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Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

Annual Report 2022



 **AAR Japan**
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Since 1979

In northwestern Pakistan, which was hit by record-breaking floods, we provided emergency assistance such as food distribution and water supply to victims. OYANAGI Yuto, an expatriate in Pakistan, talks to affected children in September 2022.

Thank you very much for your deep understanding and support for the activities of AAR Japan [Association for Aid and Relief Japan].

The year 2022 has been a year of rare hardship for the world as a whole, with the outbreak of the crisis in Ukraine, which has been called the worst since World War II, and many other large-scale natural disasters. It was also marked by a series of compounded humanitarian crises that pushed people in originally difficult circumstances into even more dire straits. Afghanistan, still in turmoil after the political upheaval, was hit by a massive earthquake, and the Turkey earthquake affected many Syrian refugees who had been displaced from their homes.

In the face of urgent needs worldwide, your donations to AAR in FY2022 were the largest in our 44-year history. Without your support, we would not have been able to continue and expand our assistance to Ukrainian refugees while providing emergency assistance quickly and simultaneously. We would like to thank all of you for your trust and great support of AAR.

This annual report provides an overview of the year's accomplishments. We look forward to your continued support

July 2023

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

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

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Our Values

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

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

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

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

Activity Report for the Fiscal Year 2022 (April 2022 – March 2023)

In FY2022, with the warm support of 47,842 domestic and international donors, we implemented 33 projects in 16 countries, including Japan. As for overseas emergency relief activities, we assisted victims of a major earthquake in southeastern Afghanistan, flood victims in Pakistan where one-third of the country's land area was inundated, local residents in Kenya facing price hikes and food crisis, and victims of the earthquake in Turkey that occurred in February 2023. In carrying out these activities, we considered the security situation and ensured the safety of local staff and aid recipients. In other areas, we continued to support Ukrainian refugees, 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 the COVID-19 disaster, we also improved school facilities and educational environments in refugee camps and settlements to encourage children and youths to enroll in school. In addition, a wide range of activities were carried out with continued emphasis on areas such as support for persons with disabilities, landmine and unexploded ordnance countermeasures, and infectious disease countermeasures.

In Japan, we continued to support the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, mainly targeting persons with disabilities, the elderly, and children, by providing physical and mental health maintenance activities and support for strengthening affected communities. In Niigata Prefecture (August 2022 torrential rain), where record-breaking rainfall caused extensive damage, including flooding, we provided soup kitchens and support to welfare facilities for the physically challenged. We distributed supplies in Shizuoka Prefecture, where Typhoon No. 15 in 2022 caused extensive flooding and inundation damage. We provided support for restoration, mainly to welfare facilities for persons with disabilities and elderly.

On the accounting front, total income, excluding funds carried over from the previous fiscal year, amounted to approximately 1,957 million yen. Expenditures totaled approximately 1,443 million yen (about 82.7% of total expenditures for the period) for overseas support activities and approximately 65.8 million yen (3.7% of total expenditures for the period) for domestic support activities. For details, please see the next page and beyond.

Countries in which the AAR Japan works [map follows]



Emergency Assistance (Overseas)

1 Support for Afghanistan earthquake victims

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 28,508,560 JPY

Target Area: Paktika Province, Khost Province, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Objective: To contribute to the protection of lives and improvement of living conditions through the provision of food and a set of solar panels to the victims of the earthquake that struck southeastern Afghanistan on June 22, 2022.

Achievement: We distributed food packages containing flour, cooking oil, green tea, beans, etc., and a set of solar panels to generate electricity on their own to particularly vulnerable households, including female-headed households and households with persons with disabilities. At the same time, the project provided education on the risk avoidance of explosives to people in the target areas and distributed educational materials on avoidance education for children.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 5,620 people (300 households (approximately 2,100 people) received food packages, and 400 households (approximately 3,520 people) received a set of solar panels)



Distribution of emergency relief supplies, mainly to women and households with persons with disabilities (July 2022)

2 Support for Pakistan flood victims

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 45,284,993 JPY

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

Objective: The project will assist flood victims, especially vulnerable persons with disabilities and Afghan refugee households, to live through the harsh winter and prevent infectious diseases by distributing food, hygiene items, bedding, and other relief supplies. In addition, by repairing damaged communal wells, drilling new wells, and providing water supply assistance, the project will ensure that residents in the affected areas can access safe drinking and domestic water.

Achievement: We distributed food packages, including flour, cooking oil, tea, beans, etc., hygiene items, blankets, and other supplies needed to prevent infectious diseases and keep warm, mainly to persons with disabilities and Afghan refugee families in the flood-affected areas of Nowshera District, where flooding began on August 25. We also distributed hygiene items, blankets, and other supplies to prevent infectious diseases and keep warm. In addition, to ensure that residents had access to safe drinking and domestic water, we provided water supply support through water trucks, repaired damaged community wells, and drilled new wells. In parallel, training on the maintenance and management of community wells was conducted mainly for district leaders so that residents could take the initiative in maintaining and managing them. In addition, awareness-raising activities on proper hand-washing and toilet usage were conducted in the affected areas to prevent infectious diseases. In addition, in Afghan refugee settlements, simple toilets and hand washing stations for women and children, which were in short supply, were installed.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 5,900 people (1,180 households) (500 Afghan refugees (100 households), 1,650 persons with disabilities families (330 households), 3,750 Pakistani community (750 households))



Food distribution in flood-affected areas (August 2022)

3 Emergency Food and Cash Distribution Project (Kenya)

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 2,482,616 JPY

Target Area: Turkana West Sub-County, Turkana County, Republic of Kenya

Objective: The distribution of food packages or cash to local residents facing price hikes and food crises that have worsened since 2022 due to the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and other factors will ensure that vulnerable populations have the food they need to survive.

Achievement: We consulted with county governments, community leaders, and other relevant agencies in the target areas to establish a food and cash distribution coordination system. Based on the list of vulnerable households, such as elderly households and female single-parent households, submitted by the county government and community leaders, we went door-to-door to the residents in the target areas. We interviewed them about their food security situation and other issues. Beneficiaries were selected based on the interviews, and food was distributed to them.

