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# Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

## Annual Report 2021



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

Since 1979

Students in AAR-supported refugee settlements in Kenya (October 2021)

It has been one year since I took office as President in June 2021. During that time, due to the regime change of government in Afghanistan and the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the number of refugees/ internally displaced people (IDPs) in the world increased. I am keenly aware that we have entered a new era of refugee issues.

Many Ukrainians have also fled to Japan, and many of you may feel more familiar with the "refugee problem".

In response to this situation, many people have donated to AAR. We are grateful for their trust and appreciation of our 43 years of ongoing activities. We would like to thank them again.

The complex issue of refugees is not a story of a distant country. To solve this problem, we, each of us, must take an interest, think, and act. We are all involved in the same way. It is important to increase the number of people in Japan involved in refugee issues, just as we are involved in support activities on the ground. I hope that we continue working together to address global issues.

August 2022

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 Conduct<sup>1</sup> and other humanitarian standards<sup>2</sup>.
- We stand independent of any political persuasion or religious creed.
- We endeavor to ensure transparency of our actions, and conduct proper disclosure of information.
- We endeavor to learn the tradition, custom, culture and history of the communities and countries we are working in, and respect them even at times of emergency.
- We endeavor to deliver assistance that can support the locally-led community development.
- We endeavor to enhance our security and crisis management capacity in order to deliver humanitarian assistance in high-risk areas.
- Through various means including awareness raising and advocacy, we endeavor to foster understanding on global issues both within and outside the organization, recognizing its significance.
- We propose several means of participation and donation, in order for all to have a sense of contribution to world's peace and stability.

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

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

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



# Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2021 (April 2021 – March 2022)

In FY 2021, we were grateful to receive 42,877 donations from supporters in Japan and abroad, and we were able to provide support in 16 countries, including Japan, through 34 projects.

As for overseas emergency assistance activities, we provided support for people with disabilities and poor households in Myanmar living under a declared state of emergency, refugees who fled to Sudan due to the conflict in Ethiopia, displaced persons living in Afghanistan due to the unrest in the country, and refugees from Ukraine who fled to neighboring countries due to the military invasion by Russia. In carrying out these activities, we gave due consideration to the security situation and ensured the safety of local staff and aid recipients. In other areas, we continued to support Syrian refugees, displaced people from Myanmar, South Sudanese refugees, and refugees from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In addition to providing individual assistance and distributing food and hygiene items to support the prolonged displacement and living with COVID-19 pandemic, we also worked to improve school facilities in refugee camps and settlements to encourage children and youth to attend school. In addition, a wide range of activities were carried out, with continued emphasis on areas such as support for the people with disabilities, mine action, and actions against infectious disease.

In Japan, we continued to support the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures by providing mental and physical health activities and assistance to strengthen the affected communities, mainly for people with disabilities, the elderly, and children. In Kumamoto Prefecture (torrential rains in July 2020) and Saga Prefecture (torrential rains in August 2021), which suffered serious damage from torrential rains, we supported the reconstruction of welfare facilities for people with disabilities, distributed soup lunch boxes, and provided furniture and appliances to the homes of elderly and people with disabilities.

On the accounting front, total income, excluding funds carried over from the previous fiscal year, amounted to approximately 1,423 million yen. Expenditures totaled approximately 972 million yen, or 76.6% of total expenditures for the period, for overseas support activities, and approximately 86 million yen, or 6.8% of total expenditures for the period, for support activities in Japan. For details, please see the next page and beyond.

## Countries in which the AAR Japan works [map follows]





# Emergency Assistance

## 1 Emergency Humanitarian Assistance to IDPs and Refugees in Ukraine (Ukraine, Moldova)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 9,218,217 JPY

**Target Area:** Ukraine, Republic of Moldova

**Objective:** To ensure minimum living conditions for IDPs and those displaced in the neighboring countries by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

**Achievement:** Through a network of congregations based in Poland, food, medicine, hygiene products, and daily necessities were distributed to mothers and children who were taking refuge in monasteries and to neighboring villages and hospitals where displaced people were staying in Ternopil Oblast in western Ukraine. In addition, staff members were dispatched to the Republic of Moldova, which is adjacent to southwestern Ukraine, to provide meals and distribute food and daily commodities to displaced Ukrainian refugees.

**Beneficiaries:** 2,259 people (2,000 total IDPs in Ukraine and 259 refugees taking refuge in the Republic of Moldova)



Providing food to refugees fleeing Ukraine to Moldova (March 2022)

## 2 Support for IDPs (Afghanistan)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 6,881,352 JPY

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

**Objective:** To contribute to the protection of lives and stabilization of living conditions by distributing food to IDPs whose lives are at risk as the winter season approaches, and by providing education on how to avoid the risk of explosives.

**Achievement:** Food packages filled with flour, cooking oil, green tea, beans, etc., and blankets and other supplies necessary for evacuees to live in this area during the winter season were distributed to each household. In addition, the community instructors trained by AAR Japan conducted explosive ordnance risk education.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 3,160 people (approximately 2,520 IDPs and persons in poverty (360 households) who received food packages, 640 persons who received risk education)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 1,500 residents of villages where risk education workshops are held.



Distribution of food, blankets, and other relief supplies to IDPs (December 2021)

# Republic of Turkey

## Sanliurfa Office, Istanbul Office

AAR provided emergency assistance to victims of the major earthquake that struck eastern Turkey in 2011. In 2012, we began providing emergency assistance to refugees from neighboring Syria who fled the civil war and entered the country's southeastern region. We opened the Sanliurfa Office in the following year, 2013, and then the Istanbul Office in October 2016, and have been continuously providing assistance to Syrian refugees.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 292,707,144 JPY

## 1 Combined Assistance for Syrian Refugees

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

**Objective:** To create an environment in which refugees are appropriately protected.

### **Achievement:** (1) Individual support

Through community volunteers and hotlines, refugees at high risk of protection were identified and assisted in accessing necessary public services. In FY2021, the project specifically targeted households economically affected by the spread of the COVID-19, distributed electronic money, assisted children who were unable to attend school for financial reasons, and provided psychosocial support to alleviate the stress caused by the pandemic.

### (2) Information and awareness-raising activities

Up-to-date information on public services available to refugees was provided through community volunteers, hotlines, and websites. Special emphasis was placed on providing the latest information on various regulations and public services for the prevention of the COVID-19 infection, as the situation was always changing and it was difficult for refugees to obtain accurate information.

### (3) Community activities

Continued support for self-help groups of people with disabilities, their families, children and their parents were provided. In FY2021, we supported the establishment of a new self-help group of host community residents and aimed to conduct joint activities with the existing self-help groups of refugees. However, due to the restriction on face-to-face activities because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the launch of new self-help groups for host community residents had to be canceled, and support was provided to existing self-help groups of refugees online reach-out only.

### (4) Enhancing ability of local NGOs

Strengthened the capacity of small local NGOs for the sustainable development of the local refugee support system. Based on our experience in refugee protection, individual assistance, and community activities, training was provided to local NGOs, followed by financial and technical support for them to develop their own activity plans and implement their projects.

**Beneficiaries:** 17,721 people (Individual assistance: 6,512 persons, Information and awareness-raising activities: 10,078 persons, Community activities: 963 persons, Capacity building of 3 local NGOs: 168 persons)



Working with community volunteers to distribute hygiene products to refugee families to support safety measures against COVID-19 (January 2022)

# Syrian Arab Republic

In 2014, AAR began providing emergency assistance to victims of the Syrian civil war that began in 2011. Through local partner organizations, food distribution and mine risk education were provided to IDPs and their host communities who have repeatedly fled and returned to Syria. In 2020, we began distributing hygiene kits as a response to the spread of the COVID-19. In November 2021, agricultural support began as part of efforts to help displaced people rebuild their lives.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 133,098,683 JPY

## 1 Distribution of Hygiene Products (COVID-19 prevention measure)

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To improve sanitary environment in IDPs (IDP) camps and prevent the spread of COVID-19 through the distribution of hygiene products.

**Achievement:** In order to improve the sanitary environment of IDPs exposed to high risk of infection by the COVID-19, hygiene items were distributed to IDP camps with particularly poor sanitary environment. During the distribution, awareness-raising activities on infection prevention measures were also conducted.

**Beneficiaries:** 35,331 people (approximately 7,488 households)



Distribution of hygiene products to IDPs as a safety measure against COVID-19 (November 2021)

## 2 Disability and Development (New)

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and their families through rehabilitation and psychosocial support.

**Achievement:** Individualized support plans were developed for people with disabilities and their families who were cut off from access to medical services due to the impact of the COVID-19, in line with the needs of each beneficiary, and support was provided based on the individual support plans, including rehabilitation, psychosocial support, and provision of assistive devices.

**Beneficiaries:** 3,945 people (641 persons with disabilities and 3,304 family members of persons with disabilities)



Provide rehabilitation by physiotherapists to children with disabilities (January 2022)

## 3 Victim Assistance of Landmines, etc.

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** Improve the quality of life of people with disabilities, including victims of landmines etc.,

**Achievement:** Implementation of the project was postponed due to the lack of funds and other systems needed to implement the project.

**Beneficiaries:** N/A

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



## 4 Food Distribution, Agricultural Support (New)

**Target Area:** Syrian Arab Republic

**Objective:** To improve IDPs' access to food through food distribution and to improve food production and livelihoods of subsistence farmers through agricultural support.

