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Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Annual Report 2020



 **AAR Japan**
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Since 1979

AAR Japan conducted barrier-free construction of school facilities, set up learning support rooms. The photo shows Fakhriddin commuting to school in a wheelchair provided by AAR. (Tajikistan, November 2020)

On behalf of the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), I would like to present to you our 2020 Annual Report. During the fiscal year 2020, AAR Japan implemented 36 projects in 16 countries including Japan and directly supported 476,035 persons. I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for all your generous donations, contributions, grants and subsidies.

In 1979, Yukika Soma, the first president of AAR, founded AAR to support Indochinese refugees. Initially, it was expected that AAR would no longer be needed once the situation calmed down. However, AAR's activities have expanded from refugee assistance to support for persons with disabilities, mine action, emergency assistance for disaster-affected people, and action against infectious disease. Because, right in front of us, there were people in need of help.

Today, the number of refugees worldwide continues to increase, and natural disasters are becoming more frequent and more prominent in scale. And then, the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, the reality is that AAR is needed in more and more situations.

We cannot support everyone, but we will continue to grow AAR to provide support to as many people as possible. We sincerely ask for your continued support and cooperation.

August 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Yoshiteru HORIE.

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

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Our Values

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

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

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

- ※ Article 1 of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees defines "refugee" as "(a person who) owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country..." In addition to such refugees, AAR Japan is committed to supporting all those faced with adversities in general, and our activities focus on serving the most vulnerable individuals on a long-term basis.
- ※ Mine risk education, or MRE, refers to educational activities aimed at reducing the risk of injury from landmines by raising awareness and promoting behavioral change. Through MRE, we educate people on the existence of landmine contaminated areas, how to identify them, and what actions should be taken when encountering a landmine. AAR Japan will explore alternative means of expressions that will convey this initiative more easily and accurately.
- ※ "Inclusive Education (IE)" denotes that all children should be accepted, without any restrictions, in local educational programs so that they can learn together. Putting this policy into practice includes identifying the needs of children with disabilities and removing their physical and social barriers by adjusting teaching methods, materials, classrooms, learning environment, and educational system as a whole to their special needs.

Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2020 (April 2020 – March 2021)

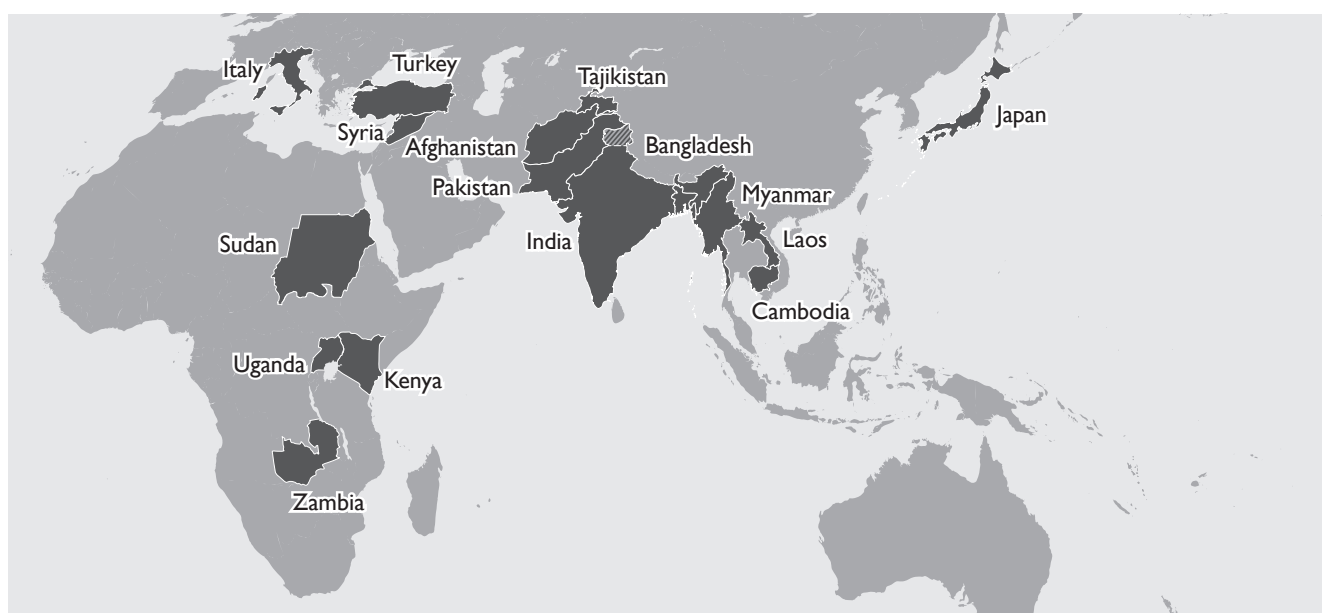
During the fiscal year 2020, we received 30,517 warm donations from people in Japan and abroad and implemented 36 projects in 16 countries including Japan.

In response to the spread of COVID-19 overseas, we distributed hygiene products, food and also supported the provision of information on infectious diseases and hygiene education to refugees and households with persons with disabilities in 13 countries. Especially in Turkey, where we have been assisting Syrian refugees living throughout the city, we provided support according to individual needs by providing information, rehabilitation guidance, and the support program for parents and children via telephone and online even under COVID-19 pandemic. In Bangladesh, we held group discussions and counseling sessions on topics such as violence and child marriage. We focused on activities to protect women and children whose situation is worsening due to COVID-19 pandemic. In Uganda, where we have been providing educational support to refugees from South Sudan we started educational support for refugee children who fled from the Democratic Republic of Congo. We built classrooms and distributed textbooks and other educational materials. In addition to these emergency support activities, we continued to focus on the areas of mine and unexploded ordnance countermeasures and support for persons with disabilities, and carried out a wide range of activities.

In Japan, we distributed hygiene products to welfare facilities as part of our support for countermeasures against COVID-19, and we also supported the introduction of information and communication equipment and services which is necessary for the preparation of telework environments at disability-related organizations. As for the support for the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake, we continued to perform activities for their mental and physical well-being and provide support for strengthening the affected communities in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, mainly targeting persons with disabilities, the elderly, and children. In Kumamoto and Saga prefectures, which suffered serious damages from the torrential rains that occurred in July 2020, we distributed drinking water and other supplies, cooked meals, and supported the reconstruction of welfare facilities. In addition, we also provided drinking water and home appliances to welfare facilities in both Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures that were damaged by the 7.3-magnitude earthquake that occurred in February 2021. In the course of our activities, we took all possible measures against COVID-19, such as having our staff undergo PCR testing before traveling from Tokyo to other prefectures.

On the accounting side, the total revenue, excluding the amount carried over from the previous fiscal year, was approximately 1,714 million yen. For the expenditures, approximately 1,186 million yen (76.7% of the total expenditures for this fiscal year) for overseas support activities, while 197 million yen (12.8%) for support activities in Japan. For details, please see the next page.

Countries in which the AAR Japan works [map follows]



Emergency Assistance

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 193,340,751 JPY

1 Countermeasures against COVID-19

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 193,340,751 JPY

Target Area: Syria, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Italy, Japan

Objective: To prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Achievement: Overseas, in addition to distributing hygiene products such as masks and disinfectants, and setting up hygiene facilities such as hand-washing stations, we carried out activities to provide correct information on infection prevention and promote understanding. We conducted activities at refugee (displaced persons) camps in Syria, Kenya, Uganda, and Bangladesh, and health posts and nearby schools in Hpa-an, Myanmar. In Yangon, Myanmar, and Pakistan, we provided supplies to families with children with disabilities. In Afghanistan and Tajikistan, we provided supplies to flood victims. We also provided funds to support a children's hospital in Italy that treats children with disabilities, and the hospital provided tablet PCs to economically disadvantaged families so that they can receive rehabilitation training at home. We also solicited designs for educational posters to inform refugees and displaced people about the importance of preventing COVID-19. The winning posters were displayed at refugee camps and settlements in Bangladesh, Uganda, and the Turkey office.

In Japan, hygiene products and medical supplies necessary for the prevention of COVID-19 were distributed to households and welfare facilities for persons with disabilities through organizations of persons with disabilities with branches throughout the country. The project also supported 65 organizations of persons with disabilities and related networks to introduce information and communication equipment and services necessary for working from home and participating in online meetings. By doing so, the project also contributed to strengthening the framework of activities supporting organizations of persons with disabilities nationwide.

Beneficiaries: Overseas: Approximately 74,970 people (Syria 18,446, Uganda 20,396, Zambia 6,200, Kenya 8,500, Bangladesh 3,901, Myanmar 6,548, Pakistan 1,224, Afghanistan 9,100, Tajikistan 638, Italy 20)

Japan: Approximately 161,720 persons with disabilities and staff members of organizations and welfare facilities for persons with disabilities.



Tablet PCs for rehabilitation at home were provided at a children's hospital in Italy (October 2020)

2 Support for Victims of the Earthquake off the coast of Turkey

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 1,664,728 JPY

Target Area: Republic of Turkey

Objective: To contribute to the reconstruction of the lives of the victims of the earthquake that struck off the coast of Turkey.

Achievement: In collaboration with the local organization 'Support to Life (STL)', we distributed hygiene products such as soaps and disinfectants to 3,475 people in 1,156 households affected by the earthquake. In addition, through the local government, funds equivalent to five months' rent were provided to four of the more vulnerable households (14 people), including those with chronically ill family members, who were forced to relocate due to the damage to their homes.