Beneficiaries: 2,263 residents (371 households) in the most vulnerable areas



Conducted interviews on the status of food security (January 2023)

4 Support for Turkish Earthquake Victims

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 15,126,678 JPY

Target Area: Sanliurfa Province, Gaziantep Province, Kahramanmaraş Province, Adiyaman Province, and Hatay Province, Republic of Turkey

Objective: Provide food and daily necessities to victims of the earthquake that struck Turkey on February 6 to improve their living conditions.

Achievement: We organized emergency support teams based at the Sanliurfa and Gaziantep offices to distribute food and daily necessities to the affected people in cooperation with the local administration. In particular, the teams targeted village areas where support had not been reached.

Beneficiaries: 12,125 earthquake victims



Distribution of emergency relief supplies, mainly to villages that are hard to reach (February 2023)

Ukraine, Republic of Moldova

Chisinau Office (Moldova)

On February 24, 2022, Russia's invasion of Ukraine resulted in approximately 15 million refugees and internally displaced persons. In March of the following year, AAR established a base in the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine's neighbor, and began distributing food and daily necessities to Ukrainian refugees. While most refugees are displaced outside shelters, since September 2022, AAR has been implementing a project to establish a protection mechanism to identify individual needs and link them to appropriate assistance.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 379,354,728 JPY

1 Emergency humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons and refugees in Ukraine and support to refugee host communities

Target Area: Ukraine, Republic of Moldova

Objective: Enable internally displaced persons displaced by the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and those displaced to other countries to secure minimum living conditions and rebuild their lives as soon as possible, depending on the situation.

Achievement:

Support for Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine

In Ukraine, we worked with parents' associations of persons with disabilities (based in Kyiv and Vinnytsia Oblast) and organizations of persons with disabilities (based in Chernivtsi City) to conduct support activities. We provided respite support for the parents' associations to give time off to persons with disabilities and their guardians. We created a shelter environment that is easy for persons with disabilities to live in. For the association of persons with disabilities, in addition to distributing food and cash to internally displaced persons with disabilities, the company provided large household appliances to evacuation centers managed by the Chernivtsi regional government. In addition, the company has begun demining in Ukraine in cooperation with a UK-based demining NGO (The HALO Trust). Neighboring Poland also distributed supplies to internally displaced persons in Ternopil Oblast in western Ukraine.

Support for Ukrainian Refugees Evacuated to Moldova

Emergency relief supplies such as food and daily necessities were distributed to Ukrainian refugees in Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova, and in Ungeni province. The food was distributed as catered meals to refugees living in shelters, and a certain amount of supplies were packed and distributed to refugees living outside the shelters. In addition, to provide psychosocial support to refugees, the majority of whom are women and children, child-friendly spaces (facilities for children) were set up in shelters in Chisinau and the district of Falesti. In October, AAR and local partner organizations began to establish a protection mechanism in Chisinau and seven northern provinces, whereby AAR provides assistance or refers cases to specialized agencies after hearing the individual needs. Support for establishing protection mechanisms also included local residents hosting refugees (host communities).

Beneficiaries: 80,286 (4,927 internally displaced persons in Ukraine in disability-related facilities, approximately 1,200 through Poland, 4,582 residents of demined areas, and a total of 69,577 refugees and host communities in Moldova)



A safe space for children has been established (August 2022)

Republic of Turkey

Sanliurfa Office, Istanbul Office

In 2011, we provided emergency assistance to victims of a major earthquake in eastern Turkey, and in 2012, we began providing emergency assistance to refugees from neighboring Syria who fled the civil war and entered the country's southeastern region. The following year, in 2013, the Sanliurfa office was opened, followed by the Istanbul office in October 2016, providing continuous support to Syrian refugees.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 165,767,848 JPY

1 Combined Support for Syrian Refugees through Community Assistance (Completed)

Target Area: Sanliurfa Province, Gaziantep Province, Mardin Province, Kahramanmaraş Province, and Adiyaman Province, Republic of Turkey

Objective: Create an environment in which refugees are properly protected.

Achievement:

Individualized support for children and persons with disabilities

Through community volunteers and a hotline that refugees could call, refugees at high risk of protection were identified and assisted in accessing necessary public services. In areas where public services were inadequate, such as providing auxiliary aids needed by persons with disabilities, the association provided services directly.

Capacity Building of Local Organizations and Local Volunteers

Based on our experience, we trained local organizations and volunteers on refugee protection, individual assistance, community activities, and support for persons with disabilities. We helped them to implement activities on their own.

Operation of Disability-Inclusive Community Centers

The community center, which had been temporarily closed since March 2020 when the spread of the new COVID-19 virus began, has resumed its activities since December 2021. To promote the social participation of persons with disabilities, we prioritized persons with disabilities as the center's beneficiaries. We provided them with group activities and events where they could participate despite their disabilities.

Beneficiaries: Approximately 3,900 (individual support for children and persons with disabilities: 576; capacity building of local organizations and local volunteers: 9 organizations, 23 volunteers; operation of disability-inclusive community centers: 3,288 in total)



Community centers will host children's drawing classes and other events (July 2022)

Syrian Arab Republic

In 2014, we began providing emergency assistance to victims of the Syrian civil war in 2011. In addition to distributing food through local partner organizations, risk avoidance education as part of landmine countermeasures has been provided to internally displaced persons and their host communities who have repeatedly fled within Syria and those who have returned to Syria from neighboring countries from which they have fled. Since 2020, hygiene supplies have been distributed as a response to the spread of the new corona outbreak, and from November 2021, agricultural assistance began as part of the reconstruction of the displaced people's livelihoods.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 116,959,342 JPY

1 Distribution of hygiene products, educational activities for infection prevention, supply of water (to combat new COVID-19 virus infection) (Completed)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: Strengthen infection prevention through distributing hygiene products and awareness-raising activities for infection prevention in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps and by ensuring safe water supply through water supply assistance.

Achievement: The team distributed hygiene kits at IDP camps and conducted awareness-raising activities to inform the camps about infection prevention measures. Also, water supply support was provided to improve the sanitary environment.

Beneficiaries: 25,401 (distribution of hygiene products: 9,523 IDPs (1,994 households), awareness raising on infection prevention: 2,911, water supply support: 12,967 (2,235 households))



Water supply to water storage tanks located in camps for internally displaced persons (June 2022)

2 Food distribution, agricultural support

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

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

Achievement: We have produced bread in the areas supported and continued to distribute it in the IDP camps. In addition, wheat cultivation was supported, and agricultural production was improved by distributing wheat seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides to vulnerable farmers and providing agricultural training.