**Achievement:** Launched continuous distribution of bread in IDP camps in January 2022. In addition, 250 people were selected for agricultural assistance, and seeds and fertilizers for wheat production were distributed, and agricultural training was also offered.

**Beneficiaries:** 9,523 people (Food distribution: 9,273 persons (1,965 households,) Agricultural support: 250 persons)



Distributed wheat seeds, fertilizers, and other agricultural materials to secure food and improve livelihoods (December 2021)

# Republic of the Sudan

## Khartoum Office

Following the ceasefire in 2005 that ended the 20-year-long civil war between the North and the South, AAR opened an office in the capital Khartoum and began mine risk education projects, expanding its activities with the establishment of the Kadugli Office in 2007 (closed in 2011) and the Kassala Office in 2012. In 2013, we started the project to fight for infectious diseases such as mycetoma, and in June 2016, we began to provide support for landmine victims. With the completion of the mine risk education and victim assistance project, the Kassala Office was closed in August 2019 and the Khartoum office was temporarily closed in January 2020. Following the influx of refugees into eastern Sudan due to the conflict in the neighboring northern Ethiopian state of Tigray, we reopened the Khartoum office in June 2021. Emergency assistance projects were implemented to improve water and sanitation in refugee camps in Gadaref State.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 32,516,938 JPY

## 1 Fight for Infectious Diseases (Mycetoma\*)

**Target Area:** Jazeera State, Republic of Sudan

**Objective:** Offer treatment for mycetoma patients at medical facilities in Jazeera province, where mycetoma is endemic

**Achievement:** Diagnosis, treatment, and surgery for mycetoma patients were conducted through local partner organizations. In addition, awareness raising activities on mycetoma infection were conducted for local residents, informing them of the symptoms of suspected infection and the importance of seeking medical attention at an early stage. In addition, a survey was conducted to determine the patients' original knowledge of the infection and the impact of the infection on the daily lives of the patients and their families.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,032 people (Mycetoma patients and community residents)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 4,000 family members of direct beneficiaries



Surgeries were performed on mycetoma patients. Many healthcare professionals volunteered to participate (July 2021)

## 2 Emergency Assistance for Ethiopian Refugees

**Target Area:** Tunayba Refugee Settlement, Gadaref State, Republic of the Sudan

**Objective:** To improve the water and sanitation environment in refugee settlements where Ethiopian refugees take refuge by distributing sanitary items, installing water and sanitation facilities, and conducting hygiene awareness activities.

**Achievement:** In cooperation with local partner organizations and refugee volunteers, hygiene items such as masks, soap, detergent, and sanitary products were distributed. In addition, trash cans were installed throughout the residential areas, and water tanks and hand washing stations were installed at six schools to improve the sanitary environment. We provided sanitary products to one junior high and one high school, creating a safe environment for girls to come to school during menstruation. In addition, the project promoted improved hygiene and infection control at home by distributing pamphlets and demonstrating hand-washing.

**Beneficiaries:** 19,466 people in refugee settlements

\*Mycetoma species are infections in which certain bacteria and fungi enter the body via wounds and gradually destroy subcutaneous tissue. It is one of the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs).



Handwashing stations installed in elementary schools in refugee settlements (October 2021)

# Republic of Kenya

## Nairobi Office, Kakuma Office

In 2005, AAR opened an office in Nairobi as a base of assistance to Southern Sudan; in 2011, we began providing assistance in northeastern Kenya to victims of the drought that hit various regions in Africa. In February 2014, we began providing assistance to South Sudanese refugees who fled to the Kenyan side following the armed conflict that occurred in the South Sudanese capital of Juba in December 2013. In February 2014, we began providing assistance to South Sudanese refugees in the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana County in northwestern Kenya. In July 2015, we began providing assistance in secondary education sector, and in August 2017 began activities in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 60,234,058 JPY

## 1 Secondary Education Support

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

**Objective:** To improve the educational environment of secondary schools, strengthen the problem-solving skills of youth, enhance the protective function of schools for youth, and improve career guidance in order to improve the secondary education enrollment and retention rates, leading to develop human resources who will play important roles in the future development of their home countries.

**Achievement:** In two secondary schools in the Kalobeyei area, the educational environment was improved with a library, school gates, and fences. In addition, training was provided to teachers so that students could learn how to cope with the difficulties they face, and counselors provided training to teachers to create an environment where students can feel comfortable discussing their problems with them. In addition, the career guidance system for students was strengthened through career seminars and career guidance training for teachers at the target schools. Education counselors provided education and daily life counseling at community centers in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement, and support was provided for those who were not attending school to return to school by offering them school supplies. In addition, due to the impact of the COVID-19, the representative staff was evacuated to Japan and conducted the project remotely.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 17,293 people (17,007 students; 286 teachers, parents, community workers and out-of-school students who received life and education counseling)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 79,143 (74,690 students' family members, 4,453 young people who cannot go to school)



Training for teachers and others to be able to give appropriate advice to students on difficulties they face (June 2021).

## 2 Child and Youth Development and Protection Projects

**Target Area:** Kalobeyei area and Kakuma area, Republic of Kenya

**Objective:** Contribute to improving the livelihoods of refugees and youth in the host community and strengthen the protection of children and youth.

**Achievement:** Information and communication technology training for refugees and youth in the host community were conducted in both face-to-face and online formats. The project to strengthen the operation and maintenance of the community center built in the Kalobeyei refugee settlement and to strengthen the protection capacity of children and youth in the Kakuma-Kalobeyei area were not implemented due to lack of funding and other implementation arrangements.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 293 people of training participants

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 879 family members of trainees



Information and communication technology training was provided for refugee and host community youth (15-34 years old) (July 2021)



# Republic of Uganda

## Kampala Office, Hoima Office

In March 2009, AAR invited representatives of the Uganda Landmine Survivors Association (ULSA) to Japan, and this was the beginning of our support to deepen cooperation among landmine victims through ULSA. Against the backdrop of the armed conflict that broke out in July 2016 in Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan, which borders northern Uganda, and the subsequent turmoil in the country, we opened the Kampala Office in September and the Yumbe Office in October of the same year to support South Sudanese refugees who continue to flow into the northwest region of Uganda. Also, with the influx of refugees into the western region of Uganda from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), where the conflict continues, the Hoima office was opened and began supporting DRC refugees in April 2020; the Yumbe office was closed in January 2021 and offices were consolidated as Kampala and Hoima Offices.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 77,658,393 JPY

## 1 Countermeasures against COVID-19 in Refugee Settlements and Host Communities (New)

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

**Objective:** To prevent infection of COVID-19 among South Sudanese refugees, DRC refugees, and host communities living in refugee settlements, and to reduce social challenges caused by these infections.

**Achievement:** Distribution of hygiene kits to 27,637 DRC refugees and host community residents in Kyangwali refugee settlement (southwest of Hoima) and host community, Kikuube District. Through hygiene instruction and hygiene awareness activities targeting a total of 67,661 residents, knowledge on the prevention of infectious diseases was disseminated to the residents. In the Bidibidi refugee settlement in Yumbe, the Imvepi refugee settlement in Terego, and the Palorinya refugee settlement in Obongi, the project did not take place due to lack of funds and implementation system, thus, only DRC refugees and host community residents were eligible for assistance.

**Beneficiaries:** 67,661 people (refugees from the DRC and host community residents)



Distribution of hygiene items necessary to prevent the infection of COVID-19 in refugee settlements (May 2021)

## 2 Livelihood Assistance for Landmine Victims

**Target Area:** Republic of Uganda, western part

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

**Achievement:** Implementation of the program was postponed due to the time required to negotiate with local partner organizations.

**Beneficiaries:** N/A

### 3 Educational Assistance to Refugees from the DRC in Western Uganda

**Target Area:** Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Kibuye District, Republic of Uganda

**Objective:** To improve the educational environment for children of refugees from the DRC and host communities.

**Achievement:** Distributed school supplies to 19,135 children enrolled in primary schools to enable them to continue attending school. Forty-eight children participated in a workshop to promote girls' education for refugees and children from host communities. In addition, 90 children participated in a girls' education club, and individual support was provided to 180 children who had problems continuing to attend primary school. In addition, language support was provided to 1,080 children through supplementary English classes, and school attendance continuation awareness workshops were conducted for 480 parents, thereby contributing to the prevention of children from dropping out of school.

**Beneficiaries:** 21,025 people (20,497 refugees and children in the host communities, 528 residents and teachers in the host communities)



Girls' Education Club activities include making reusable sanitary napkins (June 2021)

# 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. HIV/AIDS project was implemented in and around the capital of Lusaka from 2004 to March 2019. The maternal and child health support project was also implemented from February 2016 to March 2019, when Lusaka Office was closed. In March 2017, the Meheba office was reopened and started supporting local integration of former-refugees in the Meheba former-refugee resettlement area.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 36,912,923 JPY

## 1 Support for Local Integration of Former Refugees

**Target Area:** Meheba former-refugee resettlement site, Kalumbila District, Northwestern Province, Republic of Zambia

**Objective:** To create an environment in resettlement areas where residents can independently and continuously carry out livelihood activities and to improve their incomes.