Beneficiaries: 1,160 households (3,489 people)



In preparation of distributing hygiene products as relief supplies in Izmir, western Turkey (November 2020) ©Support to Life

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 survivors of the disaster. Emergency assistance to refugees who fled the civil war in neighboring Syria to the southeast area of Turkey commenced in 2012. In 2013, the Sanliurfa office was opened, followed by the Istanbul office in October 2016, and the Mardin office in February 2017 (closed in February 2021), and have been providing continuous support for Syrian refugees.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 403,180,975 JPY

1 Comprehensive Assistance for Syrian Refugees

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

Objective: Create an environment where refugees can be properly protected.

Achievement: The spread of COVID-19 has made it increasingly difficult for refugees to access public services, as some services have been suspended and other processes have shifted to online. Therefore, we provided COVID-19 related information and updates to public services through a dedicated website, via telephone, and social media. In addition, various restrictions on economic and social activities implemented to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have caused new risks such as reduced income and increased stress. To address these issues, electronic currency that could be used in supermarkets and “home play kits” were distributed to children, and online psychosocial support was provided to parents and children of economically disadvantaged households. While all community activities were conducted via telephone and social media as face-to-face activities were no longer possible due to the impact of COVID-19, initiatives were continued, and measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 were carried out on propositions from the community. As for the promotion of mutual understanding between refugees and the local community at the community center, we were forced to close the community center to prevent the spread of COVID-19, so the activities were limited to online activities and the scale of activities was reduced.

Beneficiaries: 29,942 people (4,446 improved access to beneficiary services, 22,113 strengthened community resilience, 3,383 increased mutual understanding between refugees and local communities)



Distribute “home play kits” to children to reduce stress (February 2021)

Syrian Arab Republic

In 2014, we began providing emergency assistance to the victims of the Syrian civil war that began in 2011. Through local partner organizations, we distributed food and provided risk reduction education as a part of mine action to internally displaced persons (IDPs) and their host communities, as well as to people who have returned to Syria from neighboring countries from which they fled. In addition, hygiene products are being distributed as a response to the spread of COVID-19 from 2020.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 165,527,225 JPY

1 Distribution of Food (Completed)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: Meet the urgent food needs of IDPs and local residents through emergency food distributions.

Achievement: 15,430 boxes of food packages were distributed to IDPs and local residents.

Beneficiaries: IDPs and 56,793 local residents (about 10,530 households)



Distribute boxes of flour, beans, oil, and other ingredients

2 Mine Risk Education (Completed)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: Contribute to reducing the risk of damage from explosive devices such as landmines and explosive remnants of war, as well as from air strikes, through risk reduction education.

Achievement: Risk reduction education was conducted for IDPs and local residents to protect themselves from the dangers of accidents caused by explosive devices such as landmines and unexploded ordnance, and from being victims of air strikes. In addition, in response to the spread of COVID-19, hygiene education on infection prevention was conducted along with risk reduction education.

Beneficiaries: IDPs and 18,248 local residents



Risk reduction education for children (August 2020)

3 Support for Victims of Landmines, etc.

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: Contribute to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities, including victims of landmines.

Achievement: The project was not implemented because the system for implementation was not in place.

Beneficiaries: N/A

* In consideration of the safety of our staff, we do not disclose the details of the activity sites.

Republic of the Sudan

Following the ceasefire that ended the 20-year civil war between North and South in 2005, we opened an office in the capital Khartoum and began mine risk reduction education project, followed by the Kadugli office in 2007 (closed in 2011) and the Kassala office in 2012. In 2013, the project started to provide countermeasures against infectious diseases such as mycetoma, and in June 2016, we also started to provide support to landmine victims. With the completion of the mine risk reduction education and mine victim support project, Kassala office was closed in August 2019, and Khartoum office was temporarily closed in January 2020. (Khartoum office will be reopened in FY2021.)



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 2,414,811 JPY

1 Measures against Infectious Diseases (Mycetoma*)

Target Area: Sennar State or its surrounding states, Sudan

Objective: To enable more patients with mycetoma to receive medical treatment in Sennar and surrounding states where the disease is endemic.

Achievement: In the state of Jazeera, we conducted awareness-raising activities regarding mycetoma in order to establish the knowledge of local residents. In addition, we examined patients with mycetoma through a local partner organization and coordinated with them for surgery. Due to the impact of restrictions on movement caused by measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, some of the activities were postponed to the next fiscal year.

Direct Beneficiaries: 370 mycetoma patients, family members, and local residents

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 1,850 family members of direct beneficiaries

* Mycetoma species is an infection disease caused by certain types of bacteria and fungi, which enter the body through wounds in the skin, gradually destroy the subcutaneous tissue. One of the most neglected tropical diseases(NTDs).



Medical examination of mycetoma patients by doctors from local partner organizations (March 2021)

Republic of Kenya

Nairobi Office, Kakuma Office

In 2005, we opened an office in Nairobi as a base for providing assistance to Southern Sudan, and in 2011, it began providing assistance to drought victims in northeastern Kenya. In response to the armed conflict that erupted in December of 2013 in Juba, the capital city of the Republic of South Sudan, we have been providing support to South Sudanese refugees in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Turkana County, northwestern Kenya in February 2014. In July 2015, we started to provide support in the field of secondary education. In addition, in August 2017, we started activities in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement, which is located 30 kilometers from Kakuma refugee camp.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 54,180,941 JPY

1 Secondary Education Support

Target Area: Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kalobeyei area, Republic of Kenya

Objective: To improve the educational environment of secondary schools in the Kalobeyei area and Kakuma refugee camp, and to increase the secondary school enrollment and retention rate by strengthening the problem-solving and protective functions of young people, thereby contributing to the development of human resources who will be responsible for the future development of their home countries.

Achievement: One boys' dormitory was constructed to a secondary school in the Kalobeyei area, and beds, mattresses, and other bedding were provided. Conducted training for teachers to help youth acquire life skills to cope with various difficulties they face in their lives, and trained teachers gave life skills lessons to their students. Through the construction of a counseling building, the dispatch of counselors, and training for teachers and students, we have created an environment where students feel safe to discuss their problems. Training was provided to teachers in charge of career guidance at secondary schools in the Kalobeyei area and Kakuma refugee camp. We set up an administrative building at the community center in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement for educational and lifestyle counseling, and conducted educational counseling activities for young people who cannot go to school. In addition, due to the impact of COVID-19, two expatriate staff members were evacuated to Japan in March 2020 to operate the project remotely, and some activities were conducted remotely, such as classes via radio transmission and counseling by phone.

Direct Beneficiaries: 14,674 people (14,409 students, 122 teachers, 143 parents, community workers/leaders, and young people who received educational counseling)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 77,773 people (73,045 students' family members, 4,453 young people who cannot go to school, 275 teachers)



Practical counseling exercises for teachers
(November 2020)

2 Youth Development and Protection Programs

Target Area: Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kalobeyei area, Republic of Kenya

Objective: Contribute to the livelihood of refugees in Kalobeyei and Kakuma regions and youth in the host communities, and create an environment for their healthy development.

Achievement: At the community center built in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement, we contributed to fostering mutual understanding between refugees and residents of the host community by operating a library, multipurpose room, and cafeteria. In addition, ICT (Information and Communication Technology) training was provided to the residents of Kalobeyei area, expanding opportunities for the youth to improve their livelihood. The community center was temporarily closed and ICT training was suspended due to some restrictions on activities caused by the Kenyan government's COVID-19 measures. The community center resumed operation of some of its facilities, including the multipurpose room, in September, and the ICT training resumed in October.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 40,350 people (40,000 residents of refugee settlements and host communities, 350 ICT training participants)



ICT training for livelihood improvement
(October 2020)

Republic of Uganda

Kampala Office, Yumbe Office, Hoima Office

In March 2009, we invited a representative of the Uganda Landmine Survivors Association (ULSA) to Japan, and through ULSA, began to provide support to deepen cooperation among landmine victims. Later, the Kampala office was opened in September 2016, and the Yumbe office in October 2016 to support South Sudanese refugees who continue to flow into the northwestern region of Uganda due to the armed conflict and subsequent domestic turmoil that broke out in July 2016 in Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan bordering northern Uganda. The Hoima office was opened and started assisting refugees fleeing the constant conflict of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and flowing into the western region of Uganda, from April 2020. The Yumbe office was closed in January 2021, and operations were integrated into the Kampala and Hoima offices.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 105,362,606 JPY

1 Educational Assistance in Refugee Camps and Settlements (Completed)

Target Area: Imvepi Refugee Settlement, Arua District, and Palorinya Refugee Settlement, Obongi District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: Improve the educational environment for South Sudanese refugees living in refugee settlements and for children living in host communities.

Achievement: Club activities such as study sessions for understanding disabilities were held at primary and secondary schools in Palorinya refugee settlements to promote mutual understanding among South Sudanese refugees with diverse backgrounds and students from the host communities. The planned sporting events were cancelled due to a ban on events stemming from Covid-19 safety measures. In the Imvepi refugee settlement, the situation of 230 students with disabilities was assessed. In addition, training on inclusive education* was provided to 301 parents and 96 local residents to promote understanding of disabilities, with the aim of enabling all students, including those with disabilities, to learn in a safe environment.

Beneficiaries: 891 South Sudanese refugees and residents of host communities



Students learn about disabilities in club activities and present their findings in a radio broadcast (November 2020)

2 Landmine Victim Livelihood Support

Target Area: Northern and Western Uganda

Objective: Promoting self-sufficiency among victims of landmines and unexploded ordnance in Uganda.

Achievement: A leadership workshop was conducted for 14 leaders of organizations concerned with landmine and unexploded ordnance victims. The workshop introduced examples of initiatives in other countries helping individuals live independently, the rights of persons with disabilities protected by international and national laws on the welfare of persons with disabilities, and available services. The workshop participants also acquired basic knowledge and planning techniques for providing livelihood support and social/psychological support to local landmine and UXO victims and people with disabilities through the analysis of issues in each region.