Direct Beneficiaries: 9,298 people (food distribution: 9,048 people (1,924 households), agricultural assistance 250 people)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 1,378 family members of agricultural workers



Distribution of bread produced in the community (April 2022)

3 Support for landmine victims (Not implemented)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: Improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities, including victims of landmines and other disabilities.

Achievement: The project was not implemented because the planned grant could not be obtained.

Beneficiaries: N/A

4 Disability and development (Completed)

Target Area: Syrian Arab Republic

Objective: To improve the physical and mental functions of persons with disabilities by supporting persons with disabilities and their families living in IDP camps and host communities. To promote understanding of social participation of persons with disabilities by conducting educational activities for residents of IDP camps and host communities.

Achievement: We provided rehabilitation for persons with disabilities, assisted care and peer support training for families, and educational activities for residents regarding the social participation of persons with disabilities.

(The project was implemented because of a not originally planned grant.)

Beneficiaries: 2,445 (362 persons with disabilities, 1,003 family members of persons with disabilities, 1,080 local residents)

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

Republic of the Sudan

Khartoum Office

Following the ceasefire in 2005, which ended a 20-year civil war between North and South Sudan, we opened an office in the capital Khartoum and started a mine avoidance education project; from 2013, we began to fight infectious diseases such as mycetoma, and from June 2016 we began to assist landmine victims. We temporarily closed our Khartoum office in January 2020 with the end of our landmine avoidance education and mine victim support projects. Khartoum office reopened in June 2021 following the influx of refugees into eastern Sudan due to the conflict in the neighboring northern Ethiopian state of Tigray; in refugee camps in Gadaref State, we implemented an emergency assistance project to improve water sanitation, which ended in December 2021.

Following the military clashes in April 2023, the project to support the fight against infectious diseases of mycetoma (a bacterial species) has been temporarily suspended, and emergency assistance is being considered.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 16,149,744 JPY

1 Fight for Infectious Diseases (Mycetoma*)

Target Area: Jazeera State and Khartoum, Republic of Sudan

Objective: To reduce the risk of severe mycetoma by providing diagnosis, treatment, and surgery for patients affected by mycetoma and by expanding opportunities for early diagnosis and treatment by disseminating correct knowledge about mycetoma.

Achievement: In cooperation with local organizations, we diagnosed, treated, and operated on mycetoma patients at a hospital in Khartoum City and in Jazeera State, where mycetoma infections are endemic. In addition, through educational activities for local residents and lectures for healthcare workers and medical students, we informed them about the characteristics of mycetoma infection and the importance of early treatment. In addition, to enable local organizations to take the initiative in managing the project, efforts were made to strengthen the capacity of staff members through training on awareness-raising methods, report writing, etc.

Direct Beneficiaries: 586 people (95 mycetoma patients, 403 community members, 88 healthcare professionals and medical students)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 2,210 family members of mycetoma patients and awareness-raising activity participants

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



Conduct educational activities on mycetoma for local residents (August 2022)

Republic of Kenya

Nairobi Office, Kakuma Office

In 2005, we opened an office in Nairobi to serve as a base for assistance to Southern Sudan (now the Republic of South Sudan). Since February 2014, we have been assisting in the Kakuma refugee camp in Turkana County, northwest Kenya. South Sudanese refugees who flowed into the Kenyan side of the country following the armed conflict in Juba, the capital of South Sudan, in December 2013. In July 2015, the company began assisting in secondary education. In August 2017, the Kalobeyei refugee settlement was included as a target area for the project to address food shortages caused by the drought that has continued since 2020 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. In January 2023, food assistance started in Turkana West Sub-county, including Kakuma refugee camp and Kalobeyei area.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 75,018,313 JPY

1 Educational Assistance

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

Objective: To improve enrollment and retention rates in primary and secondary schools for children and youth who wish to attend school through support for continued enrollment in primary and secondary schools and enrollment support for non-enrolled students.

Achievement: We have improved the educational environment in two secondary schools in the Kalobeyei area by building libraries and classrooms, providing desks and chairs, and strengthening the capacity of maintenance teams consisting of teachers, parents, and students. The training was provided for teachers in charge of life skills education and counseling to help students learn how to cope with the psychological stresses and difficulties they face and create an environment where students feel comfortable talking to teachers about their problems. In the targeted secondary schools, the career guidance system for students was strengthened through the implementation of career seminars and career guidance training for teachers. In addition, the community center at the Kalobeyei refugee settlement was used as a base for educational and lifestyle counseling by educational counselors, and community workers made rounds to their assigned areas to create an environment that supports school attendance by out-of-school students in the community.

Direct Beneficiaries: 8,999 (8,483 students, 516 teachers, parents, community workers, and out-of-school students who received life and education counseling)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 55,219 (46,656 students' families, 4,563 out-of-school students, and 4,000 students in Kalobeyei Area)



Community awareness event to promote understanding of the right to education and the factors that prevent children from continuing to attend school (June 2022)

2 Protection Programs (Not implemented)

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

Objective: To contribute to creating an environment where children of primary school age can live under appropriate protection.

Achievement: Implementation of the project was postponed due to lack of funds.

Beneficiaries: N/A

Republic of Uganda

Kampala Office, Hoima Office

We began supporting developing partnerships among landmine victims through ULSA when we invited representatives of the Uganda Landmine Survivors Association (ULSA) to Japan in March 2009.

Against the backdrop of the armed conflict that erupted in July 2016 in Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan, which borders northern Uganda, and the subsequent domestic turmoil, we opened our Kampala office in September 2016 and our Yumbe office in October 2016 to support the continued influx of South Sudanese refugees into Uganda's northwest region. To support the ongoing influx of DRC refugees from the conflict-ridden Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) into the western region of Uganda, we opened our Hoima office. We began supporting DRC refugees in April 2020. In January 2021, we closed the Yumbe office and consolidated our offices into the Kampala and Hoima offices.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 48,419,121 JPY

1 Protection and education support for refugees and host communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo

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

Objective: The schooling environment for children in refugee and host communities will be improved, and protection risks surrounding children will be reduced.