**Achievement:** Self-help groups consisting of resettled residents were provided with seeds and seedlings of crops with high demand in the market, and training on cultivation methods and joint transportation and marketing of crops by members. AAR staff and livelihood activity committee members from each self-help group visited the farmland of the residents to check the cultivation status and provide guidance on cultivation knowledge. In addition, to expand sales channels, the training promoted exchanges of opinions between the self-help groups and market middlemen and businesses in the suburbs of the project site, and provided basic guidance on household income and expenditure management so that residents could understand the income and expenditure related to farming and living, and save money systematically. After the training, AAR staff members provided guidance to ensure that the content of the training was firmly established.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 2,900 former refugees and Zambians in the target area (463 households)



Visited residents' homes to check on household income and expenditure management for planned savings (November 2021)



# Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

## Vientiane Office

In 1999, the AAR opened an office in Vientiane, the capital of Laos, and in 2000, began supporting the manufacture and distribution of wheelchairs, and in 2011, transferred its operations to the local level. Since 2012, we have been working with the Lao Association for Persons with Disabilities to provide support for people with disabilities to work and start small businesses, and have been implementing projects to support people with disabilities for about 20 years. The office opened in Xieng Khouang Province in the north of Laos in 2010 to support victims of unexploded ordnance was closed in 2014 when the project was completed. And the office opened in Phongsaly Province in 2015 to strengthen maternal and child health services for local residents, and it was closed in September 2019 when the project was completed.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 18,552,216 JPY

## 1 Support for Promotion of Disability-inclusive Communities

**Target Area:** Oudomxay Provinces, Lao P.D.R.

**Objective:** Through the promotion of the participation of people with disabilities in social activities, a foundation for a disability-inclusive society will be established.

**Achievement:** Project orientation was held for staff from the headquarters and provincial branches of the local partner organizations of people with disabilities, staff from local government agencies in the target areas, local residents such as village leaders, and government officials, in order to build a cooperative system from various perspectives. In addition, as it was difficult to visit the project sites in person due to travel restrictions caused by the spread of the COVID-19, we collected information on people with disabilities living in the target areas in PakBeng District and Beng District, Oudomxay Province, through interviews by telephone and online tools. Awareness-raising training was conducted for these people with disabilities to deepen their understanding of disabilities, and 100 beneficiaries were selected to participate in technical training and self-help group activities supported by the project. In addition, physiotherapy interviews were also conducted with five beneficiaries, and information were provided to specialized institutions that provide assistive devices as needed. In addition, potential public facilities where barrier-free environments would be developed were selected through the discussion with government officials in the target areas.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 220 people (200 persons with disabilities and caregivers, 3 employees of the headquarters and provincial branch offices of organizations of persons with disabilities, 4 provincial government officials, 8 employees of administrative agencies in target areas, and 5 government officials)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 29,200 people (approximately 1,000 family members of people with disabilities and approximately 28,200 residents of the target area)



Visit the homes of people with disabilities to check their living conditions and the degree of their disabilities, and provide information, etc. (February 2022)

# Kingdom of Cambodia

## Phnom Penh Office

Since its establishment in 1979, AAR has provided assistance to Cambodian refugees in refugee camps on the Thai border and in Japan. The year after the peace agreement was signed (1992), we opened the office in the capital of Phnom Penh, and have operated a vocational training school for people with disabilities since 1993, and a wheelchair workshop since 1994. In 2006, they became independent as a local NGO. In 2013, the Phnom Penh office was reopened to implement a project to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 36,424,483 JPY

## 1 Promotion of Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities

**Target Area:** Nationwide

**Objective:** To develop evaluation tools for inclusive education (IE), and an educational support system for children with disabilities to be in place through the establishment of special-needs classes and resource centers and the strengthening of the capacity of the support committee for the children with disabilities.

**Achievement:** IE promotion initiatives were collected and IE checklists were piloted in two states. In addition, in order to disseminate the initiatives of the model regions throughout the country, the project hosted educators from other regions and held online exchange meetings with other organizations. In Khsach Kandal District, training on teaching methods for different types of disabilities was provided for teachers in charge of special-needs classes, district education office staff, and provincial education bureau staff, while training on individual support for children with disabilities, data management, and medical education was provided for the staff of the support committee for people with disabilities and health centers. At the same time, to disseminate the knowledge and experience on disabilities gained in the model area to other schools in the district, teachers in charge of IE were selected in each school district and their roles were discussed.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 2,830 people (48 core members of the support committee for people with disabilities in the commune, 12 participants in training for teachers in charge of special-needs classes, 22 children in special-needs classes, 2,692 total users of resource centers, 24 IE teachers, 31 employees of health centers in the county, 1 employee of health administrative district)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 19,915 (115 family members of children in special-needs classes and about 19,800 school-aged children in all 39 elementary schools in the district, including children with disabilities)



Teachers in charge of special-needs classes visited families of children with disabilities during the period when schools were closed due to the COVID-19, and gave individual lessons (June 2021)

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

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

**Objective:** To improve the operational capacity and fundraising capability of the wheelchair workshop “AAR, WCD” for its stable operation.

**Achievement:** Continued financial support for the operation of the workshop and production of the prosthetic device, and provision of free wheelchairs for people with disabilities. Through participation in board meetings and review of monthly reports, the staff was guided to improve their capacity to manage business operations, finances, and fund operations.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 43 people (9 employees of “AAR, WCD” and 34 persons with disabilities who received free wheelchairs)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 388 persons with disabilities who received “AAR, WCD” prosthetic devices through cooperating



Distributed wheelchairs to people with disabilities in cooperation with local partner organizations (November 2021)

# Republic of the Union of Myanmar

## Yangon Office, Hpa-an Office

In 1999, AAR opened an office in Yangon, and in the following year, 2000, we opened a vocational training school for people with disabilities. In 2001, the “Myanmar Children’s Future (Tomorrow) Program” was launched with foster parents to support the learning and rehabilitation of children with intellectual and physical disabilities. In 2013, we opened another office in Hpa-an, Kayin State, and began support activities for IDPs and returnees. In 2017, we began efforts to promote the social participation of people with disabilities, and currently conducts inclusive education support activities and economic independence support activities for people with disabilities. In both Yangon and Hpa-an offices, emergency assistance for the COVID-19 has been provided from 2020 and emergency humanitarian assistance from 2021.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 66,487,902 JPY

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

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

**Objective:** To strengthen the self-support and developmental employment support system in vocational training schools for people with disabilities.

**Achievement:** Due to the impact of the COVID-19, vocational training schools have been closed since March 2020 in accordance with government directives, and new trainees have not been enrolled. During the school closure period, teachers continued to provide technical guidance, check employment and living conditions, and offer consultation services to individuals and groups of graduates by telephone and video phone, and also provided information on dressmaking and PC technology through Facebook on a regular basis. The employment placement support by telephone and social networking services was also continued, and 16 new job placements were made (as of December 2021). In addition to the spread of the COVID-19, local staff members are basically working from home due to the deteriorating security situation in Yangon since the political upheaval in February 2021, which was followed by large-scale protests by citizens opposing the military government. Since the expatriate staffs also evacuated to Japan in 2020, they have been conducting activities with the safety of the staff as the top priority, such as managing the training school remotely.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 902 people (14 graduates of vocational training schools who obtained jobs through job placement, 228 students of technical guidance, 160 people consulted their problems on working and living conditions, and about 500 graduates who viewed the online teaching materials)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** About 2,055 people (about 2,010 family members of people with disabilities, 45 people from private companies and support groups for people with disabilities)



Vocational training school faculty members used telephone and online tools to check on the living conditions of graduates and provide consultation services (February 2022).



### 2 “Myanmar Children’s Future (Tomorrow) Program” (Foster Parenting Project)

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

**Objective:** To improve the physical and social functions of children with disabilities.

**Achievement:** In light of the spread of the COVID-19 infection and deteriorating security situation, visits by AAR staff, physiotherapists and social workers, to the homes of children with disabilities were discouraged, and rehabilitation guidance, learning support, and monitoring were provided via telephone and videoconferencing. In addition, learning materials and medicines that met the needs of children with disabilities were distributed. Furthermore, food, hygiene products, and cash were distributed every two months to families with children with disabilities who were in need due to the impact of the COVID-19, and support continued to be provided to facilities for children with disabilities operated by local NGOs.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 203 people (30 children with disabilities, 130 children using facilities for children with disabilities run by a local NGO, and its 43 staff)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 829 people (149 families of children with disabilities and about 680 families of children using local NGO’s facilities for children with disabilities)



Provide rehabilitation guidance to children with disabilities via videophone (August 2021)

### 3 Establishment of a system to promote inclusive education (Yangon Region)

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

**Objective:** To promote inclusive education (IE) in the Yangon region so that more children with disabilities can receive an education that meets their individual characteristics.

**Achievement:** Barrier-free construction and facilities were implemented at two schools in the target area, removing steps and installing barrier-free toilets, and training was provided to teachers at the schools on how to maintain the facilities. In addition, a survey was conducted on the educational environment of students attending the school to understand their needs for assistive devices and teaching aids. In April and August 2021, Japanese experts provided guidance on creating individualized instructional plans for children with disabilities so that assistant teachers could understand and practice IE. In addition, to deepen understanding of disabilities at schools and in the community as a whole, educational pamphlets and notebooks were prepared, and an educational workshop was held in January 2022 for the families of 30 children with disabilities. The progress of the project was reported to promote understanding of inclusive education by the education bureau officials of the Yangon Region, which has jurisdiction over the target schools.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,892 people (12 children with disabilities attending target schools and approximately 1,880 students without disabilities attending target schools)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 9,627 people (approximately 9,620 family members of students from target schools and 7 district administrators from target schools)



Educational workshops for parents of children with disabilities to deepen their understanding of disabilities (January 2022)

## 4 Support for Inclusive Education (Kayin State)

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

**Objective:** To strengthen the system of inclusive education (IE) in the base schools by establishing a system that allows for the resolution of issues faced by children with disabilities and out-of-school children and their families in their daily lives together with local residents, and by improving the learning environment.

