629,967</b>	<b>80.1%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Project Income	10,988,128	100,966	
Interest Income	354,818	3,260	
Miscellaneous Income	4,681,900	43,020	
Others	2,490,419	22,884	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,515,265</b>	<b>170,130</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Total Income of General Accounting</b>		<b>1,702,039,175</b>	<b>15,639,432</b>
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Operating Income (Sales)	11,421,340	104,947	<b>0.7%</b>
Non-operating Income	1,319,298	12,123	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting</b>		<b>12,740,638</b>	<b>117,070</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>(A) 1,714,779,813</b>	<b>15,756,502</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	398,095,512	3,657,957	
Syria	216,408,414	1,988,500	
Sudan	31,043,466	285,247	
Kenya	67,910,757	624,008	
Uganda	156,406,796	1,437,166	
Zambia	36,540,834	335,761	
Laos	51,656,153	474,650	
Cambodia	35,094,968	322,475	
Myanmar (Burma)	76,171,770	699,915	
Bangladesh	148,306,140	1,362,732	
India	192,944	1,773	
Pakistan	50,322,549	462,396	
Afghanistan	74,232,996	682,100	
Tajikistan	51,197,627	470,437	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,393,580,926</b>	<b>12,805,117</b>	<b>80.6%</b>
<b>Domestic Project Expenses</b>			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	49,228,159	452,341	
Emergency Relief for Northern Kyushu Heavy Rain Disaster	1,699,026	15,612	
Emergency Relief for West Japan Heavy Rain Disaster	33,428,366	307,161	
Emergency Relief for Hokkaido Earthquake Victims	3,579,635	32,892	
Emergency Relief for Victims from Typhoon No. 15	13,677,857	125,681	
Emergency Relief for Victims from Typhoon No. 19	22,069,435	202,788	
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,682,478</b>	<b>1,136,475</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Research (Incl. Campaign to stop Killer Robots)	3,510,542	32,258	
Global Compact on Refugees	361,737	3,325	
Mine Action	3,737,558	34,343	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	3,502,137	32,180	
Infection	1,240,680	11,400	
Public Awareness	19,587,464	179,982	
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,940,118</b>	<b>293,488</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>PR and Fund raising</b>			
Public Relations	63,063,799	579,471	
Fund Raising	11,524,298	105,893	
40th Anniversary Events	10,190,790	93,640	
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,778,887</b>	<b>779,004</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	45,936,791	422,097	
Others	27,311,028	250,951	
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,247,819</b>	<b>673,048</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<b>Other Expenditure</b>			
Fixed Assets	1,272,126	11,689	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,921,049	17,652	
Loss on Foreign Exchange	6,235,794	57,298	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,428,969</b>	<b>86,639</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure of General Accounting</b>	<b>1,716,659,197</b>	<b>15,773,771</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Purchases	5,493,324	50,476	0.3%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	6,488,070	59,618	0.4%
<b>Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting</b>	<b>11,981,394</b>	<b>110,094</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(B) 1,728,640,591</b>	<b>15,883,865</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)</b>	<b>-13,860,778</b>	<b>-127,363</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)</b>	<b>354,870,684</b>	<b>3,260,780</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)</b>	<b>341,009,906</b>	<b>3,133,417</b>	



# Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

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Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>I Operating Income</b>		
<b>1 Membership Fees</b>		
Regular Membership Fees	847,000	7,783
Associate Membership Fees	2,835,000	26,050
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,682,000</b>	<b>33,833</b>
<b>2 Donations</b>		
Donations	250,832,480	2,304,810
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	58,752,308	539,854
Gain on Donation of Assets	5,155,813	47,375
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>314,740,601</b>	<b>2,892,039</b>
<b>3 Grants, etc.</b>		
Private Funds	47,842,912	439,611
Public Funds	1,323,676,360	12,162,790
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,371,519,272</b>	<b>12,602,401</b>
<b>4 Operating Income (Sales)</b>		
Charity Goods Sale	9,839,729	90,414
Commissioned Project	12,569,739	115,499
Miscellaneous Operating Income	3,704,590	34,041
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>26,114,058</b>	<b>239,954</b>
<b>5 Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	354,839	3,260
Miscellaneous Income	4,681,906	43,020
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>5,036,745</b>	<b>46,280</b>
<b>Operating Income Total (A)</b>	<b>1,721,092,676</b>	<b>15,814,507</b>
<b>II Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>1 Project Expenses</b>		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	299,785,655	2,754,623
Retirement Benefits Expenses	345,000	3,170
Legal Welfare Expenses	35,998,232	330,775
Welfare Expenses	2,276,240	20,916
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>338,405,127</b>	<b>3,109,484</b>
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	397,491,248	3,652,405
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	759,401,367	6,977,868
Overseas Travel Expenses	56,295,671	517,281
Local Travel Expenses	12,392,214	113,868
Depreciation Expenses	4,148,514	38,119
Printing Expenses	14,056,783	129,163
Advertizing Expenses	3,393,042	31,177
Communications Expenses	15,544,039	142,829
Rent	8,676,254	79,723
Fees/Charges	21,140,706	194,254
Sales Cost	3,975,566	36,530
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	3,317,168	30,480
Other Expense Items	15,985,168	146,882
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,315,817,740</b>	<b>12,090,579</b>
<b>Project Expenses Total</b>	<b>1,654,222,867</b>	<b>15,200,063</b>

<b>2 Administrative Expenses</b>		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	33,114,684	304,279
Retirement Benefits Expenses	4,195,000	38,546
Legal Welfare Expenses	7,167,107	65,856
Welfare Expenses	440,941	4,052
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>44,917,732</b>
2) Other Expenses		
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	725,350	6,665
Utilities Expenses	1,103,727	10,142
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	1,201,262	11,038
Rent	15,682,676	144,103
Travel Expenses	650,515	5,977
Fees/ Charges	4,675,521	42,962
Depreciation Expenses	174,736	1,606
Sundry Expenses	98,500	905
Other Administrative Expenses	2,850,436	26,192
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>27,162,723</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses Total</b>	<b>72,080,455</b>	<b>662,323</b>
<b>3 Other Expenses</b>		
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,921,049	17,652
Loss on Foreign Exchange	6,235,794	57,298
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,156,843</b>
<b>Other Expenses Total</b>	<b>8,156,843</b>	<b>74,950</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure Total</b>	<b>(B)</b>	<b>1,734,460,165</b>
<b>Net Income from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(C)=(A)-(B)</b>	<b>-13,367,489</b>
<b>III Non-Operating Loss</b>		
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	4,313,393	39,634
<b>Non-Operating Loss</b>	<b>4,313,393</b>	<b>39,634</b>
<b>Net Income from Non-Operating Activities</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>-4,313,393</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>(C)+(D)</b>	<b>-17,680,882</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Total Net Income	-17,680,882	-162,463
Taxes	70,000	643
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-17,750,882	-163,106
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	298,764,822	2,745,243
Balance at the End of the Year	281,013,940	2,582,137
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *</b>		
Donations	54,694,228	502,566
Grants, etc.	3,000,000	27,566
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-58,752,308	-539,854
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-1,058,080	-9,722
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	104,054,653	956,121
Balance at the End of the Year	102,996,573	946,399
<b>Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year</b>	<b>384,010,513</b>	<b>3,528,536</b>

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

Profitable Business Accounting  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2020

USD1=JPY 108.83

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Operating Income (Sales)</b>			
Goods	9,839,729	90,414	
Projects Commissioned Income	1,581,611	14,533	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,421,340</b>	<b>104,947</b>	<b>89.6%</b>
<b>Non-operating Income</b>			
Copyright Royalty	1,319,271	12,122	
Miscellaneous Income	6	0	
Interest Received	21	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,319,298</b>	<b>12,122</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(E) 12,740,638</b>	<b>117,069</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Purchases</b>			
Goods	5,431,978	49,913	
Projects Commissioned Expenses	243,225	2,235	
Transfer to Other Account	-181,879	-1,671	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,493,324</b>	<b>50,477</b>	<b>45.8%</b>
<b>Selling and Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	2,887,033	26,528	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	2,311,437	21,239	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,198,470</b>	<b>47,767</b>	<b>43.4%</b>
<b>Income taxes</b>	<b>1,289,600</b>	<b>11,850</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(F) 11,981,394</b>	<b>110,094</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss)</b>	<b>(E-F)=(G) 759,244</b>	<b>6,975</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. Disability and development, 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 16 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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