Achievement: Continuing from the previous year, we distributed school supplies and sanitary napkins. We made home visits to 183 children who had problems continuing to attend primary schools based on individual support plans. In addition, language support was provided to 1,080 children through supplementary English classes and educational workshops for 481 parents to prevent children from dropping out of school.

Direct Beneficiaries: 1,804 people (1,263 refugee and host community children, 481 parents, 48 teachers, and 12 community leaders)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 8,700 families of children and parents who received assistance



Distribute uniforms, bags, and school supplies to children at risk of dropping out of school (May 2022)

2 Livelihood assistance for landmine victims

Target Area: Kasese District, Republic of Uganda

Objective: To promote self-reliance among victims of landmines and unexploded ordnance in Uganda.

Achievement: We held capacity-building workshops for ten leaders of landmine/UXO victims and began helping them to develop and implement support plans for the areas in which they work. In addition, preparations were made to build barrier-free toilets for five victims of landmines and UXOs who have great difficulty using toilets.

Direct Beneficiaries: 15 (10 leaders of mine/UXO victims and 5 toilet recipients)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 25 family members of mine/UXO victims



Visit prospective Beneficiaries' households and conduct a survey to check their toilet sanitation (December 2022)

Republic of Zambia

Meheba Office

We provided refugee assistance in the Meheba refugee settlement in the Northwestern Province for 20 years from 1984-2004 and closed the Meheba office upon completion of the same project. From 2004 to March 2019, we implemented HIV/AIDS projects in and around the capital city of Lusaka, and from February 2016 to March 2019, we implemented support projects in the maternal and child health sector, closing the Lusaka office in March 2019. In March 2017, the Meheba office reopened and began supporting the local integration of former refugees in the Meheba former refugee resettlement area, where former Angolan refugees and others live.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 58,236,661 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 that enables residents to independently and continuously carry out livelihood activities and to improve their income.

Achievement: For 11 self-help groups, we provided training in income and expenditure management and crop cultivation, supported the establishment of joint transportation of crops and the expansion of sales channels, and provided technical training in road paving to facilitate transportation, thereby promoting the improvement of residents' livelihoods. In addition, as part of its support for local integration, the project held discussions with the Ministry of the Interior, the Office of the Vice President, and the Ministry of Education to initiate support for expanding educational opportunities for residents, including former refugees. It coordinated the construction of secondary education facilities and established a teacher training system. At the same time, needs assessments were conducted in three candidate blocks for adult literacy education.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approx. 2,200 former refugees and Zambians (approx. 450 households)

Indirect Beneficiaries: About 20,000 former refugees covered by the local integration policy



Hold training for self-help groups on complementary household income and expenditure management (August 2022)

Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)

Vientiane Office

In 1999, we opened an office in Vientiane, the capital of Laos, and in 2000, we began supporting the manufacture and distribution of wheelchairs. In 2011, we transferred the management of the office to a local company. Since 2012, we have been working with the Lao Persons with Disabilities Association to support persons with disabilities in finding employment and starting small businesses. The office opened in Xieng Khouang Province in the north of the country in 2010 to support victims of unexploded ordnance but was closed in 2014 when the project was completed. The office opened in Phongsaly Province in 2015 with the start of the project to strengthen maternal and child health services for residents was also closed in September 2019 with the completion of the project.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 42,180,862 JPY

1 Support for Promotion of Disability-inclusive Communities

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

Objective: By promoting the participation of persons with disabilities in social activities, the foundation for promoting an inclusive society with disabilities will be established, and the accessibility to welfare services in the community will be improved.

Achievement: In Oudomxay Provinces, we supported establishing an inclusive network and laid the foundation for a support system for participating persons with disabilities in society, led by county officials and village heads. We also assisted in establishing self-help groups of persons with disabilities and their caregivers, providing training and workshops on selecting group leaders and establishing group funds, thereby facilitating cooperation among groups to continue their livelihood activities. The project provided 98 persons with disabilities and their caregivers in the two counties with the technical training necessary for livelihood activities, distributed materials necessary for the activities, and supported the participants in each self-help group to start their livelihood activities. In addition, the project is encouraging the establishment of a support system that includes local organizations of people with disabilities and officials of the county Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare and promoting the continuation of livelihood activities by people with disabilities through periodic monitoring of the activities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 262 persons (about 200 persons with disabilities, two employees of the county branch of the organization for persons with disabilities, 20 employees of administrative agencies, 40 village heads, and village committee members)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 30,912 (900 family members of persons with disabilities, approximately 30,000 residents, and 12 employees from the headquarters of the organization for persons with disabilities and other prefectures)



Goat-raising training as livelihood support for self-help groups of persons with disabilities and their caregivers (July 2022)

Kingdom of Cambodia

Phnom Penh Office

Since our establishment in 1979, we have supported Cambodian refugees in refugee camps on the Thai border and in Japan. The year after the peace agreement was signed (1992), we opened an office in the capital city of Phnom Penh and have operated a vocational training school for persons with disabilities since 1993 and a wheelchair workshop since 1994. They became independent as a local NGO in 2006. 2013 the Phnom Penh office was reopened, and the project to promote inclusive education for children with disabilities was implemented. The persons with disabilities support committee was a facilitator and held an awareness-raising event for residents (July 2022).



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 46,212,183 JPY

1 Dissemination of inclusive education for children with disabilities

Target Area: All over the Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: Through special-needs classes and resource centers in the model areas and their representatives, the educational support system for children with disabilities will be strengthened in other villages in the district, and the developed inclusive education evaluation tool will be used in Cambodia.

Achievement: We held workshops and online meetings on the IE (inclusive education) checklist and case studies and shared them with all provinces in the country. To disseminate the model region's initiatives throughout the country, the Ministry of Education and NGOs working in other regions were invited to visit elementary schools in the model region. In Khsach Kandal District, efforts were made to strengthen the capacity of the persons with disabilities support committee and health center staff through training and observation visits to other regions. In addition, the committee for persons with disabilities supported the organization of awareness-raising events for residents and constructed the first barrier-free public restrooms in the county. In addition, the educational support system for children with disabilities in the village was established through ongoing training for teachers in charge of special-needs classes, county education office staff, and state education bureau staff. In addition, by training teachers in charge of IE selected from each school district in the county, the support system in other villages in the county was also developed.