**Achievement:** Three villages in Hpa-an district community support group consisting of village leaders, PTA members, and local residents including children were established and community volunteers were selected in order to set up a mechanism to promote IE support in the community. Training was conducted for the local support group members and community volunteers, and the trained community volunteers started special education activities for children with disabilities and IE awareness activities in the villages. In addition, children with disabilities in need of assistive devices and rehabilitation were referred to specialized institutions in Hpa-an. Furthermore, we coordinated the necessary procedures for the renovation of the base school to make it barrier-free. Due to the spread of COVID-19 infection and the unstable security situation since February 2021, the representative of the Hpa-an Office operated the project remotely from Japan.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,200 people (10 children with disabilities, 90 out-of-school children, 1,100 students from the base schools)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 12,400 people (4,820 families of children with disabilities, out-of-school children, and students at the base schools, and 7,580 local residents)



Referred a child with disabilities requiring a wheelchair to a specialized agency in Hpa-an (December 2021)

## 5 Economic Empowerment for People with disabilities in Conflict-affected Areas and Urban Areas

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

**Objective:** Enable people with disabilities to participate in financial services and livelihood activities, diversifying their sources of income and improving their life skills.

**Achievement:** Partnered with Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) Myanmar, conducted a training program to teach agriculture and poultry farming techniques and knowledge on financial services to people with disabilities who aim for economic independence in the target areas. In addition, peer groups for people with disabilities were established in each district to establish a network of people with disabilities in the region. Participants in these peer group activities who were in need of assistive devices and rehabilitation were referred to specialized institutions in Kayin State.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 700 people with disabilities

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 2,800 families of people with disabilities



Conducted a workshop to establish a peer group, and a network of persons with disabilities in the region (November 2021)

## 6 Emergency Humanitarian Aid

**Target Area:** Yangon Region and Kayin State, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

**Objective:** To improve the nutritional, hygienic and living conditions of the needed, including people with disabilities, through the distribution of emergency relief supplies such as food, hygiene products and cash.

**Achievement:** In the Yangon-Kayin region of Myanmar, where the situation has continued to deteriorate since the declaration of a state of emergency in February 2021, emergency relief supplies such as food, hygiene products, and cash were distributed to the needed, including people with disabilities.

**Beneficiaries:** Approximately 3,000 people (about 600 households)



Distribution of food and other relief supplies to families with children with disabilities (November 2021)

# People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Cox's Bazar Office

In 2017, AAR began providing emergency assistance to displaced people who fled armed repression in Myanmar and entered neighboring Bangladesh in large numbers. The project has focused on water and sanitation projects for the displaced camps in Cox's Bazar district, southeast Bangladesh, and the residents of the camps' surrounding areas (host communities) who have been affected by the influx of displaced people. Since August 2021, the project has been working on the protection of women in displaced peoples' camps and host communities.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 46,188,364 JPY

## 1 Support for Women in Refugee Camps and Host Communities

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

**Objective:** To provide an appropriate environment of protection for vulnerable women in refugee camps and to raise awareness of the protective environment for women in host communities.

**Achievement:** Two Women Friendly Spaces (WFS) sites were operated to provide individualized support to victims of gender-based violence, including violence by husbands, which has increased due to prolonged displacement and the impact of the COVID-19, and referrals to specialized support such as medical and legal assistance.

Awareness-raising activities on protection risks, which had been planned in the host communities, were not conducted due to lack of implementation systems. In addition, due to the impact of the COVID-19, expatriate staff were evacuated to Japan to conduct operations remotely, but were reassigned in February 2022 as the number of infections appeared to be decreasing.

**Beneficiaries:** 181 people (Individual support: 62 persons, Psychological counseling and referral: 87 persons, Awareness-raising activities: 32 persons)



Refugee women were briefed on the activities conducted by WFS (January 2022)

## 2 Countermeasures against COVID-19 (Completed)

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

**Objective:** Prevent the spread of COVID-19 through hygiene awareness activities, distribution of hygiene products, and regular disinfection of water and sanitation facilities.

**Achievement:** To prevent the spread of infection, hygiene awareness activities related to the COVID-19 and distribution of sanitary supplies such as disinfectant and soap were conducted. In addition, water sanitation facilities such as toilets, wells, and bathing rooms were disinfected on a regular basis to prevent the spread of infection.

**Beneficiaries:** 30,623 people (hygiene awareness raising activities and distribution of hygiene items through door-to-door visits: 19,789 persons (refugee camps: 5,993, host communities: 13,796), users of disinfected water sanitation facilities: 10,834 persons (refugee camps: 8,194, host communities: 2,640))



Conducted awareness campaigns in refugee camps and host communities on prevention of COVID-19 and distributed hygiene kits (April 2021)



# Islamic Republic of Pakistan

## Islamabad Office, Haripur Office

In 2005, AAR provided emergency assistance to victims of a major earthquake, followed by the assistance to IDPs who had been displaced as a result of fighting during a Taliban cleanup operation in 2009. We set up an office in Islamabad to provide assistance to flood victims in 2010, and have been implementing projects to improve the educational and sanitary environment for Afghan refugees and the host community. The Nowshera Office, established in 2012, was closed at the end of January 2016, following the completion of activities in Nowshera District, and the Haripur office was opened in February 2016. Since November 2019, we have been working to create a supportive learning environment for children with disabilities.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 52,015,327 JPY

## 1 Building a Supportive Learning Environment for Children with Disabilities

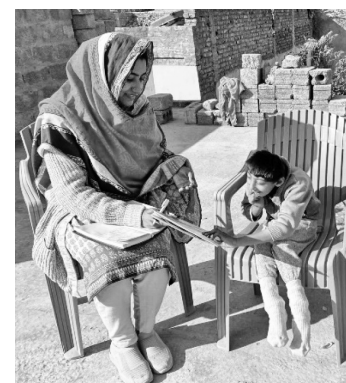
**Target Area:** Haripur District, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Islamic Republic of Pakistan

**Objective:** To establish a basic educational environment centered at two elementary schools in Haripur District that can accommodate children with disabilities, and a school attendance support system for children with disabilities living in both school districts

**Achievement:** In two elementary schools in the central part of the district, the project established a system to accommodate children with disabilities by improving infrastructure and strengthening the capacity of teachers. In the community, children with disabilities who were not enrolled in school were identified and linked to school support and administrative services. In addition to the two schools mentioned above, two additional target elementary schools were selected, and the establishment of learning environments for children with disabilities was also introduced. In addition, the project promoted the participation of the Bureau of Education, which has jurisdiction over public schools, and the Bureau of Social Welfare, which has jurisdiction over the education of children with disabilities, and provided support for the local authorities to proactively disseminate the results of this project to other schools. Due to the impact of the COVID-19, the expatriate staffs were evacuated to Japan to conduct the project remotely, but was reassigned in October 2021 as the number of infections appeared to be decreasing.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 3,075 people (35 children with disabilities and their families living in the school district, 210 children with disabilities and their families, 1,230 current students and teachers, and approximately 1,600 children with disabilities and their families living in the districts of the newly targeted schools, current students and teachers in total)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approx. 17,380 people (approx. 16,980 family members of children and 400 local residents)



Visiting the houses of children with disabilities to interview them about their living and learning conditions (December 2021)



## 2 Improvement of Water and Sanitation in Girls' Elementary Schools

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

**Objective:** To drill a well at a girls' elementary school in the mountainous area of Haripur District to secure a source of water for use in toilets and hand-washing.

**Achievement:** In one girls' elementary school in the mountainous area of Haripur District, a well was drilled in the school to secure water for use in toilets and hand-washing.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** Approximately 840 people (120 children with disabilities living in the school district and 720 their families)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 400 local residents



Drilling a well at a girls' elementary school in a mountainous area to secure a water source for toilets and hand-washing (February 2022)

# Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

## Kabul Office

Since 1999, AAR has been conducting mine clearance activities supported by the proceeds from the picture book, “Please Give Me Flowers, Not Landmines.” In 2002, we opened offices in Kabul, the capital, and in Taloqan, the capital of the northeastern province of Takhar. Mine risk education and rehabilitation through physiotherapy were initiated. In 2008, the northeastern part of the project was transferred to the other NGO operating in the same region. The operations were remotely managed from the Tokyo headquarters since November 2008 and from Islamabad since July 2016, but due to the OVID-19 outbreak, the operations have been managed remotely from Tokyo again since April 2020. Based in the capital city of Kabul, we provides mine risk education and support for people with disabilities, including landmine victims.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 59,789,375 JPY

## 1 Promotion of IE

**Target Area:** Parwan Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**Objective:** To promote xIE in public schools in Charikar, Bagram and Jabal Saraj districts of Parwaan district, thereby ensuring the right to education for more children.