Beneficiaries: 14 landmine victims

* Inclusive Education denotes that all children should be accepted, without any restrictions, in local educational programs so that they can learn together.



Workshop for leaders of landmine and unexploded ordnance victims to learn how to analyze the issues facing their communities (December 2020)

3 Educational Support for Refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Target Area: Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Kikuube District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: Improving the educational environment for refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo who have fled to Uganda, and children living in host communities.

Achievement: Nine classrooms and two teacher's dormitories were constructed in the refugee settlement, with desks, chairs, textbooks, and instructional materials provided to teachers. In addition, school management training was conducted for teachers and parents to strengthen the school management system, thereby creating a safe learning environment for Congolese refugees and children in host communities. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, four expatriate staff members were evacuated to Japan from March to October 2020, and the projects were operated remotely.

Beneficiaries: 20,805 people (20,716 refugee and host community children, 63 teachers, 26 host community residents)



Conducting school management training for primary school teachers and parents (August 2020)

Republic of Zambia

Meheba Office

After 20 years, from 1984 to 2004, of providing support for refugees in the Meheba refugee settlement in the North-Western Province, the Meheba office was closed upon completion of the project. From 2004 to March 2019, we carried out HIV/AIDS projects in and around the capital city of Lusaka, and from February 2016 to March 2018, we provided support in the field of maternal and child health. The Lusaka office was closed as of March 2019. In March 2017, the office in Meheba was reopened and support for local integration of former refugees was started in the Meheba former refugee resettlement area.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 26,143,498 JPY

1 Support for Local Integration of Former Refugees

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

Objective: To establish a basis for the implementation of livelihood activities in the Meheba former refugee resettlement site.

Achievement: A system of joint transport of commodities was established for self-help groups consisting of resettled people to reduce the burden of transport and other costs and to provide easy access to markets. A total of 11 self-help groups jointly transported and sold maize, vegetables and other crops. Workshops on cultivation techniques and challenges in conducting livelihood activities were held, and presentations were made to share achievements, challenges and successes in livelihood activities to promote information sharing on livelihood activities. We conducted training to strengthen the organizational management skills of self-help groups, teaching each group how to collect money, keep accounting books, and other knowledge that will enable the groups to continue their activities. 11 groups were provided with agricultural equipment such as corn seeds and fertilizer. A selection of potential crops was made based on market trends so that the residents could grow crops that were more in demand in the market. Training was provided on how to grow each crop and assisted in the development of planting plans. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, two expatriate staff members were evacuated to Japan from March to November 2020 and operated the project remotely.

Beneficiaries: 463 former refugee and Zambian households (approximately 3,100 people) in the target area



AAR set up a joint system for transporting goods. Self-help group members are loading the harvest (August 2020)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

Vientiane Office

The office was established in Vientiane, the capital of Laos in 1999, and has been providing support for the manufacture and distribution of wheelchairs since 2000, with operations transferred to the local community in 2011. Since 2012, we have been collaborating with the Lao Association for the Disabled to provide support for employment and small-scale entrepreneurship for persons with disabilities, and have been implementing projects to support persons with disabilities for approximately 20 years. The office, which opened in 2010 in the northern province of Xieng Khouang to support victims of unexploded ordnance, was closed in 2014 upon completion of the project. The office which opened in 2015 in Phongsaly to strengthen maternal and child health services for local residents was closed in September 2019 upon completion of the project.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 30,864,483 JPY

1 Promotion of Small-scale Income Generation Activities, Particularly for Women with Disabilities (Completed)

Target Area: Oudomxay and Sayabouly Provinces, Lao P.D.R.

Objective: Increase the income of persons with disabilities, particularly women, in target areas.

Achievement: Training sessions on catfish and frog farming techniques and sales methods were held nine times for 80 persons with disabilities, mostly women, and their families, and materials for setting up aquaculture ponds, nets, and fry were provided to encourage them to continue their production activities to become self-sufficient. In addition, a total of 261 people participated in workshops on the rights of persons with disabilities, which were held twice for employees of local administrative agencies such as provinces and districts, and six times for local communities including persons with disabilities and their families, contributing to the promotion of understanding on disabilities and the improvement of the community environment surrounding persons with disabilities. In addition, a total of 185 people participated in 12 awareness-raising events held for persons with disabilities, their families, and local communities involved in production activities. The participants presented their experiences and achievements in production activities and discussed issues and solutions in groups, which motivated them to continue their production activities through cooperation. By conducting these activities in collaboration with the organization for persons with disabilities in Laos, the organization strengthened its capacity to take on small-scale entrepreneurship support activities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 426 people (160 persons with disabilities, primarily women, 160 caretakers, 6 members from headquarters and provincial branches of the organization for persons with disabilities, and approximately 100 residents, including members of government agencies in the target area and village leaders and officials)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 650 family members of persons with disabilities



Beneficiary women try their hand at cooking at an educational event to improve the livelihood of persons with disabilities (January 2021)

2 Promotion of an Inclusive Community (New)

Target Area: Oudomxay Province, Lao P.D.R

Objective: To establish a foundation to promote an inclusive society for people with disabilities by encouraging their participation in social activities.

Achievement: Coordinated efforts were made to promote the participation of persons with disabilities in social activities and to create an environment in which issues faced by persons with disabilities can be resolved in the local community (starting in March 2021).

Beneficiaries: None due to planning stage

Kingdom of Cambodia

Phnom Penh Office

Since 1979, we have supported Cambodian refugees in Thai border refugee camps and in Japan. In 1992, a year after the peace agreement was signed, we established an office in the capital Phnom Penh and have been running a vocational training school for the persons with disabilities since 1993 and a wheelchair factory since 1994. They became a local NGO in 2006. In 2013, the Phnom Penh office was reopened and the project to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities has been implemented.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 31,076,206 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities

Target Area: Nationwide

Objective: To promote expanding the education support system for children with disabilities established in the model area to other communes in Khsach Kandal district as a reference case, as well as to put the IE evaluation tool which was developed in the model area into practice.

Achievement: Special classes with qualified teachers and resource centers with teaching materials on IE have been set up in model communes in the target district. Support committees for the children with disabilities in all 18 communes in the district have been able to carry out more than 80% of the activities set out in the annual activity plan. Support system for children with disabilities has been established, and support for school attendance has also been initiated. As well as collecting good practices in IE promotion, including new initiatives in the target provinces, we have finalized the evaluation items for a draft IE checklist to be distributed nationwide.

Direct Beneficiaries: 131 people (62 people from the core members of the support committee for the persons with disabilities in communes and the committee member of the support committee for the persons with disabilities in the district, 10 participants of the training for teachers of special education classes, 19 children with disabilities attending special education classes, 40 users of the Resource Centre in total)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 330 people (230 people from the support committee for the persons with disabilities in communes, excluding the core members, 100 family members of children with disabilities attending special education classes)



Visit to the child's home who was registered at the special education class, to teach hand washing, during the outbreak of COVID-19 (May 2020)

2 Support for the Social Participation of Persons with Disabilities through Capacity Building of Local Partner Organizations

Target Area: Phnom Penh Capital City, Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: To enable a wheelchair workshop "AAR, WCD", a local NGO in Cambodia, to operate more stably, by improving its operational and financial capacity.

Achievement: We continued to support a part of the manufacturing costs of prosthetic devices and its operation. Through participation in board meetings and review of reporting documents, we continued to guide staff in improving their ability to run the business and manage finances, while also supporting activities to secure operating funds. We used the grant to provide staff with training to improve their skills, and also to purchase new manufacturing equipment.

Direct Beneficiaries: 32 people (8 employees of "AAR, WCD", 24 persons with disabilities who received wheelchairs)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 400 persons with disabilities who received prosthetic devices produced in AAR, WCD through other organizations



A trainer teaches how to use a lathe machine in technical training (August 2020)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Yangon Office, Hpa-an Office

In 1999, an office was established in Yangon, and in 2000, the vocational training center for people with disabilities was opened. In 2001, the “Future of the Children in Myanmar” was launched by foster parents to support the learning and rehabilitation of children with intellectual and physical disabilities. In 2013, an office opened in Hpa-an, Karen State, and started support activities for internally displaced persons and returnees.

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 56,297,419JPY

1 Operation of a Vocational Training Center for Persons with disabilities and Strengthening of Employment Support Systems

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

Objective: Strengthen the employment support system that can develop independently at vocational training center for persons with disabilities.

Achievement: Due to the impact of COVID-19, all schools in the country were closed intermittently from March 2020 onwards, as instructed by the government, and the vocational training center were also closed and no new trainees were admitted. In addition, the two expatriates staff members stationed in Yangon were evacuated to Japan in March and April, and since then, the training center has been managed remotely. During the closure period, online teaching materials for sewing, hairdressing and beauty, and PC courses were created and they were distributed to graduates to help them review their knowledge, as well as to gain and learn new skills. Also contributions were made to expand employment for persons with disabilities through job placement activities for graduates of the training center. In addition, we participated in an online meeting with experts on employment of persons with disabilities to discuss policy in July. Since the political upheaval in February 2021, large-scale protests by citizens opposed to the military regime have continued, mainly in Yangon and other large cities, thus, the safety and health of the local staff has been top priority, while being active.

Direct Beneficiaries: 526 people (Approximately 500 graduates of vocational training center who viewed the online materials, and approximately 26 graduates of vocational training center who obtained jobs through employment placement)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 2,720 people (Approximately 2,620 family members of persons with disabilities, 100 corporate representatives, support groups for persons with disabilities, etc.)