Direct Beneficiaries: 552 people (75 Ministry of Education officials and NGO staffs related to IE checklist, 46 core members of the support committee for persons with disabilities in villages, eight members of the support committee for persons with disabilities in the county, and one construction company in the county) 8 people, one construction contractor in the county, 32 health center staff in the county, about 320 residents of the village who participated in the awareness raising event, 12 participants of the special needs class teacher training, 23 special needs class children, 23 IE teachers, and 12 new teachers in the county).

Indirect Beneficiaries: 20,440 (205 employees of all county education offices in the country, 115 family members of children with special needs, and approximately 20,120 school-aged children in all 39 elementary schools in the county, including children with disabilities)



The Disability Support Committee facilitated an awareness event for local residents (July 2022).

2 Supporting social participation of persons with disabilities through capacity building of local organizations

Target Area: Phnom Penh Special Municipality, Kingdom of Cambodia

Objective: To improve the management situation of the wheelchair workshop “AAR, WCD” by establishing internal regulations to ensure transparency in fund management and to improve its operational and fundraising capacity.

Achievement: In addition to providing financial support for the operation of the workshop, the production of prosthetic devices, and the free distribution of wheelchairs to persons with disabilities, the project supported the renewal process of the basic agreement with the Ministry of Social Welfare. At the same time, internal regulations for fund management were developed, and a new administrative staff in charge of fund management was hired to increase transparency in the management of the workshop’s funds. To improve the workshop director’s and staff’s capacity in business operations, financial management, and operational fundraising, the project team reviewed monthly reports, attended board meetings, and provided in-person guidance to the workshop director.

Direct Beneficiaries: 54 individuals (8 employees of “AAR, WCD” and 46 persons with disabilities who received free wheelchairs)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 306 persons with disabilities who received prosthetic devices from “AAR, WCD” through cooperating organizations.



To manufacture the most suitable wheelchair, the manufacturing staff checks the patient’s condition in advance (October 2022).

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Yangon Office, Hpa-an Office

We opened an office in Yangon in 1999 and a vocational training school for persons with disabilities in the following year, 2000. In 2001, we started the “Myanmar Children’s Future Program” with foster parents to support the learning and rehabilitation of intellectual and physical children with disabilities. In 2013, the organization opened an office in Pa-an, Karen State, and has been conducting support activities for internally displaced persons and returnees and promoting social participation and economic independence for persons with disabilities. In the Yangon Office and Hpa-an Office, the program has been implementing inclusive education support activities and emergency assistance for the new COVID-19 from 2020 and emergency humanitarian assistance from 2021.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 86,599,075 JPY

1 Strengthening of vocational training school operation and employment support system for persons with disabilities

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

Objective: To strengthen the employment support system for persons with disabilities at vocational training schools in a self-reliant and developmental manner.

Achievement: The vocational training school for persons with disabilities closed in March 2020 due to the spread of the new COVID-19 virus and was reopened in September 2022. A total of 54 students were accepted in the September-December 2022, and January-April 2023 semesters, and in addition to vocational training, activities were conducted to foster social skills. In addition, follow-up services for graduates, job placement services, and distribution of emergency relief supplies were also provided.

Direct Beneficiaries: 4,894 (87 technical guidance students, 279 employment assistance students, 553 people for checking on living conditions and counseling on problems, 3,975 graduates who viewed educational materials produced by the school)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 4,796 (3,355 family members of persons with disabilities, 534 business representatives and persons with disabilities support groups, 907 residents receiving hairdressing and beauty services)



Classes for a total of 27 students in the dressmaking course, hairdressing/beauty course, and PC course (September 2022)

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

Target Area: Yangon, Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Objective: To improve the physical function and social skills of children with disabilities.

Achievement: Because of the recent deterioration of public security, the staff had refrained from visiting families with children with disabilities. Still, from September 2022, they resumed visiting families with children with disabilities and conducted face-to-face rehabilitation guidance and monitoring, paying attention to the security situation. In addition, we distributed assistive devices, learning materials, and medicines that meet the needs of children with disabilities and conducted health checkups for children with disabilities. In addition, support was provided to the EDEN Center for Children with disabilities, a local facility for children with disabilities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 370 (32 children with disabilities, 272 children with disabilities using the EDEN Center and 66 staff)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 941 (125 families with children with disabilities, 816 families with children with disabilities using the EDEN Center)



Health checkups for children with disabilities
(January 2023)

3 Establish a system to promote inclusive education

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

Objective: By promoting IE (inclusive education), more children with disabilities will be able to receive education that meets their characteristics.

Achievement: Barrier-free construction of high schools, provision of aids, learning aids, and services to students in target schools, and establishment of child support groups by parents and community volunteers were initiated. Through close cooperation with the Eden Center, a local organization, the project has created an environment where children with disabilities can receive an education that meets their characteristics in the target school area.

Direct Beneficiaries: 13,165 (52 children with disabilities attending the target schools, 12,853 students without disabilities, 30 Eden Centers, about 30 child support group members, and (about 200 family members)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 44,259 (approximately 330 teachers from target schools, 39 Eden staff, and 43,890 family members of students from target schools)



Conduct needs assessment for children with disabilities and provides necessary aids
(December 2022)

4 Support for Inclusive Education (Kayin State)

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

Objective: Strengthen the system for all children, including children with disabilities, to receive basic education.

Achievement: A community support group of residents was established to set up a mechanism to promote IE support in Hpa-an Townships, and community volunteers were selected. In addition, caregivers and community volunteers for children with disabilities established an educational self-help group and conducted special education activities for children with disabilities using vacant spaces in the base school. In addition, children with disabilities who need assistive devices and rehabilitation were referred to specialized institutions in Hpa-an.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approximately 3,230 people (40 children with disabilities, 120 out-of-school children, 1,630 base school students, 160 persons with disabilities, 1,630 children with disabilities, out-of-school children, and persons with disabilities). (Approximately 1,280 family members of children with disabilities, out-of-school children, and persons with disabilities)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 9,420 (approximately 6,520 family members of students in the base schools and approximately 2,900 residents)



Extracurricular activities for local children, including children with disabilities (January 2023)

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: To create an environment where persons with disabilities can participate in financial services and livelihood activities, diversify their sources of income, and improve their life skills.