**Achievement:** The project operated in response to the school closure measures due to the re-spread of the COVID-19 and the political changes that occurred in August 2021, which significantly restricted activities at schools and in the community. In the four target schools in Bagram and Jabal Saraj districts, the IE Promotion Committee, consisting of teachers appointed by each school, strengthened the schools' capacity to accommodate children with disabilities. Braille textbooks for visually impaired children were also prepared and distributed, and IE awareness sessions and Braille and sign language classes were held for children with disabilities. In addition, information sessions were held for students without disabilities to promote their understanding on the rights of people with disabilities. The number of children with disabilities in the target schools was increased by identifying children with disabilities who were not enrolled in school and residing in the school district of each school, and by taking new enrollment procedures at each target school. In these activities, awareness-raising activities on the rights of people with disabilities were effective, targeting village heads and other community leaders and residents in the school district areas of the four target schools. On the other hand, the preparation and distribution of Braille textbooks, which had been planned for two schools in Charikar District, will be implemented in the next fiscal year because AAR that had been requested to prepare Braille textbooks for the people with disabilities has been suspended by the interim government, making it difficult for the organization to carry out its work.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,123 people (36 children with disabilities, 72 parents, 48 IE promotion committee members, 11 administrative staff, 482 children without disabilities from target schools, 16 village mayors and 16 deputy mayors, 442 participants in awareness raising events)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approx. 10,000 students and teachers



Braille courses for visually impaired students (November 2021)

# 2 Comprehensive Mine Action

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

**Objective:** To equip children and adult women with appropriate behaviors and habits to avoid the risk of explosives.

**Achievement:** The program provided Explosives Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) at community-based social resources such as schools, clinics, and mosques, and trained appropriate personnel at each site to serve as community EORE instructors. Further, community instructors visited remote and conservative areas and disseminated awareness-raising messages via radio on a nation-wide scale. Furthermore, in cooperation with a UK-based demining NGO (The HALO Trust), we conducted demining and unexploded ordnance clearance activities in Balkh and Samangan provinces, making approximately 34,860m<sup>2</sup> of land into safe living areas and removing 36 mines and one unexploded ordnance.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 5,024,504 people (24,238 workshop participants, approximately 5 million radio program listeners, 266 beneficiaries (land users) from landmine clearance)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 867,918 people (863,700 residents of target villages and 4,218 beneficiaries from landmine clearance (people living near the land))



Open-air mine risk education (July 2021)

# Republic of Tajikistan

## Dushanbe Office

In November 2001, AAR opened an office in the capital of Dushanbe to secure a route to northeastern Afghanistan. Since then, the program has been in full swing to support people with disabilities in Tajikistan. The project to promote IE in Dushanbe since 2014 and in Hissor since 2017, respectively, was implemented for three years. In December 2020, a project was launched to train IE-expert teachers at a teacher training college in Dushanbe.



2021 fiscal year final settlement: 43,397,101 JPY

## 1 Developing Teaching Programs for Promotion of IE

**Target Area:** Dushanbe, 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 teaching programs that incorporate an IE perspective.

**Achievement:** Training on disabilities, universal design of classes, and reasonable accommodation were conducted for university faculty members in charge of teaching courses. After the training, the participating teachers gave lectures on the content of the training to their students, and the students who attended the lectures conducted practical training at an IE model school in Hissor City where children with disabilities attend, putting the knowledge they learned into practice. In addition, a collection of teaching examples was prepared for university faculty members to use in their classes, and the university campus was made barrier-free by installing slopes and flat pathways. Open campuses were also held for high school students with disabilities in the Dushanbe area, and university orientation sessions for students with disabilities and their families, to motivate students with disabilities to enroll in higher education. Information on IE teaching methods were exchanged in the meetings of 90 teachers from IE model schools in Hissor to discuss teaching methods for children with disabilities to learn together with children without disabilities in regular classrooms. IE network was established to promote IE in Tajikistan with 25 members from the Ministry of Education and Science, national research institutes, organizations for people with disabilities, support groups for people with disabilities, and teacher training colleges, and information sharing meetings were held three times.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,529 people (7 teachers participating in training, 202 teachers from 4 faculties, 71 students with disabilities attending base universities, 284 family members of people with disabilities, 126 students from 4 faculties of base universities, 104 high school students with disabilities, 124 students with disabilities and their family members (about 496 people, about 90 elementary school teachers, 25 people from 9 IE Network participating organizations))

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 21,341 people (about 20,400 students of all the base universities excluding the four faculties and about 941 faculty members other than training participants)



Conduct training for university faculty teachers to promote understanding on disabilities in order to build a teaching curriculum that includes an IE perspective (August 2021)



## 2 Project of Vocational Training for People with Disabilities

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

**Objective:** To promote social participation of people with disabilities for their social and economic independent

**Achievement:** The program provided employment support through vocational training in dressmaking three times a week for 10 months for people with disabilities and their families, who have difficulty finding work and are likely to fall into poverty due to discrimination and prejudice and the lack of domestic laws related to disabilities. In addition to sewing skills, business skills courses were also included to provide practical training in purchasing materials, negotiating with customers, and setting product prices. Training on disability was first provided to home economics teachers at 13 schools in Hissor, and those home economics teachers from these 13 schools and 15 volunteers from schools in the area participated in the vocational training as supporting teachers. At the end of the sewing and business training, an exhibition was held at schools and markets as part of the project's awareness raising activities. Through the exhibition of the products made and the demonstration of sewing skills, the objectives and results of the project were shared to nearly 2,000 local residents to promote their understanding of disabilities.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 13 persons with disabilities and their families who participated in vocational training

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 2,096 people (about 65 family members of people with disabilities, 16 home economics teachers in Hissor, 15 volunteers, and about 2,000 local residents)



Vocational training on sewing techniques for people with disabilities and their families (August 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. We opened offices in Sendai, Morioka, and Soma, respectively. In 2013, the operations of the Morioka office were integrated into the Sendai office, and in 2014, the operations of the Soma office were integrated into the Sendai office. Subsequently, in March 2019, the Sendai office was closed and switched to managing operations on a business travel basis from Tokyo and Sendai. In August 2016, the Saga Office was also opened as a business continuity base expecting a major earthquake directly under the Tokyo metropolitan area. Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, AAR has provided support in numerous disaster areas, including the Kumamoto Earthquake, torrential rains in western Japan, typhoons No. 15 and No. 19, torrential rains in July 2020, and torrential rains in August 2021.



## 1 Support for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 47,783,449 JPY

**Target Area:** Affected areas in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima Prefectures

**Objective:** To strengthen the resilience of local communities by holding community exchange events and supporting activities at welfare facilities for the people with disabilities, mainly targeting evacuees, people with disabilities, the elderly, and children in the disaster-stricken areas, and to contribute to the formation of disaster-resilient communities that take into account the diverse needs of disaster victims.

**Achievement:** In addition to massage and listening activities, health classes, vegetable garden activities, disaster prevention events were held 92 times for disaster victims living in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, while ensuring social distance, to prevent isolation of a total of 1,541 disaster victims and to promote rebuilding of communities. In cooperation with a group of evacuees in Musashino City, Tokyo, AAR also held 25 exchange events for evacuees outside of Fukushima Prefecture. We provided 27 welfare facilities for people with disabilities operating in the affected areas in the three prefectures in Tohoku with furniture and fixtures and supported the holding of sales events to strengthen manufacturing by people with disabilities and sales promotion activities at the facilities. “Nishi-Aizu Waku Waku Kodomo Juku,” an overnight recreation program mainly for parents and children living in the Hamadori region of Fukushima Prefecture, was implemented twice while taking measures to prevent COVID-19 infections. We also provided support for the promotion of activities of one organization in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, which continues to support the reconstruction of the lives of homebound disaster victims, while support for repair work on the facility and equipment to one welfare facility in Yamamoto Town, Miyagi Prefecture, was provided, which was damaged by the aftershocks of the Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred in February 2021.

**Beneficiaries:** 5,181 people (1,657 participants for events, approximately 3,240 users, staff, and family members of users at welfare facilities for people with disabilities; 84 parents and children participating in Nishi-Aizu Waku Waku Kodomo Juku; and approximately 200 homebound disaster victims supported by local organizations)



Disaster prevention event as a community exchange activity in Kawamata Town, Fukushima Prefecture (July 2021)

## 2 Support for Victims of the Torrential Rain in Kyushu (July 2020) (Completed)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 9,638,467 JPY

**Target Area:** Yatsushiro City, Kumamoto Prefecture

**Objective:** To improve the working environment for users of facilities for people with disabilities by supporting the restoration of welfare facilities for people with disabilities that were damaged by the torrential rain in July 2020

**Achievement:** For a work support facility for people with disabilities in Yatsushiro City, Kumamoto Prefecture, whose buildings were washed away or completely destroyed by the torrential rain in July 2020, we provided furniture and fixtures necessary for the reopening of the bakery where users had been working before the disaster and carried out reconstruction work to improve the facility's environment for use. By supporting the restoration of the facility, we were able to improve the working environment for users with disabilities, enabling them to resume bakery production and sales, thereby contributing to the restoration of their livelihoods.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 36 users and staff of welfare facilities for people with disabilities

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** 108 family members of facility users



Providing uniforms for use in the bakery by users (July 2021)

## 3 Support for New Coronavirus Infection Control (Completed)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 10,800,736 JPY

**Target Area:** Nationwide

**Objective:** To prevent the spread of infection in welfare facilities for people with disabilities to achieve continuous activity operations, and to protect the daily lives of users with disabilities.