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 functioning and psychological state of children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Achievement: From a prevention of COVID-19 infection perspective, physical therapists who are AAR staff, refrained from visiting the homes of children with disabilities and provided rehabilitation guidance and learning support via video calls and phone calls two to three times a month. In addition, we compiled a booklet on rehabilitation that parents and children with disabilities can do by themselves, such as stretching and strengthening muscles, and distributed it to each family. In addition, food and hygiene items were distributed monthly since May to 15-18 families with children with disabilities whose households are in need due to the infectious disease. Continued to provide support to a facility for children with disabilities run by a local NGO.

Direct Beneficiaries: 348 people (299 children with disabilities, 49 staff members of local NGO)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 1,500 family members of children with disabilities



Video recording and distribution of how to make a pattern for clothing (October 2020)



Preparation and distribution of booklets to enable rehabilitation at home (October 2020)

3 Project to Strengthen Education through Day Care for Children with Disabilities

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

Objective: Strengthen educational support system for children with disabilities who are unable to attend school, centered on the Day Care Center for Children with Disabilities.

Achievement: The project was not implemented because the system to implement the project was not in place.

Beneficiaries: NA

4 Project for Inclusive Education(IE) Promotion System (New)

Target Area: Hlaingthaya Township, Insein Township, Yangon City, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: The promotion of IE in the Yangon region will enable more children with disabilities to receive education that meets their individual characteristics.

Achievement: In December 2020, we started the first year of a three-year project. Even after the sudden domestic political changes that occurred in February 2021, we continued to conduct needs assessments, select nine public schools for activities, and formulate plans with school officials. Also prepared drawings for the barrier-free construction of the school building and selected a building contractor. In addition, training for teachers and preparations for the establishment of a local volunteer organization were made, and started discussions with local partner organizations and began collaborating with the local Ministry of Education.

Beneficiaries: 63 members of local volunteer organizations (school staff, parents, local residents)



Conducted initial survey to select target schools (August 2020)

5 Promotion of Community-Based Rehabilitation(CBR) (Completed)

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

Objective: A practical model of “Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR)” that enables persons with disabilities and their families to solve various problems they face in their daily lives, together with local residents, will be established, and a system to promote this model by community-based organizations will be developed.

Achievement: Together with the CBR Committee, in the four districts of the project target sites, we formulated CBR activity plans, as well as reviewed the status, conducted awareness-raising activities and welfare service training for community volunteers, and conducted barrier-free renovation work for elementary schools, district offices and health centers. We also supported activities for 14 self-help groups and worked with their members to learn income-generating skills such as soap making and pig farming, as well as group activities such as special education for children with disabilities and community clean-up activities. In addition, a guideline summarizing the know-how of CBR activities was developed to ensure sustainability of the activities. Workshops on implementing the guidelines were conducted for the Departments of Social Welfare of the state, district offices, NGOs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) staffs who are responsible for CBR activities. Training on CBR and support for persons with disabilities was conducted for CBO staffs to strengthen their capability. The CBOs identified persons with disabilities in the districts and began to provide support based on individual needs such as providing assistive devices. Due to the spread of the COVID-19, the expatriate staff members of the Hpa-an Office was evacuated to Japan from March to April 2020 to remotely manage the operation of the project. This project was completed in September 2020.

Direct Beneficiaries: 623 persons with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiaries: 26,400 people (2,400 family members of persons with disabilities, 24,000 local residents)



Community volunteers of special education read to children with disabilities (April 2020)

6 Disability Inclusive Basic Education Support Project (New)

Target Area: Hpa-an Townships, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: Strengthen the system of inclusive education (IE) at the base schools through the establishment of a system that can solve various problems that children with disabilities, out-of-school children and their families face in their daily lives together with local residents, as well as the improvement of their learning environment.

Achievement: The project began in December 2020, and orientation sessions were held at the Department of Social Welfare of Kayin State, district education offices, base schools and village offices. At the same time, collected information on children with disabilities and out-of-school children in the region, which is necessary for implementing IE support. We also coordinated with the principal and teachers of the base school and the village office staffs to start the barrier-free construction of the base schools. COVID-19 infection control measures have been taken and the project is being carried out under the direction of the relevant authorities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 2,815 people (20 children with disabilities, 45 out-of-school children, 2,750 students of base schools)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 23,480 people (11,280 family members with individuals with disabilities, out-of-school children and students of the base schools, 12,200 local residents)



Conducted interviews with children with disabilities and out-of-school children in the community (January 2021)

7 Economic Empowerment for Persons with disabilities in Conflict-affected Areas and Urban Areas

Target Area: Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe, Myawaddy and Kawkaeik Townships, Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: Enabling environment for persons with disabilities to participate in financial services and livelihood activities, diversifying their sources of income and improving their life skills.

Achievement: In the target areas, collaborated with the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) Myanmar to select beneficiaries, and to prepare support for livelihood activities, daily living skills training, and disability awareness activities for individuals with disabilities. In addition, in November 2020, hygiene items and food were distributed to the following, all of whom were affected by the spread of COVID-19; 600 beneficiaries (including BRAC Myanmar beneficiaries), 350 poverty-stricken households, and one each for an isolation center and IDP camp.

Direct Beneficiaries: 700 persons with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiaries: 2,800 family members with persons with disabilities



Collaborated with BRAC Myanmar to provide COVID-19 emergency assistance to households with persons with disabilities (November 2020)

People's Republic of Bangladesh

Cox's Bazar Office

Since November 2017, we have been working in camps for displaced people from Myanmar in Cox's Bazar district in southeastern Bangladesh, due to clashes between security forces and armed groups in Myanmar's Rakhine State in August 2017. Since June 2018, we have been implementing the project for protecting women and children alongside the water and sanitation project. The water and sanitation project also targets the host communities living in the vicinity of the camps that are affected by the influx of displaced people.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 91,745,417 JPY

1 Emergency Assistance to the displaced people from Myanmar

Target Area: Camps for displaced persons and host communities in Teknaf, Cox's Bazar District, Chittagong Division, People's Republic of Bangladesh

Objective: Improving the protection environment in camps for displaced persons, particularly for women and children, and improving sustainable water and sanitation environments in host communities.

Achievement: In camps for displaced persons, the Women Friendly Space (WFS) and Child Friendly Space (CFS) continued to operate as in the previous year, although some activities were restricted to prevent the spread of COVID-19. WFS and CFS suspended many of their activities from mid-March to May 2020. However, since June, awareness-raising activities on COVID-19, water sanitation, human trafficking and domestic violence were conducted. Counseling was also provided by psychological counselors to alleviate the stress of women and children. Those who needed medical assistance and other specialized support were identified and referred to medical institutions. Since CFS was not allowed to conduct activities with children due to the impact of COVID-19, it conducted awareness raising activities, except counseling, on COVID-19 and child care for the parents of the children. Information regarding support in the camp was provided through home visits, and 19 individual support cases were conducted in total for victims of gender-based violence. Depending on their needs, they were referred to specialized support such as legal services, medical assistance, and counseling. In the host communities, we repaired toilets, bathing areas, and hand-washing stations in a total of four educational facilities, including schools and madrassas (seminaries). Since schools were closed from March 2020 to February 2021 due to COVID-19, hygiene awareness campaigns on COVID-19 and menstruation for female students were conducted through home visits. We also conducted Hygiene awareness workshops for teachers in four schools so that teachers can conduct hygiene awareness activities once the schools reopen. Although two expatriates evacuated to Japan from March to October 2020 due to the spread of COVID-19 and conducted the activities remotely, they reentered to People's Republic of Bangladesh in November as the infection has decreased. They returned to Japan in February 2021 and restarted to conduct the activities remotely again.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 12,840 people (1,973 people participated in awareness-raising activities of CFS and received counseling and other psychosocial support. 199 people registered with WFS. 40 people eligible for individual support. 1,161 refugee families (approximately 5,805 people). 165 families in host communities (approximately 825 people), 3,977 students (approximately 3,053 students attending madrassas, schools with repaired toilets, etc., and 924 students participated in awareness-raising activities), 20 teachers)



A hygiene awareness workshop for teachers (December 2020)

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.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 273,531 JPY

1 Support for Women (Completed)

Target Area: Jammu and Kashmir State, India

Objective: Empowering socially and economically disadvantaged women to generate their own income under the difficult circumstances of Kashmir.

Achievement: With the conversion of the former state of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory on October 31, 2019, communications and remittances to and from the region have become virtually impossible. In addition, the project could not be implemented in 2020 due to the spread of COVID-19 throughout India, including this region. As the situation is not expected to improve in the short term, it was decided to suspend operations in India for the next year.

Beneficiaries: N/A

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Islamabad Office, Haripur Office

For emergency assistance to the victims of the earthquake in 2005 and to the internally displaced persons (IDPs) caused by the fighting in the clearance operation to push back Taliban in 2009, temporary offices were set up in Islamabad to respond to each case. To provide assistance to flood victims in 2010, an office has become a permanent fixture and has been implementing projects to improve the educational and sanitary environment for Afghan refugees and their host communities. Nowshera office, established in 2012, was closed at the end of January 2016 due to the completion of activities in Nowshera District, and the Haripur office was opened in February 2016. From November 2019, a project to build a learning support environment for children with disabilities has been implemented.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 45,452,730 JPY

1 Building a Learning Support Environment for Children with Disabilities

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

Objective: To promote inclusive education (IE) initiatives in Haripur District so that more children with disabilities can receive education, develop their potential and have opportunities to participate in society.