Achievement: In collaboration with BRAC Myanmar, training was organized for persons with disabilities in agriculture, poultry farming, financial services, and daily living skills. The project also supported the activities of a mutual support group for persons with disabilities in the community. In addition, support was provided to persons with disabilities who wanted to receive assistive devices, rehabilitation, and vocational training.

Direct Beneficiaries: Approximately 700 persons with disabilities

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



Mutual support groups for persons with disabilities held bi-monthly meetings to discuss life challenges and coping strategies (April 2022)

6 Emergency Humanitarian Assistance

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

Objective: To improve the nutritional, hygienic, and living conditions of people in need, including persons with disabilities, by distributing emergency relief supplies such as food, hygiene products, and cash.

Achievement: In the Yangon-Kayin region of Myanmar, where the situation has deteriorated since the declaration of a state of emergency in February 2021, food, hygiene products, cash, etc., were distributed to people in need, including persons with disabilities.

Beneficiaries: 5,274 needy persons with disabilities



Cash benefits to local persons with disabilities via community volunteers, including persons with disabilities (April 2022)

People's Republic of Bangladesh

Cox's Bazar Office

In 2017, we began providing emergency assistance to displaced people from Myanmar who fled armed repression in Myanmar and entered neighboring Bangladesh in large numbers. We have been focusing on water sanitation projects for displaced camps in Cox's Bazar district in southeast Bangladesh and for residents in the camp periphery (host communities) who have been affected by the influx of displaced people. Since 2018, the project has started working on protecting women and children in parallel with the water and sanitation project. Since August 2021, the project has been working on protecting women in the displaced person camps and host communities. From March 2023, the Cox's Bazar office will be temporarily closed, and the operation of this project is transferred to a local partner organization to continue.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 42,480,434 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 for protecting vulnerable women in refugee camps and to raise awareness of the protection environment for women in host communities.

Achievement: Two Women's Friendly Spaces (WFS) were operated in the refugee camps to provide awareness-raising activities on protection issues, counseling, recreational activities, and information through door-to-door visits. Individualized support was also provided for victims of gender-based violence (GBV), linking them to specialized support (referrals), including medical and legal assistance as needed. Awareness-raising activities on GBV prevention for men were also conducted outside the WFS. In host communities, awareness-raising groups for men and women were organized by resident volunteers, awareness-raising lectures on women's protective environment were conducted, and women affected by GBV were linked to professional support as necessary. In addition, sets of clothing and hygiene items were provided to vulnerable women.

Beneficiaries: Refugee camps: 3,394 (136 individual assistances, 1,088 information provision, 826 psychological counseling and referral, 1,344 awareness-raising activities)

Host community: 995 people (40 residents' groups, 736 awareness-raising activities, 17 referrals, 202 people provided with sets of clothing, hygiene items, etc.)



Recreational activities included sewing and other challenges for women in refugee camps and host communities (July 2022)

Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Islamabad Office, Haripur Office, Nowshera Office

In 2005, we provided emergency assistance to victims of a major earthquake, and in 2009, we assisted internally displaced persons (IDPs) who were displaced due to fighting during the Taliban's cleanup operation. After assisting flood victims in 2010, the office was made permanent, and projects to improve the educational and sanitary environment for Afghan refugees and the host community have been implemented. The Nowshera office opened in 2012 and was closed at the end of January 2016, following the completion of activities in the Nowshera District, and the Haripur office was opened in February 2016. Since November 2019, it has been working to establish a learning support environment for child with disabilities. In September 2022, the office was opened again in Nowshera County to support flood victims.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 74,260,727 JPY

1 Establishment of a learning support environment for children with disabilities

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

Objective: To establish a basic educational environment to accommodate children with disabilities, mainly in 6 elementary schools in Haripur District, and a schooling support system for children with disabilities living in the school district.

Achievement: In 6 elementary schools in Haripur district, we established a system to accept children with disabilities by improving infrastructure and strengthening the capacity of teachers. At the same time, in each school district, we identified children with disabilities who were not enrolled in school and linked them to schooling support and administrative services. In addition, awareness classes and workshops were held for teachers, children, parents, and residents to promote understanding of disabilities. In addition, through training and seminars, the project involved the Bureau of Education, which has jurisdiction over public schools, and the Bureau of Social Welfare, which has jurisdiction over children with disabilities education, and discussed with local authorities, including these bureaus, how to strengthen collaboration to disseminate the project's results to schools in the county and state.

Direct Beneficiaries: 3,603 (71 children with disabilities and their 426 family members, 2,833 children and teachers, and 273 community members who participated in the workshops)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 18,246 (16,608 families of children with disabilities in target schools and 1,638 families of community members)



Implementation of an event on the theme of disability awareness by a self-help group of parents of children with disabilities (December 2022)

Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

Kabul Office

Since 1999, we have been conducting landmine clearance activities using the net proceeds from the picture book “Please Give Me Flowers, Not Landmines.” In 2002, we started landmine avoidance education and rehabilitation through physiotherapy. In 2008, the northeastern part of the project was transferred to another NGO working in the same region. The project has been remotely managed from the Tokyo headquarters since November 2008 and from Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, since July 2016, but due to the spread of the new COVID-19 virus, the project has been managed remotely from Tokyo again since April 2020. Currently, based in the capital city of Kabul, local staff are providing mine avoidance education and support for persons with disabilities, including landmine victims. In addition, after the transition to the Taliban’s transitional government in August 2021, the company is providing emergency assistance in the form of food and daily commodities to cope with the further deterioration of the country’s economic situation.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 129,202,249 JPY

1 Comprehensive mine action

Target Area: Kapisa, Parwaan, Nangarhar, Laghman, Maidan Wardak, and Logar provinces, Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

Objective: To protect the right to education of more children, including landmine survivors, by helping children and adult women learn appropriate behaviors and habits to avoid the risk of explosives and promoting IE (inclusive education) in the project’s target schools. In addition, by removing landmines, unexploded ordnance, improvised explosive devices, and other explosive devices and by ensuring the safety of the site, people can use the land with peace of mind.

Achievement: In conjunction with the distribution of food to internally displaced persons (IDPs), education on the risk avoidance of explosives was conducted in the four provinces of Kapisa, Parwaan, Nangarhar, and Laghman, and educational materials on avoidance education were distributed to children. In addition, in cooperation with a UK-based demining NGO (The HALO Trust), IE conducted explosive device clearance activities in Maidan Wardak and Logar provinces, making 649,453m² of land a safe living area. The IE project has been suspended due to the situation in the country after the transition of the Taliban interim government after August 2021.