**Achievement:** When an infected person or a suspected person of infection was identified in a welfare facility for people with disabilities, we provided support for the cost of conducting tests to 75 facilities that conducted PCR and antigen tests for a fee in order to avoid being designated as targets of administrative inspections. This helped to detect positive cases at an early stage, prevent the spread of infection within the facilities, and encourage the development of a system for prompt implementation of testing.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,340 users and employees of welfare facilities for people with disabilities

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 4,020 family members of facility users and employees



Assisted in preventing the spread of infection in the facility to continue activities even in the face of the COVID-19 (November 2021).

## 4 Emergency Assistance for the Torrential Rainfall in August 2021 (Completed)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 17,654,488 JPY

**Target Area:** Takeo City, Kishima-gun, Omachi-machi, and other affected areas in Saga Prefecture

**Objective:** To contribute to the reconstruction of the lives of disaster affected people by providing soup kitchens and distributing daily necessities to those whose homes were inundated by the record-breaking torrential rains in August 2021. Also, to improve the environment for users to receive welfare services by supporting the early restoration of welfare facilities for people with disabilities who were also affected by the disaster.

**Achievement:** In the Kuzugu area of Takeo City, Saga Prefecture, which was severely inundated, we provided a total of 1,843 hot, nutritionally balanced meals to home-disaster victims in cooperation with the Peace Project (a non-profit organization) and the Kyushu Catering Association. We also distributed furniture, appliances, welfare equipment, and other daily necessities to 16 households of children with disabilities and the elderly living alone, who were particularly vulnerable to being left behind in rebuilding their lives, to help people with disabilities and the elderly rebuild their lives as quickly as possible. In addition, emergency relief supplies were distributed to five facilities for the elderly and welfare facilities for the people with disabilities in Takeo City and Omachi Town. Among them, we provided furniture, fixtures, and vehicles necessary for the early resumption of operations at four welfare facilities for people with disabilities, thereby helping the users of the facilities to regain their daily lives and improving their environment for receiving welfare services.

**Direct Beneficiaries:** 1,975 people (approximately 1,843 homebound disaster victims who received soup kitchens, approximately 32 homebound disaster victims who received daily necessities, and approximately 100 users and staff of elderly and disabled welfare facilities)

**Indirect Beneficiaries:** Approximately 196 homebound disaster victims and family members of facility users



Conducted damage assessment and distributed emergency relief supplies to welfare facilities for people with disabilities (August 2021)

## 5 Support for Victims of Typhoon No. 15 and No. 19 (Completed)

2021 fiscal year final settlement: 389,361 JPY

**Target Area:** Affected areas in Chiba and Fukushima Prefectures

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

**Achievement:** Support for restoration of welfare services for people with disabilities in Chiba and Fukushima prefectures damaged by Typhoon No. 15 and No. 19 in September and October 2019, and support for people with disabilities whose homes were damaged, was provided and completed in FY2020; in FY2021, an accounting audit was conducted, resulting in expenditures for audit-related expenses.

**Beneficiaries:** N/A in FY2021



# Activities in Japan

## 1 Advocacy, and Research

### 1-1 Study / Research

**Achievement:** Aiming to enhance the expertise related to the projects and the quality of the projects as support professionals, we conducted surveys and research on emergency humanitarian and refugee assistance, support for people with disabilities, and other related issues. In addition, we provided consultation services when starting assistance projects and conducted look-back evaluations of projects completed to date. Furthermore, in order to promote localization efforts in the international cooperation industry, we surveyed and analyzed the current trends and debates in international discussions, and disseminated to the public specific measures that will be necessary in the future to promote localization.

### 1-2 Refugee Assistance

**Achievement:** Continuing from the previous year, we participated in regular meetings of organizations involved in refugee support, gathered information on the global refugee situation, support needs, and support activities of other organizations in the COVID-19, and worked to build a network with other concerned parties. Further, information related to the Global Refugee Forum and refugee support was collected and disseminated within the association.

### 1-3 Disability and Development

**Achievement:** Setting the priority areas for action in the area of disabilities as (1) inclusive education, (2) inclusive employment, (3) disaster preparedness in Japan, (4) mainstreaming disabilities, and (5) policy advocacy and communication, relevant offices and personnel in Japan and overseas took the lead in coordinating efforts to improve quality in each initiative. In addition, to ensure that these initiatives were organically linked, they were shared at monthly meetings of persons in charge of disability field projects. Externally, through participation in the Board of Directors and the Planning and Policy Committee of the Japan Council on Disability (JD), the International Committee of the Japan Disability Forum (JDF), and the Executive Committee of the Japan NGO Network on Disabilities (JANNET), the group worked with related organizations to transmit experiences and knowledge gained through its activities and make policy proposals.

### 1-4 Mine Action

**Achievement:** The 24<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers, which had been postponed to May 2021 due to the outbreak of the COVID-19, was held online, attended by heads of national mine action agencies and UN advisors, as well as representatives from AAR. Our staff also participated in an international event on mine risk education, also held online, to improve the quality of the program. We introduced the technique of Psychological First Aid (PSA), a way of providing psychosocial support, on a mailing list of national and international participants in aversive education. Also, AAR's landmine countermeasures were reported in the Yomiuri KODOMO Shimbun and other media, and through these efforts, the severity of the landmine problem was communicated.

### 1-5 Campaigns to Stop Killer Robots

**Achievement:** AAR representatives attended monthly steering committee meetings and the December 2021 strategy meeting of the Anti-Killer Robot Campaign (Campaign to Stop Killer Robots) in the Asia-Pacific region. We also initiated regular meetings with campaign promotion members in the Asia region. With the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak still not under control, we were unable to hold events or lobby Diet members, but we did engage in an online exchange of views with an official from the Office of Disarmament, Non-proliferation and Science Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. In addition, we also attended the online sessions of the Government Experts Meeting of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW) and the CCW Operational Review Meeting, an online exchange of views between UN Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs Izumi Nakamitsu and disarmament-oriented civil society groups organized by the UN, and the campaign's strategic meeting (February 2022), to keep abreast of future developments. We also disseminated information by posting updates on the CCW meetings through social networking sites. Additionally, we contributed an article titled "Toward Regulation of Killer Robots" to the "Personal Opinion" section of February 17 Nihon Keizai Shimbun's morning edition in an effort to inform the general public.

### 1-6 Fighting Infections / WASH

**Achievement:** In order to enable planning, implementation, management, and evaluation of high quality projects in the field of infectious disease control, learnings from the water and sanitation construction projects implemented to date were shared among the staff. In addition, through online debriefing sessions and meetings of the Global Issues Initiative on Population and HIV/AIDS and the Okinawa Infectious Disease Initiative (GII/IDI Roundtable), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)/NGO Regular Roundtable Meetings on Countermeasures to Combat Infectious Diseases (GII/IDI Roundtable) were held. The GII also worked to build a network with other concerned parties.

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

**Achievement:** Most of the in-person events we had planned to participate in and implement were canceled due to the spread of the COVID-19. However, we were able to implement 47 events for schools, including international understanding education support programs and lectures, exceeding the number of events in the previous fiscal year (27) due to the spread of the online format. Some schools went beyond lectures and led to donation activities. We participated online in the Global Festa, which attracts many people interested in international cooperation, and set up a special landing page on our website to disseminate information on refugees.

## 2 Assistance to Refugees in Japan

**Achievement:** Cooperation with our sister organization, Support 21, continued. In October 2021, when three local employees of the AAR Kabul Office who wished to leave Afghanistan came to Japan, AAR guaranteed their identities and supported their stay in Japan, while providing Japanese language study classes in cooperation with Support 21. In addition, Honorary President Fusako Yanase continued to be involved in hearing procedures for foreigners who appealed against the disposition of non-recognition of refugee status (administrative appeals), etc., as a counselor for refugee examination by the Ministry of Justice.

### \* About our sister organization “Social Welfare Corporation Support 21”

Since its establishment in 1979, AAR has provided support for refugees in Japan and overseas at the same time. 1992 saw the establishment of the “Social Welfare Corporation Support 21 and the transfer of support activities for refugees and foreigners living in Japan to this corporation. Since then, AAR and Support 21 have worked together as sister organizations, with AAR providing support overseas and Support 21 providing support for refugees and foreigners in Japan.

## 3 Public Relations

**Achievement:** As part of its mid- to long-term public relations strategy, the AAR completely renewed its website, bulletin, and annual report aiming for more effective communication of information. The website has been enhanced to include a wide range of content, from an introduction of the association’s activities and events to specialized commentary on refugee issues and other topics, targeting a wide range of people, including young people, increasing reach in conjunction with the active SNS updates. (In FY 2021, 792,436 website access and 21,551 SNS followers). The newsletter was published quarterly, with expanded content (approximately 7,000 copies each time) in a 12-page format. The annual report was designed to be more transparent and informative by including photos of the support sites, the voices of beneficiaries, and the voices of the Association’s staff members who deliver the support. A video was produced for World Refugee Day in June, and was released on a special page on the website and through SNS. AAR also continued to focus on providing information to the media with the aim of increasing its visibility. AAR’s activities were introduced in newspapers and on TV, especially after the change of government in Afghanistan and the Ukrainian crisis. Through the organization of online symposiums on refugees from Myanmar and Syrian refugees, we were able to obtain the participation of approximately 400 people. In addition, we started advertising on the web, one of the pillars of information dissemination, in preparation for further expansion in the coming year.