Achievement: In two elementary schools in the central part of the district, the IE promotion team and visiting counseling team, which provide support for IE and schooling of children with disabilities, started their activities. Basic barrier-free facilities such as toilets and slopes have been installed in both schools, and 21 of the approximately 170 newly identified children with disabilities in the two school districts have started attending the school. Due to the spread of COVID-19, one expatriate staff member was evacuated to Japan from July 2020 and operated activities remotely.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approximately 2,330 people (1,035 children including 33 children with disabilities, 36 teachers and parents, 174 children with disabilities living in the school district, and approximately 1,050 family members of children with disabilities)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 5,600 people (5,400 family members of the children and 200 local residents)



Braille classes are held by visually impaired instructors (November 2020)

2 Improvement of Learning and Hygiene Environment in Girls' Elementary Schools (Completed)

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

Objective: To contribute to the improvement of school enrollment and attendance rates and the reduction of dropout rates in Haripur District through the improvement of sanitation in Pakistani public girls' elementary school and elementary school in Afghan refugee settlements.

Achievement: Sanitation facilities such as water sources, toilets and hand-washing stations were constructed in one public girls' elementary school in Pakistan and four elementary schools in Afghan refugee settlements. We conducted training for teachers and parents so that they can provide hygiene education to children. Maintenance management system for each school was established to ensure that facilities are properly maintained in the future.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approximately 390 people in the target Pakistani schools (370 children, about 20 teachers and parents who participated in the training)

Approximately 1,210 people in the target Afghan schools in the refugee settlement (1,167 children, 40 teachers and parents who participated in the training)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 2,220 students' family members from the target Pakistani schools and 7,000 from the target Afghan schools



Construction of a hand-washing station at a girls' elementary school in a refugee settlement in Afghanistan (November 2020)

3 Improvement of Water Environment in Refugee Settlements in Afghanistan (Completed)

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

Objective: To ensure safe access to water for residents in Panian refugee settlement in Haripur district.

Achievement: Activities that could not be carried out last year due to the spread of COVID-19 were carried out. Specifically, additional works were carried out such as drainage pipe maintenance, strengthening of the fence base, lawn maintenance, and reinforcement of the exterior walls of the adjacent houses for the park established in the Panian refugee settlement. In addition, 450 chairs with side tables were donated to a public elementary school for boys (PSB006) and a public elementary school for girls (PSG084) in Pakistan, where many children from refugee settlements attend.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 3,950 people (3,500 residents of 650 households, 450 children in public elementary schools)



Children unloading the chairs to be provided to the public boys' elementary school (PSB 006) from the truck (September 2020)

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Kabul Office

Since 1999, the net proceeds from the children's book "Not Mines, But Flowers." have been used to remove landmines. In 2002, we opened offices in Kabul, the capital, and Taloqan, the capital of the northeastern province of Takhar, and started providing mine risk education(MRE) and physiotherapy rehabilitation. In 2008, the project in the northeastern province was transferred to another NGO working in the same region. Since November, the same year, we have been conducting MRE and support for persons with disabilities, including mine victims, based in the capital city of Kabul under remote supervision from Japan, and since July 2016, from Islamabad.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 56,559,109 JPY

1 Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE)

Target Area: Parwan Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To ensure the right to education for more children by promoting IE in government schools in Charikar and Bagram and Jabal Saraj districts of Parwan province.

Achievement: In the first half of the current fiscal year, activities targeting two schools in Charikar District were affected by the spread of COVID-19, and the schools were closed for part of the project period. Therefore, activities at schools must be suspended. As a result, it became difficult to achieve some of the results we had aimed for, such as the dissemination of Braille education materials, promotion of Braille education, and the acceptance of children with intellectual disabilities. Some of these activities that could not be implemented are planned to be followed up in the next fiscal year. On the other hand, as a result of our continuous efforts to formulate and implement an annual action plan for IE promotion activities in cooperation with the Education Department of Parwan Province prior to this year, it was decided to establish additional IE promotion committees for two other high schools in the province in the future. The local authorities have promised to take the lead in providing IE implementation guidance to these two schools, which is expected to accelerate the promotion of IE in educational institutions in the province. In Bagram and Jabal Saraj districts, where IE support began in the second half of the fiscal year, we started implementing IE projects in four public schools, and IE training for teachers as well as Braille and sign language training has been provided.

Beneficiaries: 205 people (84 children with disabilities from target schools, 20 parents of children with disabilities, 80 IE promotion committee members (relevant staff from each school), 21 staff from provincial and district education departments)

2 Comprehensive Mine Action

Target Area: Kabul, Parwan, Kapisa and Baghlan provinces, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: Establish an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) system that utilizes local social resources in the target area to create an environment where children and adult women can develop appropriate behaviors and practices to sustainably reduce the risk of landmines, unexploded ordnance, and improvised explosive devices (IEDs). The project will also contribute to reducing the number of accidents and ensuring safe living areas by removing landmines and unexploded ordnance in Baghlan province, which is listed as a part of mine-contaminated area.

Achievement: EORE was conducted in Kabul, Parwan, and Kapisa provinces using local social resources such as schools, clinics, and community instructors. A total of 64 people, including 14 women, were selected from school teachers, health workers at clinics, and residents with high trust of the target villages, to train instructors of risk education. A total of 161 risk education sessions were conducted by these instructors, and a total of 4,697 people, including 1,112 women and 3,486 children, received information on how to avoid explosive risks. The field team consisting of female staff members conducted 70 mobile training sessions using short films on mine risk reduction in a total of seven villages in Kabul and Parwan provinces, informing a total of 2,098 participants of the risk of landmines and how to avoid them. In addition, in order to disseminate information on the risk of IEDs, the number of those incidents has been increasing in recent years, we continued to broadcast educational TV programs this year, and started work on a new radio program. Furthermore, in cooperation with a British demining NGO (HALO Trust), 30 anti-personnel mines and 2 unexploded ordnances were cleared in Baghlan province, making 42,440m² of land a safe living area.

Direct Beneficiaries: 6,830 people (6,795 participants in training courses and 35 beneficiaries (land users) of demining)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Entire population of each village, 755 beneficiaries of demining (people living in the vicinity of the demined land)

3 Capacity Building of Civil Society Organizations (Completed)

Target Area: Within the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: Laying the foundation for Afghan civil society organizations to become self-sustaining and be able to obtain grants sustainably, and be able to strategically plan their activities.

Achievement: A symposium was scheduled to be held in a major city in Afghanistan inviting representatives of civil society organizations, public administrations, international organizations, and each government agencies to discuss the importance of strengthening the foundations of self-reliant development and sustainability of civil society in Afghanistan, but due to the spread of COVID-19, it was obliged to be canceled. As an alternative, a brochure was prepared and distributed to those who were scheduled to attend the symposium, which included not only the guidelines but also a summary of the project results that were to be presented at the symposium and the outstanding efforts of the training participants. This project was conducted in collaboration with Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), and Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC), non-profit organizations.

Direct Beneficiaries: 400 people

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 250,000 people have participated in the training to date

Republic of Tajikistan

Dushanbe Office

In November 2001, an office in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, was opened to secure a route to the northeast of Afghanistan. Since then, we have been supporting for persons with disabilities in Tajikistan. A project to promote inclusive education (IE) was implemented in the capital Dushanbe from 2014 and in Hissor City from 2017 for three years each. In December 2020, we started a project to train IE-savvy teachers at a teacher training college in the capital city of Dushanbe.



2020 fiscal year final settlement: 34,719,134 JPY

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

Target Area: Hissor City, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: Increase educational opportunities for children with disabilities through the development of a learning-friendly environment for all children, including children with disabilities.

Achievement: Renovated to improve the barrier-free accessibility and developed learning support rooms at 7 base schools. IE training and sign language training were conducted for teachers in the base schools and surrounding areas in order to create a learning environment that is conducive to all children, including those with disabilities. We established the foundation that the base schools as model schools for IE in the region will promote IE in Hissor City in the future. We also continued to hold school-based parent-teacher conferences to promote interaction among parents. In addition, through awareness-raising activities in the community and television broadcasts, we deepened the understanding of IE among local residents and teachers, and expanded educational opportunities for children with disabilities in the target areas. These activities were carried out in a way that brought out and utilize the initiative of the network of school principals and teachers, local partner organizations that provide support for children with disabilities, and the city's Board of Education, which had been strengthened in the previous years. Due to the spread of COVID-19, one expatriate staff member was evacuated to Japan from the end of March to November 2020 to operate the activities remotely.

Direct Beneficiaries: 7,551 people (27 children with disabilities studying in regular classes, 78 children with disabilities studying in the learning support room, 35 students enrolled in the learning support room and regular classes, 20 children with disabilities receiving home education from local partner organizations, 250 parents and family members of children with disabilities, 225 teachers receiving training, 44 medical personnel receiving training, 436 participants in parent-teacher groups, 20 children with disabilities receiving home visits from our staff, 6,416 participants in awareness activities)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 23,171 people (12,959 students with no disabilities, 212 teachers, approximately 10,000 TV viewers)



Create home study materials and distribute them to children with disabilities (May 2020)

2 Project of Vocational Training for Persons with disabilities

Target Area: Hisor City, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: Promote social participation of persons with disabilities and support persons with disabilities to become socially and economically independent.

Achievement: Employment support was provided through vocational training in sewing for persons with disabilities and their families who have difficulty working and are prone to poverty due to undeveloped domestic laws on disabilities in addition to discrimination and prejudice. In addition to sewing techniques, business skills courses were also held, providing hands-on training on purchasing materials, negotiating with customers, and setting product prices.

Direct Beneficiaries: 13 persons with disabilities

Indirect Beneficiaries: 105 people (75 family members of persons with disabilities, 15 home economics teachers from surrounding schools, 15 volunteers from the school)



Implemented employment support for the hearing impaired through training in the use of sewing machines (October 2020)

3 Developing Teaching Programs for Promotion of Inclusive Education (IE) (New)

Target Area: Dushanbe City, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote the expansion of IE in the country and improve access to higher education for all students, including those with disabilities, through the development of a teaching curriculum that incorporates an IE perspective.