Beneficiaries:

Explosives Avoidance Training

Direct Beneficiaries: 16,285 participants

Indirect Beneficiaries: 113,995 villagers in the targeted villages

Explosive ordnance removal

Direct Beneficiaries: 4,946 land users (Beneficiaries from landmine clearance)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Beneficiaries of demining (people living near the land) 7,781 people



Explosives avoidance education workshop for children (September 2022).

2 Support for Internally Displaced Persons (Completed)

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

Objective: To contribute to the protection of lives and stabilization of living conditions of the people facing a humanitarian crisis due to the long-standing drought and conflict and the deteriorating domestic economic situation after the political change in August 2021 through the distribution of food and daily necessities and education activities to avoid the crisis.

Achievement: Food and basic necessities were distributed to vulnerable groups such as internally displaced persons (IDPs), female-headed households, and persons with disabilities. In a post-distribution survey, many households said they did not have to choose “unwanted responses” such as further debt or child labor due to food shortages. In conjunction with food distribution, the project also educated people in the target communities about the risk of explosives and distributed educational materials for children about avoidance education.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: Approximately 13,160 recipients (1,880 households) of food and daily necessities



Distribution of food and daily necessities
(June 2022)

Republic of Tajikistan

Dushanbe Office

In November 2001, we opened an office in the capital city of Dushanbe to secure routes to the northeast of Afghanistan following the terrorist attacks in the United States. Since then, we have fully supported persons with disabilities within Tajikistan: we have implemented a project to promote IE (inclusive education) in Dushanbe since 2014 and in Hissar since 2017, respectively, for three years. The project was implemented to train teachers familiar with IE in teacher training colleges in Dushanbe city in 2020 and Rasht city in 2022, and the same project was launched in teacher training colleges in Hissar city in February 2023.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 65,785,128 JPY

1 Establishment of teaching programs to promote inclusive education

Target Area: Dushanbe and Rasht, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote the expansion of IE by developing teaching programs that incorporate IE perspectives.

Achievement: Training on understanding disabilities and training for instructors on universal design and reasonable accommodation in the classroom were conducted for eight university teachers in charge of teaching courses at the Rasht Teacher Training College. In addition, a collection of teaching examples was created for university instructors in charge of teaching courses to use in their classes. In addition, a slope was installed at the entrance of the university building, the corridor was flattened, and barrier-free restrooms were constructed to create a barrier-free environment in the school. As part of school enrollment support for persons with disabilities, information sessions were held in five eastern regions for persons with disabilities and their guardians. In addition, the direction and issues related to IE were discussed with the Ministry of Education and Science and organizations of persons with disabilities, and a proposal for the “National Conceptual Framework for IE,” which is being revised within the government of Japan, was submitted to the Ministry of Education officials.

Direct Beneficiaries: 527 people (53 students with disabilities from Rasht Teacher Training College, eight teachers participating in the training, 161 students from the same college, 137 university teachers, 131 people with disabilities and their parents in Rasht and its suburbs, 30 organizations in IE network, seven teachers participating in training at Dushanbe Teacher Training University)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 23,775 (3,884 students from all teacher training colleges in Rasht, 1,391 students from 8 organizations in the IE Network, 18,500 students from all teacher training colleges in Dushanbe)



IE-trained students from teacher training colleges receive teaching practice (December 2022)

2 Independence Support for Women with Disabilities and Their Families

Target Area: Hissor, Republic of Tajikistan

Objective: To promote social participation of persons with disabilities and to make persons with disabilities socially and economically independent.

Achievement: The project provided employment support through vocational training in dressmaking for 15 persons with disabilities and their families, who are vulnerable to poverty because of discrimination and prejudice, as well as the lack of national laws related to disabilities, three times a week for 12 months. The program provided employment support through vocational training in sewing three times a week for 12 months. In addition to sewing skills, a business skills course was offered, providing hands-on training in purchasing materials, negotiating with customers, and setting product prices. At the end of the sewing and business training, as part of the awareness-raising activities for the project, an exhibition of the works was held at schools and markets. Through the exhibition of the products made so far and the demonstration of sewing skills, the Objective and results of the project were communicated to a total of about 1,000 residents to promote their understanding of disabilities.

Direct Beneficiaries: 15 people (12 persons with disabilities and three family members)

Indirect Beneficiaries: Approximately 1,030 people (approximately 30 family members of persons with disabilities and approximately 1,000 community residents)



Training in sewing techniques for persons with disabilities and their families (August 2022)

Emergency Assistance (Domestic)

1 Assistance for victims of the August 2022 torrential rain

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 3,797,303 JPY

Target Area: Murakami City, Niigata Prefecture

Objective: In Murakami City, Niigata Prefecture, which was severely damaged by the record-breaking heavy rainfall in early August 2022, we will distribute emergency relief supplies and provide soup kitchens to help victims recover both mentally and physically as they are busy cleaning up welfare facilities and their homes. We will also conduct needs assessments for households with children with disabilities whose homes were flooded and help them rebuild their lives as quickly as possible.

Achievement: In Murakami City, Niigata Prefecture, which was severely damaged by river flooding and mudslides, we provided emergency relief supplies such as large electric fans and high-pressure cleaners to the Disaster Relief Volunteer Center, the Koiwanai Community Association, and welfare facilities for persons with disabilities. In the Koiwauchi area, in cooperation with the Peace Project, a non-profit organization, 2,035 meals were provided to disaster victims over 10 days, mainly nutritionally balanced side dishes. In addition, in cooperation with the government, the Disaster Relief Volunteer Center, and welfare facilities for persons with disabilities, we conducted a needs assessment of homebound disaster victims. Among the homebound victims, three households in need of assistance, particularly vulnerable to being left behind in rebuilding their lives, and one meeting place in temporary housing were given electrical appliances, furniture, and other daily necessities to help them rebuild their lives as quickly as possible.