## 4 Public Relations and Fundraising

**Achievement:** Although company visits did not happen in the first half of FY2021 due to the COVID-19, efforts were made to maintain and deepen relationships by increasing opportunities for direct visits from fall through the year-end and New Year holidays, when the state of emergency declaration was lifted. On the other hand, for companies and organizations outside the Kanto region that were difficult to visit in person, we actively worked to build relationships with them through the use of online, which has become a well-established social network. In addition to creating opportunities for expatriate staff to report directly from the field, business representatives also communicated first hand feedback from the frontlines, which was well received. The website was revamped in August, and the corporate page actively communicated corporate collaboration and approaches to the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). As a result, we received an increasing number of inquiries for donations and in-kind contributions from companies and organizations that have begun to show interest. As a result of actively calling for support from companies and organizations that were considering supporting us, we received 1,021 donations amounting to 140.26 million yen. In addition, when we introduced our charity products as a tool for achieving the SDGs, we received more bulk orders from companies and organizations than in previous years.

To call for donations for emergency support and individual activities, we approached approximately 50 companies with which we had no previous relationship or with which we had long lost contact. As a result, the project has gradually produced positive results, such as the establishment of a donation page for Afghanistan emergency support on the website of a catalog gift company and inquiries for detailed information on the activities of the company.

## 5 For-profit Projects

**Achievement:** The charity concert “Beethoven’s String Quartet” was held on June 20, World Refugee Day, and “Play and Pray: Atsuko Temma Violin Recital” on September 5, both postponed from the previous year. In January, “Galasha (Noh Theater version),” a mono-opera starring and produced by Vienna-based soprano Ayako Tanaka, was held at the National Noh Theatre as a charity performance. For the sale of charity products, the sales website was renewed and the “AAR Charity Shop” was opened to enhance convenience for purchasers. The charity chocolates sold in cooperation with Rokkatei Seika Co., Ltd. continued to receive favorable reviews and were featured in 25 local newspapers, with sales exceeding 20,000 units. Also as a main product that can be sold year-round, we started to develop a collaboration product together with Lupicia, Co., Ltd., a major tea specialty store. Through the charity products, we received support from 942 new donors.

## 6 Supporter and Donor Relations

**Achievement:** We made every effort to respond promptly to inquiries from supporters and donations. Provided detailed explanations on how the donation was used to new donors so that they would feel a sense of trust. We have also made efforts to avoid information overload by using distribution tools such as sealed envelopes and e-mails. In addition, the donation form on the website was modified to reduce the time and effort required for donors to complete the donation process.

## 7 Fundraising

**Achievement:** In addition to the two fundraising campaigns held in summer and winter for all activities, we called for support for the emergency aid for Myanmar, where the situation has continued to deteriorate since the end of the previous year, emergency aid to Afghanistan since the change of government in August, aid to refugees in Ukraine who fled to neighboring countries due to the military invasion by Russia, and emergency donations victims of the torrential rains in August 2021, which caused extensive damage mainly in Saga Prefecture. Donations were also actively collected at symposiums. Additionally, a fundraising campaign was conducted to emphasize the specific activities made possible by donations, such as schooling support for young people in Kenya and the provision of sewing machines for people with disabilities in Tajikistan. To increase the number of monthly supporters, we launched a limited campaign for charity chocolate purchasers and publicized the campaign through web advertisements. As for various forms of support, we enhanced our return gifts and website to encourage more donations through tax payments to Saga Prefecture, where our office is located, and received 9,369,700 yen, more than double the amount received in the previous year. At the end of the year, we appealed for support with miswritten postcards and unused stamps under the title “Supporting the Future of Refugee Youth!” and we received 21,587 postcards and stamps, exceeding our goal of 15,000.

In FY 2021, we received a total 42,877 cases of donations, worth 476,669,284 yen. As of the end of FY 2021, there were 140 regular members, 574 cooperating members, and 1,867 monthly supporters.

## 8 NGO Counsellor

**Achievement:** Commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, the Center responded to consultations and questions about NGOs and international cooperation from the public, businesses, students, the media, and NGO personnel. The number of consultations and questions in FY2021 was 553.

In addition to questions about NGO activities in general, we received many questions about the situation and support activities in Myanmar and Afghanistan in response to the deteriorating situation in those countries. Consultation regarding support for refugees who came to Japan was handled in cooperation with our sister organization, Support 21, regarding support for refugees in Japan and abroad. In addition, with the gradual resumption of school activities, we received more inquiries from students, and by responding to these inquiries using the popular online service, we were able to help them deepen their understanding of international cooperation and lead them to take action such as making donations. We also provided concrete proposals for CSR- related consultations, such as support from companies through their core businesses, in an effort to encourage international cooperation by companies

## Project Implementation and Organizational Structure

**Achievement:** In June 2021, Yoshiteru Horie was appointed as President, and under the new structure, 61 domestic staff members and 17 expatriate staff members, plus 163 local staff members in overseas offices, implemented 34 support projects (30 overseas and 4 domestic).

In Japan and overseas, we worked to strengthen measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infections so that business activities could continue stably even during the pandemic. We decided to renew the accounting system for overseas offices in order to improve efficiency of accounting operations and strengthen governance at overseas offices, and made preparations for the introduction of the system, including examination of system requirements and training for staff. In addition, we continued to cooperate with other organizations in Japan and overseas to implement effective projects.

For Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment of beneficiaries and residents of the areas of activity (PSEAH\*1) and Child Safeguarding (CS\*2), a taskforce was established and a new code of conduct was developed and disseminated to all staff members. Additionally, plans were made to implement the PSEAH and CS guidelines in national and international offices.

The Global Strategy Unit was newly established under the Executive Director to support the development of various guidelines and policies, field surveys, and application forms for obtaining grants from overseas donors, etc. In FY 2021, the Unit assisted in the development of guidelines for PSEAH / CS. In addition, several overseas offices assisted with applications to overseas donors.

Although the Tokyo Office limited the number of volunteers and temporarily suspended the acceptance of volunteers while monitoring the status of the COVID-19 infection, many volunteers continued to support the activities of the association by sending out newsletters and other information.

The joint meeting between the overseas and domestic offices, which is usually held in September at the Tokyo Office, was again held online this year to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. At the meeting, the strategy tree and mid- to long-term plans were shared with the entire staff, and self-leadership training was provided to expatriate staff to promote higher quality business operations. This was the second year that the meetings were held online, and in addition to the cost reduction effect, it has led to a reduction in travel time, especially for expatriates.

\*1 PSEAH: Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment

Efforts to protect people from sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment by the organization's staff and others in the field of humanitarian assistance.

\*2 CS: Child Safeguarding

Ensure that the organization does not expose children to abuse or exploitation.



# Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

## Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2022

USD1=JPY 122.39

### Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,304,242,576	10,656,447
Accounts Receivable - Trade	1,414,686	11,559
Advance Payments-Trade	508,300	4,153
Temporary Payments	69,486	568
Other Account Receivables	3,235,228	26,434
Advance Payments-Other	6,921,995	56,557
Supplies	2,715,061	22,183
Inventories	950,448	7,766
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,320,057,780</b>	<b>10,785,667</b>
<b>Non-current Assets</b>		
Vehicles	909,290	7,429
Equipments	2,207,347	18,036
Buildings and Structures	27,471,299	224,457
Software	4,484,700	36,643
Office Rental Deposit	8,651,760	70,690
Investment securities	12,000	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,736,396</b>	<b>357,353</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,363,794,176</b>	<b>11,143,020</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Advance Received	534,805,037	4,369,679
Account Payable - Non-trade	113,444,228	926,908
Temporarily Received	5,203,110	42,512
Tax Payable	311,800	2,548
<b>Total</b>	<b>653,764,175</b>	<b>5,341,647</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	6,055,000	49,473
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,055,000</b>	<b>49,473</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>659,819,175</b>	<b>5,391,121</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	407,238,108	3,327,381
Gain(Loss) for the Year	158,218,112	1,292,737
<b>Balance at the End of the Year</b>	<b>565,456,220</b>	<b>4,620,118</b>
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project</b>		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	141,849,141	1,158,993
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	-3,330,360	-27,211
<b>Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>138,518,781</b>	<b>1,131,782</b>
<b>Total Amount of Net Assets</b>	<b>703,975,001</b>	<b>5,751,900</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,363,794,176</b>	<b>11,143,020</b>

# Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

USD1=JPY 122.39

## Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>General Accounting</b>			
<b>Membership Fees and Donations</b>			
Membership Fees	3,396,000	27,747	
Donations	476,669,284	3,894,675	
<b>Total</b>	<b>480,065,284</b>	<b>3,922,422</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
<b>Grants, etc.</b>			
Domestic Private Funds	40,320,124	329,440	
Domestic Public Funds	597,841,566	4,884,726	
International Funds	248,638,754	2,031,528	
<b>Total</b>	<b>886,800,444</b>	<b>7,245,694</b>	<b>62.3%</b>
<b>Other Income</b>			
Project Income	0	0	
Interest Income	218,342	1,784	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	7,635,631	62,388	
Gain on Foreign Exchange	12,859,698	105,071	
Miscellaneous Income	783,039	6,398	
Others	2,081,976	17,011	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,578,686</b>	<b>192,652</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Total Income of General Accounting</b>	<b>1,390,444,414</b>	<b>11,360,768</b>	
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Operating Income (Sales)	32,958,273	269,289	<b>2.3%</b>
Non-operating Income	93,938	768	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting</b>	<b>33,052,211</b>	<b>270,056</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(A) 1,423,496,625</b>	<b>11,630,825</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>General Accounting</b>			
<b>Overseas Project Expenses</b>			
Turkey	292,707,144	2,391,594	
Syria	133,098,683	1,087,496	
Sudan	32,516,938	265,683	
Kenya	60,234,058	492,149	
Uganda	77,658,393	634,516	
Zambia	36,912,923	301,601	
Laos	18,552,216	151,583	
Cambodia	36,424,483	297,610	
Myanmar (Burma)	66,487,902	543,246	
Bangladesh	46,188,364	377,387	
Pakistan	52,015,327	424,996	
Afghanistan	59,789,375	488,515	
Tajikistan	43,397,101	354,580	
Emergency (Relief for Ukrainian Refugees / IDPs )	9,218,217	75,318	
Emergency (Food / NFI distribution and EORE in Afghanistan)	6,881,352	56,225	
<b>Total</b>	<b>972,082,476</b>	<b>7,942,499</b>	<b>76.6%</b>
<b>Domestic Project Expenses</b>			
Emergency Relief for Tohoku Earthquake Victims	47,783,449	390,420	
Emergency Relief for Torrential Rains Disaster in Kyushu	9,638,467	78,752	
Emergency Relief for Covid-19	10,800,736	88,249	
Emergency Relief for Torrential Rains Disaster in 2021	17,654,488	144,248	
Emergency Relief for Victims from Typhoon No. 15,19	389,361	3,181	
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,266,501</b>	<b>704,849</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
<b>Advocacy</b>			
Research (Incl. Campaign to stop Killer Robots)	373,111	3,049	
Global Compact on Refugees	272,269	2,225	
Mine Action	622,493	5,086	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	1,980,013	16,178	
Infection	543,465	4,440	
Public Awareness	15,169,619	123,945	
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,960,970</b>	<b>154,923</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>PR and Fund raising</b>			
Public Relations	88,158,858	720,311	
Fund Raising	9,864,087	80,595	
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,022,945</b>	<b>800,906</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Purchases of fixed assets</b>			
Software	4,983,000	40,714	
Equipments	610,116	4,985	
Office Rental Deposit	26,500	217	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,619,616</b>	<b>45,916</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	30,386,263	248,274	
Others	27,057,526	221,076	
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,443,789</b>	<b>469,350</b>	<b>4.5%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure of General Accounting</b>	<b>1,238,396,297</b>	<b>10,118,443</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Profitable Business Accounting</b>			
Purchases	20,367,062	166,411	1.6%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	9,647,165	78,823	0.8%
<b>Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting</b>	<b>30,014,227</b>	<b>245,234</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(B) 1,268,410,524</b>	<b>10,363,678</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)</b>	<b>155,086,101</b>	<b>1,267,147</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)</b>	<b>507,853,795</b>	<b>4,149,471</b>	
<b>Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)</b>	<b>662,939,896</b>	<b>5,416,618</b>	

# Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

USD1=JPY 122.39

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
<b>I Operating Income</b>		
<b>1 Membership Fees</b>		
Regular Membership Fees	756,000	6,177
Associate Membership Fees	2,640,000	21,570
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,396,000</b>	<b>27,747</b>
<b>2 Donations</b>		
Donations	441,597,218	3,608,115
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets	38,421,889	313,930
Gain on Donation of Assets	2,690,224	21,981
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>482,709,331</b>	<b>3,944,026</b>
<b>3 Grants, etc.</b>		
Private Funds	48,180,810	393,666
Public Funds	838,619,634	6,852,027
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>886,800,444</b>	<b>7,245,694</b>
<b>4 Operating Income (Sales)</b>		
Events	8,409,940	68,714
Charity Goods Sale	17,740,528	144,951
Commissioned Project	6,807,805	55,624
Miscellaneous Operating Income	1,400,984	11,447
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>34,359,257</b>	<b>280,736</b>
<b>5 Other Income</b>		
Interest Income	218,372	1,784
Dividends income	756,000	6,177
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	7,635,631	62,388
Gain on Foreign Exchange	12,859,698	105,071
Miscellaneous Income	801,439	6,548
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>22,271,140</b>	<b>181,969</b>
<b>Operating Income Total (A)</b>	<b>1,429,536,172</b>	<b>11,680,171</b>
<b>II Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>1 Project Expenses</b>		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	303,448,968	2,479,360
Retirement Benefits Expenses	760,000	6,210
Legal Welfare Expenses	40,678,237	332,366
Welfare Expenses	1,332,107	10,884
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>346,219,312</b>	<b>2,828,820</b>
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	252,720,984	2,064,882
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	479,241,924	3,915,695
Overseas Travel Expenses	21,756,542	177,764
Local Travel Expenses	13,915,808	113,701
Depreciation Expenses	4,366,915	35,680
Printing Expenses	5,542,769	45,288
Advertizing Expenses	9,835,119	80,359
Communications Expenses	12,045,518	98,419
Rent	9,690,376	79,176
Fees/Charges	32,136,220	262,572
Sales Cost	6,402,301	52,311
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	3,138,538	25,644
Insurance expenses	3,107,800	25,393
Other salaries	4,277,602	34,950
Taxes and dues	2,488,323	20,331
Other Expense Items	6,593,732	53,875
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>867,260,471</b>	<b>7,086,040</b>
<b>Project Expenses Total</b>	<b>1,213,479,783</b>	<b>9,914,860</b>



<b>2 Administrative Expenses</b>			
1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	22,736,972	185,775	
Retirement Benefits Expenses	4,225,000	34,521	
Legal Welfare Expenses	3,191,275	26,074	
Welfare Expenses	230,949	1,887	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>30,384,196</b>	<b>248,257</b>
2) Other Expenses			
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	973,637	7,955	
Utilities Expenses	1,155,786	9,443	
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	650,940	5,319	
Rent	15,753,561	128,716	
Travel Expenses	130,655	1,068	
Fees/ Charges	5,303,914	43,336	
Depreciation Expenses	212,688	1,738	
Sundry Expenses	10,000	82	
Insurance expenses	24,880	203	
Other salaries	621,100	5,075	
Other Administrative Expenses	2,305,120	18,834	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>27,142,281</b>	<b>221,769</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses Total</b>		<b>57,526,477</b>	<b>470,026</b>
<b>3 Other Expenses</b>			
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Other Expenses Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Operating Expenditure Total</b>	<b>(B)</b>	<b>1,271,006,260</b>	<b>10,384,886</b>
<b>Net Income from Operating Activities</b>	<b>(C)=(A)-(B)</b>	<b>158,529,912</b>	<b>1,295,285</b>
<b>III Non-Operating Profit</b>			
<b>Non-Operating Profit</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>IV Non-Operating Loss</b>			
<b>Non-Operating Loss</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Income from Non-Operating Activities</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Net Income</b>	<b>(C)+(D)</b>	<b>158,529,912</b>	<b>1,295,285</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Total Net Income	158,529,912	1,295,285	
Taxes	311,800	2,548	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	158,218,112	1,292,737	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	407,238,108	3,327,381	
Balance at the End of the Year	565,456,220	4,620,118	
<b>Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *</b>			
Donations	35,091,529	286,719	
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets	-38,421,889	-313,930	
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year	-3,330,360	-27,211	
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	141,849,141	1,158,993	
Balance at the End of the Year	138,518,781	1,131,782	
<b>Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year</b>	<b>703,975,001</b>	<b>5,751,900</b>	

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

Profitable Business Accounting  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

USD1=JPY 122.39

Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Operating Income (Sales)</b>			
Concerts/Events	8,442,940	68,984	
Goods	17,740,528	144,951	
Projects Commissioned Income	6,807,805	55,624	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,991,273</b>	<b>269,559</b>	<b>99.8%</b>
<b>Non-operating Income</b>			
Copyright Royalty	42,508	347	
Miscellaneous Income	18,400	150	
Interest Received	30	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,938</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(E) 33,052,211</b>	<b>270,056</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
<b>Purchases</b>			
Concerts/Events	7,909,224	64,623	
Goods	8,176,267	66,805	
Projects Commissioned Expenses	4,354,530	35,579	
Transfer to Other Account	-72,959	-596	
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,367,062</b>	<b>166,411</b>	<b>67.8%</b>
<b>Selling and Administrative Expenses</b>			
Personnel Expenses	4,723,302	38,592	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	1,907,444	15,585	
Consumption Tax	2,488,319	20,331	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,119,065</b>	<b>74,508</b>	<b>30.4%</b>
<b>Income taxes</b>	<b>528,100</b>	<b>4,315</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(F) 30,014,227</b>	<b>245,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income(Loss)</b>	<b>(E-F)=(G) 3,037,984</b>	<b>24,822</b>	

## **What is AAR Japan**

Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) established in 1979 with the original goal to assist the Indochinese refugees. Since then, its mission has evolved into providing long-term assistance to the most vulnerable people in the world, expanding its scope of activities. AAR Japan now operates in the following fields: 1. 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 16 countries. In 1997, AAR Japan was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize as a member organization of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), and in 2008, was awarded Okinawa Peace Prize.

All of our relief efforts are based on financial and material aid from various organization and private companies, schools, and individuals.

We deeply appreciate your warm and generous support.



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