Achievement: We started barrier-free construction and installation of ramps at the campus of the teacher training college in January 2021. In addition, we prepared for training on disabilities, and held an information exchange meeting on IE teaching methods at three base schools in Hisor City in February to discuss teaching methods for students with disabilities to learn together with students without disabilities in regular classes.

Direct Beneficiaries: 573 people (8 teachers participating in the training, 71 students with disabilities attending the base university, 284 family members of students with disabilities, 120 students from the two departments of the base university, 90 teachers from elementary schools in Hisor City)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 20,400 students at the base universities except those in above two departments



Constructed a slope at a teacher training university so that persons with disabilities can attend (February 2021)

Japan

Tokyo Headquarters, Saga Office

Following the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, we provided a wide range of support mainly in Iwate, Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures, and established offices in Sendai, Morioka, and Souma. The operations of the Morioka office was integrated into the Sendai office in 2013 and that of the Souma office into the Sendai office in 2014. The Sendai office was closed in March 2019, and the business operations and management were shifted to a business trip basis from Tokyo and Sendai. In August 2016, the Saga Office was opened as a base for business continuity in anticipation of a major earthquake directly below the Tokyo metropolitan area. Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, we have been engaged in support activities in a number of disaster-affected areas, including the Kumamoto Earthquake, the western Japan floods in 2018, torrential rain in northern Kyushu in 2019, Typhoons #15 and #19, and floods in Kyushu in 2020.



1 Assistance to those who are affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 32,786,231 JPY

Target Area: Affected areas in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures

Objective: This project mainly targets evacuees, persons with disabilities, the elderly, and children in the affected areas, and strives to maintain their physical and mental health, as well as contribute to strengthening the resilience of the affected communities toward recovery and to creating a disability inclusive and disaster-resilient society.

Achievement: 57 community exchange activities such as massages, listening activities, and lunch exchanges were held for disaster affected people residing in Fukushima Prefecture to reduce stress and prevent isolation, and to promote community rebuilding. Also, 20 exchange events were held for evacuees from outside Fukushima prefecture to interact with other evacuees and local residents. We supported 29 welfare facilities for persons with disabilities in the three prefectures of Tohoku to develop the sales channels by providing equipment to strengthen their manufacturing power. In addition, we provided mineral water to three nursery schools and kindergartens in Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture on a monthly basis, helping to alleviate the anxiety of parents and others concerned about the effects of low-dose radioactive materials on children's health. We supported the activities of local organization in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, that continue to provide support for rebuilding the lives of affected people in need at home, and contributed to the continuation and promotion of their activities. On the other hand, all events of "Nishi-Aizu Waku Waku Kodomo Juku," an overnight recreation program for parents and children in Fukushima Prefecture, were postponed to the next fiscal year to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The support was provided to welfare facilities for persons with disabilities that were damaged by the earthquake off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture on 13 February, 2021, including the repair of equipment.

Beneficiaries: 4,525 people (1,185 people for exchange support activities, approximately 2,790 people for support of persons with disabilities, approximately 350 people for drinking water support, and approximately 200 people for support of activities for local organizations)



Community exchange event held in Fukushima Prefecture to reduce stress and prevent isolation (December 2020)

2 Support for People Affected by the Torrential Rain in Northern Kyushu (Completed)

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 100,000 JPY

Target Area: Saga City, Takeo City, and other affected areas in Saga Prefecture

Objective: To improve the disaster prevention and mitigation capacity of civil organizations in the areas affected by the torrential rain in northern Kyushu in 2019.

Achievement: We had planned to provide support for a community exchange meeting to be held at a nursing home for the elderly and children in Takeo City, Saga Prefecture, but had to postpone it due to the impact of COVID-19. As a member of the Saga Disaster Assistance Platform (SPF), we created a system to provide information, and sent out the information via the system to foreign residents in the prefecture. In addition, we provided masks received from SPF to two facilities in Takeo City as a measure against COVID-19.

Beneficiaries: 132 people (52 people registered with the information line, 80 people who received masks)



Masks provided by SPF were distributed to elderly people's facilities in Takeo City (May 2020)

3 Support for People Affected by Typhoons No.15 and No.19 (Completed)

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 34,890,171 JPY

Target Area: Affected areas in Chiba and Fukushima prefectures

Objective: To Improve the living environment of persons with disabilities and their families by supporting the restoration of welfare facilities for persons with disabilities damaged by Typhoons No.15 and No.19.

Achievement: We provided various supports to one welfare facility for persons with disabilities in Chiba Prefecture and six of those in Fukushima Prefecture, which were affected by Typhoons No.15 and No.19 in September and October, 2019, including repairs of group homes, installation of bathing facilities, vehicles for transporting users, and furniture and equipment such as ovens necessary to resume confectionery production and baking operations. These support helped to restore the functions of the welfare facilities for persons with disabilities to provide welfare services and improved the living environment for persons with disabilities and their families living in the affected areas in Chiba and Fukushima prefectures. Moreover, in cooperation with the Core Consultation Support Center in Iwaki City, we provided daily necessities such as home appliances and clothing to persons with disabilities whose houses had been damaged, thereby contributing to the early recovery of their lives to the ones before the disaster.

Direct Beneficiaries: 189 people (120 facility users, 49 facility staffs, 20 affected persons with disabilities at home)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 420 family members of persons with disabilities.



Provision of vehicles to welfare facilities for persons with disabilities (August 2020)

4 Support for People Affected by the Torrential Rain in Kyushu in July 2020

2020 fiscal year final settlement: 17,298,195 JPY

Target Area: Affected areas in Kumamoto, Saga, and Fukuoka prefectures

Objective: To contribute to the recovery of both physical and mental health of disaster affected people by providing support in the form of soup kitchens for those living in shelters. In addition, to contribute to the improvement of the environment for facility users to receive welfare services by distributing emergency relief supplies to disaster-stricken welfare facilities for persons with disabilities and by supporting their early recovery through the provision of transportation vehicles for users and furniture and equipment.

Achievement: In response to the torrential rains that hit various parts of Japan including Kyushu and Chubu regions from July 3 to 8, 2020, a total of 2,891 meals of freshly prepared and nutritionally balanced menus were served at five evacuation centers in Yatsushiro City, Ashikita Town, Hitoyoshi City and Sagara Village in Kumamoto Prefecture for 20 days from July 5 (in cooperation with NPO “Peace Project”). We also surveyed the damage in Kumamoto, Saga and Fukuoka prefectures, which were severely damaged, and distributed emergency relief supplies to 8 welfare facilities for persons with disabilities and local organizations. To 3 welfare facilities for persons with disabilities in Kumamoto Prefecture, which suffered severe flooding damage, we provided transportation vehicles for the users and furniture and equipment such as ice machines and refrigerators that were damaged by the flooding of nearby rivers caused by the torrential rains. Through such support, users were able to go to the welfare facilities around one month after the disaster and resume their daytime activities such as making udon noodles, which they had been doing before the disaster. Furthermore, in cooperation with the consultation support network in the affected areas, we provided daily necessities to households with children with disabilities whose homes had been damaged. In addition, in order to promote the activities and continue the business of local groups engaged in support activities in the affected areas, we supported the activities engaged in first aid for flooded houses and consultation services.

Beneficiaries: 3,867 people (2,891 people supported by soup kitchens, 274 people received emergency supplies, 372 people supported with the restoration of welfare facilities for persons with disabilities, 144 children with disabilities affected at home, 186 people in the households affected by the disaster)



Providing ice machines to welfare facilities for persons with disabilities, which are essential for daily activities, (August 2020)

Activities in Japan

1 Advocacy, and Research

1-1 Study / Research

Achievement: We conducted necessary research and surveys on matters related to or affecting AAR's support activities such as emergency humanitarian and disaster relief, disability and development, landmines, infectious diseases, etc., and provided support to Tokyo Headquarters staff and expatriates in each field. In addition, in order to improve the quality of the projects, we provided consulting services during the formation of project proposal and conducted evaluations on the completed projects.

1-2 Assistance to Refugees

Achievement: As in the previous year, we continued to attend regular meetings of organizations related to refugee support, gather information on the situation of refugees around the world, the support activities of other organizations during COVID-19 pandemic, and the corporation with the private sector, and building networks with related parties in Japan and abroad. We collected information on needs and trends in refugee support and shared it within our association. Through participating in external events and training programs, we made efforts to improve the quality of our refugee support activities and the knowledge of our staff.

1-3 Disability and Development

Achievement: The staff members at Uganda and Turkish offices were scheduled to participate in the international conferences of the disability sector scheduled in Uganda and Denmark, but it was postponed due to COVID-19, so we submitted the presentation materials on the challenges and prospects of our activities. We attempted to further expand our network through participation in the board meetings of the Japan Council on Disability (JD), the planning and policy committee, and the board meeting of the Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET). We also tried to improve the quality of the projects and the knowledge and experience of our staff members through monthly meetings of project staff working in the disability sector, internal study groups focusing on inclusive education, and participation in external seminars related to the disability sector.

1-4 Mine Action

Achievement: In response to the growing seriousness and complexity of the landmine issues, we actively built a network of people involved in mine action in Japan and overseas, and worked to raise awareness by disseminating information on the landmine issues. In order to implement higher-quality mine action activities, we reviewed and revised the content of our training programs, and strengthened the capacity of staff members involved in our projects. The Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers scheduled for February 2021 was postponed to May 2021 due to COVID-19.

1-5 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

Achievement: All conferences were held online due to the global spread of COVID-19. As the Asia-Pacific steering committee member for the "Campaign to Stop Killer Robots", we attended the monthly steering committee meetings and the strategy meeting in December, and initiated regular meetings with the campaign promoters in Asia. In December, we helped the domestic student-based organization hold the world's first international youth conference by providing administrative and public relations support. 150 participants from Japan and abroad attended the conference. In March 2021, we exchanged views at the third international conference hosted by the campaign.

1-6 Action against Infectious Diseases and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Achievement: Our staff participated in study sessions on COVID-19 control and water sanitation facilities construction, as well as international health conferences, and acquired the knowledge necessary for planning, implementation, management, and evaluation of infection control projects.

In addition, we shared our past experiences in infectious disease control projects within our association in order to utilize the lessons to COVID-19 control projects. Through online briefings, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/NGO regular roundtables on the Global Issues Initiative(GII) and AIDS/Okinawa Infectious Disease Initiative(IDI), and meetings of the Japan Alliance for Global Neglected Tropical Diseases (JAGntd), the AAR has been able to share its experiences in the field of infectious disease control. In addition, in order to inform refugees and displaced persons of the dangers and correct understanding of COVID-19, we conducted a poster design contest from August to October entitled "SOS Refugee Camp - Let's protect refugees and displaced persons around the world from COVID-19." 156 works were submitted from 6 countries including Japan and overseas. An exhibition of the artworks was held at Gallery Ten (Minato-ku, Tokyo) from December 1 to 26, and at Aruk Cafe (Saga City, Saga Prefecture) from January 10 to February 22.

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

Achievement: The Tokyo headquarters and the Saga Office implemented the “Support Program for Education for International Understanding” and conducted a total of 27 lectures and workshops. Due to the spread of COVID-19, many scheduled projects and events at schools were cancelled, resulting in a significant decrease in the number of events conducted compared to the previous year, but in the latter half of the year, the number of requests to hold online events gradually increased. Large outdoor events such as Global Festa, which are held every year, were also cancelled and the acceptance of student volunteers during the summer vacation was also postponed.

2 Assistance to Refugees in Japan

Achievement: We continued our cooperation with our sister organization, Support 21 Social Welfare Foundation. Chairperson Fusako Yanase continued to work as a counselor for the Ministry of Justice’s Refugee Appeal Committee, where she was involved in hearing procedures for foreign nationals who were appealing against the decision not to accept refugee status (administrative appeals).

* “Support 21”

Since its establishment in 1979, AAR has been providing support for refugees in Japan as well as overseas, and in 1992, AAR established a social welfare foundation Support 21 and transferred its domestic activities to this foundation. Since then, AAR and Support 21 have been working together as sister organizations, with AAR providing support overseas and Support 21 providing support for refugees and foreigners in Japan.

3 Public Relations

Achievement: With not only the website as the core platform to issue the activities reports of the association and appeals for donations, but also the active use of SNS to spread information to a wide range of generations, including young people, the number of followers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram has been steadily increasing (19,192 as of FY2020). The website has been re-designed with more attractive and widely read content, and the newly planned “special interviews” have been effective in attracting many new visitors, including those who were not interested in international cooperation. Also, we published about 3,500 copies of its monthly newsletter, “AAR News,” mainly for existing supporters, as well as an annual report that presents the results of its activities in an easy-to-understand manner. We made efforts to provide information to the media, such as news releases, and our activities were introduced in many newspapers and TV programs, including an exhibition of posters to raise awareness on the prevention of COVID-19 infection. In response to COVID-19, we held 5 online sessions and symposiums, which attracted many participants from all over Japan (and some from overseas). In addition, as a measure to strengthen bequest donations, a pamphlet was prepared, and new advertisements were placed in major monthly and weekly magazines twice a year. As a result, we received about 350 requests for information and questions from financial institutions. In parallel with our daily operations, we began renewing our publicity and communications at the beginning of FY 2021, working on a complete renewal of our website and making preparations to enrich the content of our quarterly bulletin.

4 Public Relations and Fundraising

Achievement: Although it was difficult to visit companies this year due to COVID-19 pandemic, we tried to maintain and deepen cooperative relationships with supporting companies and organizations by reporting to them by phone, e-mail and online meetings. Thus we were able to establish relationships with 21 new companies and organizations through our website and sales of charity chocolates. We received 98 donations of approximately 37 million yen from companies and organizations in response to the emergency relief efforts against COVID-19 and the torrential rains in Kyushu. When we received donations from corporations, we used our website, Facebook, Twitter, and other SNS to communicate our achievements in corporate partnerships. In addition to sending individual activity reports to corporate supporters, we also sent online thank-you notes and activity reports to the requested companies and asked for their continued support. In preparation for the renewal of the website scheduled for next year, we have been trying to enhance the content for companies as well.

5 For-profit Projects

Achievement: Two online paid events were held; Symposium on Myanmar Displaced Persons and Symposium on 10 Years after the Great East Japan Earthquake).and The charity concerts scheduled for September 2020 and March 2021 were postponed to the next fiscal year due to the spread of COVID-19. In terms of charity products, the AAR continued to sell the popular picture book series “Not Mines, But Flowers, Not Landmines” and also sold badges made by “Kobo Moku Moku”, an AAR-supported facility for persons with disabilities in Fukushima. The books “Introduction to Human Security: In Search of Freedom from Fear and Lack, Expanded Edition” and “Srebrenica Genocide: Lessons and Challenges in the 25th Year” written by President Yukie Osa were also sold and were well received. In addition to the standard white and milk chocolates, four new types of chocolates, matcha and mocha, were sold for a limited time and the product received a lot of media coverage. With the demand for nest eggs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, sales reached a record high of about 20,000 boxes and 2,079 people became new supporters through the charity products.

6 Supporter and Donor Relations

Achievement: The efforts were made to respond to requests and inquiries from supporters in a polite manner, taking into consideration their individual support status. Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the volunteers were not available for a certain period of time to send out thank-you letters and receipts for donations, but we updated the situation on our website and made an effort to respond as quickly as possible. In order to convey our gratitude to those who gave us support even though many people were affected financially by COVID-19 disaster, we tried to include handwritten messages by our staff members. We assessed the reasons for supporters’ support, totaled and analyzed the donations made through PR activities and utilized them for future supporters’ responses and PR activities.

7 Fundraising

Achievement: In addition to conducting two campaigns in summer and winter to raise funds for general activities, we also called for emergency donations for the fight against COVID-19, which has been spreading since the end of the previous year, and for support to people affected by the torrential rains in Kyushu in July, the earthquake off the coast of Turkey in November, and the earthquake off the coast of Fukushima in February. We also called for support for the victims of the floods in Afghanistan, which occurred while living conditions were deteriorating due to COVID-19 pandemic. As a form of support in various ways, we enhanced our return gifts, website, and pamphlets to increase donations to Saga Prefecture, where our office is located, through the hometown taxation donation program. At the end of the year, we appealed for support through postcards and stamps under the theme of “Stationery for Children” and received 12,284 postcards and stamps, far exceeding our target of 5,000. In FY2020, we received a total of 30,517 donations totaling 407,726,400yen. We have 154 regular members, 589 associate members, and 1,686 monthly supporters as of the end of FY2020.

8 NGO Counsellor

Achievement: Commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, we responded to inquiries and questions from the general public, businesses, students, the media, and NGO personnel regarding NGOs and international cooperation. 397 consultations and inquiries were received in FY2020. In the wake of the spread of COVID-19, we received many inquiries from NGO personnel regarding the evacuation of expatriates to Japan, the introduction of the telework systems, and the deterioration of organization management due to decreased income. We provided them detailed explanations of examples of our responses, which were used as a reference by other organizations, in addition to providing general information. We also received many questions about refugee issues, the current situation of refugees, and the situation and circumstances overseas, and provided the general public with a wide range of our knowledge. We also politely responded to inquiries from companies that were considering making social contributions through their main business, thereby encouraging international cooperation by companies. We continue to perform online lectures at schools, etc., which had been conducted offline in previous years, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which helped to raise the interest of the younger generation in international cooperation and the world and encourage them to take action. These activities were communicated to the outside world through various events and media, including SNS, which are becoming a mainstream means of information transmission, in an effort to promote citizens’ understanding of international cooperation.

Project Implementation and Organisational Structure

Achievement: In addition to a total of 80 people including 56 domestic staff and 24 expatriate staff (as of the end of the fiscal year), 36 projects were carried out by 226 local staff in overseas offices. In Japan, in response to the spread of COVID-19 infection, we promoted the existing telework system and limited the number of volunteers at the office in an effort to reduce the number of people coming to work at the office. We also took measures to prevent the spread of infection, such as disinfecting the office as appropriate. In addition, each department discussed measures to be taken in the event of an outbreak of infection, and administrative procedures, such as decision making, were put online to improve the system so that the business can be continued stably even if a staff member happens to get infected. Overseas offices also conducted business while taking COVID-19 countermeasures by telecommuting as necessary. In addition, we temporarily evacuated expatriate members from countries where there were risks of the spread of COVID-19 and tight medical systems to Japan, and switched to conducting project remotely. Then, for those countries where COVID-19 situation and medical systems met certain safety management standards, we sequentially redeployed expatriate members. In addition, we continued to cooperate with other organizations in Japan and overseas for effective implementation of the project. At the Tokyo Office, the number of volunteers was limited or the activities were suspended depending on the status of COVID-19 infection, but many volunteers continued to support the activities such as sending out newsletters. The joint meeting of the overseas and domestic offices, which was usually held at the Tokyo Office in September, was held online to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At the meeting, we reviewed the nature of the project and the way of working, and at the same time, we conducted training on remote team management, so that we could provide high quality support even in the event of COVID-19 pandemic.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2021

USD1=JPY 110.71

Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,210,757,607	10,936,299
Accounts Receivable - Trade	1,376,350	12,432
Advance Payments-Trade	508,300	4,591
Temporary Payments	61,672	557
Other Account Receivables	6,420,554	57,994
Advance Payments-Other	4,260,107	38,480
Supplies	3,141,069	28,372
Inventories	1,579,102	14,264
Total	1,228,104,761	11,092,989
Non-current Assets		
Vehicles	1,661,586	15,009
Equipments	2,958,158	26,720
Buildings and Structures	29,439,379	265,914
Office Rental Deposit	8,665,260	78,270
Guarantee Deposits	10,000	90
Investment securities	12,000	108
Total	42,746,383	386,111
Grand Total	1,270,851,144	11,479,100

Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Advance Received	621,286,928	5,611,841
Account Payable - Non-trade	91,385,516	825,450
Temporarily Received	2,858,351	25,818
Tax Payable	528,100	4,770
Total	716,058,895	6,467,879
Non-current Liabilities		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	5,705,000	51,531
Total	5,705,000	51,531
Total Liabilities	721,763,895	6,519,410
Net Assets		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	281,013,940	2,538,289
Gain(Loss) for the Year	126,224,168	1,140,133
Balance at the End of the Year	407,238,108	3,678,422
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	102,996,573	930,328
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	38,852,568	350,940
Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets	141,849,141	1,281,268
Total Amount of Net Assets	549,087,249	4,959,690
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,270,851,144	11,479,100

Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

USD1=JPY 110.71

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Membership Fees and Donations			
Membership Fees	3,397,000	30,684	
Donations	406,772,524	3,674,217	
Total	410,169,524	3,704,901	23.9%
Grants, etc.			
Domestic Private Funds	151,905,137	1,372,100	
Domestic Public Funds	733,036,298	6,621,229	
International Funds	391,733,319	3,538,373	
Total	1,276,674,754	11,531,702	74.5%
Other Income			
Interest Income	111,480	1,007	
Gain on Foreign Exchange	3,571,335	32,258	
Miscellaneous Income	2,653,909	23,972	
Others	751,241	6,786	
Total	7,087,965	64,023	0.4%
Total Income of General Accounting		1,693,932,243	15,300,626
Profitable Business Accounting			
Operating Income (Sales)	17,212,569	155,474	1.0%
Non-operating Income	3,077,761	27,800	0.2%
Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting		20,290,330	183,274
Total Income		(A) 1,714,222,573	15,483,900
			100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Domestic/Overseas Covid-19 Project Expenses	193,340,751	1,746,371	12.5%
Overseas Project Expenses			
Turkey	403,180,975	3,641,776	
Syria	165,527,225	1,495,142	
Sudan	2,414,811	21,812	
Kenya	54,180,941	489,395	
Uganda	105,362,606	951,699	
Zambia	26,143,498	236,144	
Laos	30,864,483	278,787	
Cambodia	31,076,206	280,699	
Myanmar (Burma)	56,297,419	508,513	
Bangladesh	91,745,417	828,700	
India	273,531	2,471	
Pakistan	45,452,730	410,557	
Afghanistan	56,559,109	510,876	
Tajikistan	34,719,134	313,604	
Emergency (Turkey) / Relief for Earthquake Victims	1,664,728	15,037	
Total	1,105,462,813	9,985,212	71.4%
Domestic Project Expenses			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	32,786,231	296,145	
Emergency Relief for Northern Kyushu Heavy Rain Disaster	100,000	903	
Emergency Relief for Victims from Typhoon No. 15,19	34,890,171	315,149	
Emergency Relief for Torrential Rains Disaster in Kyushu	17,298,195	156,248	
Total	85,074,597	768,445	5.5%
Advocacy			
Research (Incl. Campaign to stop Killer Robots)	1,015,347	9,171	
Global Compact on Refugees	338,501	3,058	
Mine Action	315,117	2,847	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	923,333	8,340	
Infection	619,564	5,596	
Public Awareness	12,841,834	115,995	
Total	16,053,696	145,007	1.0%
PR and Fund raising			
Public Relations	65,620,186	592,721	
Fund Raising	9,359,167	84,538	
Total	74,979,353	677,259	4.9%
Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	28,803,528	260,171	
Others	24,821,755	224,205	
Total	53,625,283	484,376	3.5%
Other Expenditure			
Fixed Assets	2,011,850	18,172	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,695,984	15,319	
Total	3,707,834	33,491	0.2%
Total Expenditure of General Accounting	1,532,244,327	13,840,161	99.0%
Profitable Business Accounting			
Purchases	6,050,493	54,652	0.4%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	9,083,864	82,051	0.6%
Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting	15,134,357	136,703	1.0%
Total Expenditure (B)	1,547,378,684	13,976,864	100.0%
Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)	166,843,889	1,507,036	
Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)	341,009,906	3,080,209	
Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)	507,853,795	4,587,245	

Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

USD1=JPY 110.71

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
I Operating Income		
1 Membership Fees		
Regular Membership Fees	812,000	7,335
Associate Membership Fees	2,585,000	23,349
Subtotal	3,397,000	30,684
2 Donations		
Donations	321,320,654	2,902,363
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	49,599,302	448,011
Gain on Donation of Assets	3,147,806	28,433
Subtotal	374,067,762	3,378,807
3 Grants, etc.		
Private Funds	175,844,499	1,588,335
Public Funds	1,097,830,255	9,916,270
Subtotal	1,273,674,754	11,504,605
4 Operating Income (Sales)		
Charity Goods Sale	19,201,816	173,442
Commissioned Project	974,553	8,803
Miscellaneous Operating Income	1,095,569	9,896
Subtotal	21,271,938	192,141
5 Other Income		
Interest Income	111,500	1,007
Dividends income	756,000	6,829
Gain on Foreign Exchange	3,571,335	32,258
Miscellaneous Income	562,506	5,081
Subtotal	5,001,341	45,175
Operating Income Total (A)	1,677,412,795	15,151,412
II Operating Expenses		
1 Project Expenses		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	272,382,559	2,460,325
Retirement Benefits Expenses	830,000	7,497
Legal Welfare Expenses	37,443,878	338,216
Welfare Expenses	1,023,790	9,247
Subtotal	311,680,227	2,815,285
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	342,444,656	3,093,168
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	736,564,411	6,653,097
Overseas Travel Expenses	17,298,892	156,254
Local Travel Expenses	11,992,937	108,327
Depreciation Expenses	4,306,803	38,902
Printing Expenses	8,600,555	77,686
Advertizing Expenses	4,596,517	41,519
Communications Expenses	12,019,582	108,568
Rent	7,996,844	72,232
Fees/Charges	18,095,247	163,447
Sales Cost	7,183,817	64,889
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	3,256,578	29,416
Insurance expenses	2,776,310	25,077
Other salaries	5,393,102	48,714
Other Expense Items	3,827,119	34,569
Subtotal	1,186,353,370	10,715,865
Project Expenses Total	1,498,033,597	13,531,150

2 Administrative Expenses			
1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	20,302,309	183,383	
Retirement Benefits Expenses	2,620,000	23,666	
Legal Welfare Expenses	3,506,219	31,670	
Welfare Expenses	137,856	1,245	
	Subtotal	26,566,384	239,964
2) Other Expenses			
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	423,113	3,822	
Utilities Expenses	1,040,659	9,400	
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	896,049	8,094	
Rent	16,114,679	145,558	
Travel Expenses	44,632	403	
Fees/ Charges	3,828,761	34,584	
Depreciation Expenses	228,084	2,060	
Sundry Expenses	49,600	448	
Insurance expenses	24,850	224	
Other salaries	466,695	4,215	
Other Administrative Expenses	1,794,861	16,212	
	Subtotal	24,911,983	225,020
Administrative Expenses Total		51,478,367	464,984
3 Other Expenses			
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	1,695,984	15,319	
	Subtotal	1,695,984	15,319
Other Expenses Total		1,695,984	15,319
Operating Expenditure Total		(B) 1,551,207,948	14,011,453
Net Income from Operating Activities		(C)=(A)-(B) 126,204,847	1,139,959
III Non-Operating Profit			
Gain on Sales of Non-current Assets	646,939	5,844	
Non-Operating Profit		646,939	5,844
IV Non-Operating Loss			
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	99,518	899	
Non-Operating Loss		99,518	899
Net Income from Non-Operating Activities		(D) 547,421	4,945
Total Net Income		(C)+(D) 126,752,268	1,144,904
Net Assets			
Total Net Income	126,752,268	1,144,904	
Taxes	528,100	4,770	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	126,224,168	1,140,133	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	281,013,940	2,538,289	
Balance at the End of the Year	407,238,108	3,678,422	
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *			
Donations	85,451,870	771,853	
Grants, etc.	3,000,000	27,098	
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-49,599,302	-448,011	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	38,852,568	350,940	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	102,996,573	930,328	
Balance at the End of the Year	141,849,141	1,281,268	
Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year		549,087,249	4,959,690

(*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Profitable Business Accounting
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

USD1=JPY 110.71

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Operating Income (Sales)			
Goods	19,201,816	173,442	
Projects Commissioned Income	974,553	8,803	
Total	20,176,369	182,245	99.4%
Non-operating Income			
Copyright Royalty	113,938	1,029	
Miscellaneous Income	3	0	
Interest Received	20	0	
Total	113,961	1,029	0.6%
Total Income	(E) 20,290,330	183,274	100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Purchases			
Goods	8,960,145	80,933	
Transfer to Other Account	-93,655	-846	
Total	8,866,490	80,087	58.5%
Selling and Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	3,906,640	35,287	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	2,291,227	20,696	
Total	6,197,867	55,983	41.0%
Income taxes	70,000	632	0.5%
Total Expenditure	(F) 15,134,357	136,702	100.0%
Net Income(Loss)	(E-F)=(G) 5,155,973	46,572	

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. Refugee assistance, 2. Mine/UXO action, 3. Disability and development, 4. Disaster relief, 5. Fighting Infections / WASH, and 6. Advocacy / Awareness raising.

We have worked in over 65 countries / regions up until now, and are currently carrying out projects in 14 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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