Beneficiaries: 2,275 people (2,135 people in total for soup kitchen support, 90 people for distribution of emergency supplies, 50 people for distribution of daily necessities)



We conducted a food distribution program in the affected areas, taking into consideration nutritional balance (August 2022)

2 Support for Typhoon No. 15 Victims (Completed)

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 3,323,690 JPY

Target Area: Shizuoka City and Iwata City, Shizuoka Prefecture

Objective: To support the early recovery of welfare facilities for persons with disabilities in Shizuoka Prefecture, severely damaged by Typhoon No. 15 in September 2022, improving the environment where users can receive welfare services.

Achievement: A support team was dispatched to survey the damage in Shizuoka City and Iwata City, Shizuoka Prefecture, which were severely damaged. Based on information from the government and disability-related organizations, the damage to three welfare facilities for persons with disabilities was confirmed. For two persons with disabilities employment support facilities and daily living care facilities in Shizuoka City that were damaged by the flooding of a river, we provided outdoor units and air conditioners that had broken down due to the flooding, as well as elevating electric massage tables for use when washing hair and assisting with toileting. In addition, one group home in Iwata City was provided with furniture such as beds, mattresses, and chests of drawers, which were no longer usable due to the flooding. Through this support, welfare facilities for persons with disabilities could quickly establish a working environment to provide welfare services to their users, helping them regain their daily lives quickly.

Direct Beneficiaries: 37 users and staff of welfare facilities for persons with disabilities)

Indirect Beneficiaries: 111 family members of facility users



Provided chests for group home users to use in their rooms (October 2022)

Japan

Tokyo Office, Saga Office

Following the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, the Tokyo Office provided a wide range of support, mainly to Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures. We opened offices in Sendai, Morioka, and Soma, respectively; in 2013, we integrated the operations of the Morioka office into the Sendai office, and in 2014, we integrated the operations of the Soma office into the Sendai office. Subsequently, in March 2019, the Sendai office was closed and switched to managing operations from Sendai to the Tohoku region on a business travel. In addition, in August 2016 opened the Saga Office as a business continuity base in anticipation of a major earthquake directly under the Tokyo metropolitan area. Since the Great East Japan Earthquake, in addition to disaster relief activities in various parts of Japan, the company resumed support for refugees and displaced persons in Japan from FY2022.



2022 fiscal year final settlement: 58,686,551 JPY

1 Support for victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 25,079,539 JPY

Target Area: The affected areas in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures

Objective: To strengthen the resilience of the affected communities during the recovery period, mainly targeting older adults, persons with disabilities, and parents and children still suffering from the effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake and the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident.

Achievement: 76 listening and exchange activities were held for disaster victims living in Iwate, Miyagi, and Fukushima prefectures, preventing their isolation and promoting the rebuilding their communities. In addition, in collaboration with community associations, social welfare councils, and disability-related organizations in Fukushima Prefecture, disaster prevention events were held 27 times. In Kawamata Town, Fukushima Prefecture, which was damaged by Typhoon No. 19, disaster prevention maps were created and distributed to residents to promote inclusive community disaster prevention efforts. In addition, in cooperation with a group of evacuees in Musashino City, Tokyo, we held 25 exchange events for evacuees outside Fukushima Prefecture. We twice held the “Nishiaizu Exciting Children’s School,” a recreation and inter-community exchange program for parents and children living in the Hamadori area of Fukushima Prefecture. We continued to provide mineral water to nursery school children in Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture. Also, we supported a local organization in Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture, helping disaster victims rebuild their lives by continuing to watch over them through vegetable gardening activities. In response to the earthquake that struck off the coast of Fukushima Prefecture in March 2022, Sampo Japan provided support to three welfare facilities for persons with disabilities in Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures for repair work on facility buildings and repair of welfare vehicles damaged by the earthquake.

Beneficiaries: 3,308 people (2,562 residents participating in community exchange activities, 74 parents and children participating in Nishiaizu Exciting Children’s School, 216 preschool children, staff, and children’s family members who received drinking water, approximately 200 home-disaster victims supported by local organizations, and approximately 3,308 people who received support from welfare facilities for persons with (Users, staff, and family members of users of welfare facilities for persons with disabilities: 256 people)



A lunch exchange party was held as a community exchange activity (November 2022)

2 Support for Refugees and Displaced Persons in Japan

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 33,154,885 JPY

Target Area: Japan

Objective: To support refugees and displaced persons who have come to Japan to evacuate from conflicts and political instability in their home countries to lead a secure life in Japan.

Achievement: In collaboration with our sister organization “SUPPORT 21”, we provided emergency lump-sum payments to refugees and displaced persons who took refuge in Japan and implemented a livelihood counseling program for them.

Beneficiaries: Direct beneficiaries: 309 people (297 people received a lump-sum payment, and 12 people received lifestyle counseling)

* 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, AAR established “Social Welfare Corporation SUPPORT 21” and shifted its support activities for refugees and foreigners living in Japan to this organization. Currently, AAR mainly conducts support activities overseas, while SUPPORT 21 supports refugees and foreigners in Japan in cooperation with its sister organizations.



Interviews with Ukrainian families evacuated to Japan were held at our office (September 2022)

3 Support for Countermeasures to Combat New COVID-19 Virus Infections (Completed)

2022 fiscal year final settlement: 452,127 JPY

Target Area: Nationwide

Objective: Under the new COVID-19 virus epidemic, to prevent the spread of infection in facilities for persons with disabilities through support for welfare facilities for persons with disabilities, to realize continuous business operations, and to protect the daily lives of users with disabilities.

Achievement: Support for the implementation of PCR and antigen tests was provided and completed in FY2021, and an audit was conducted in FY2022, which resulted in expenses related to the audit.

Beneficiaries: None in FY2022

Activities in Japan

1 Advocacy and Research

1-1 Research and Studies

Achievement: AAR has conducted necessary surveys and research on matters related to or affecting its assistance activities to enhance its expertise and the quality of its projects in its main areas of activity, such as emergency humanitarian assistance, refugee assistance, assistance to persons with disabilities, mine action, and countermeasures against infectious diseases. In addition, AAR is conducting project evaluations and preparing evaluation tools. In addition, AAR actively disseminated its experience and knowledge through participation in relevant international conferences, network meetings, seminars, symposiums, and contributions to specialized journals.

1-2 Refugee Assistance

Achievement: Continuing from the previous year, AAR participated in regular meetings of organizations involved in refugee support, gathered information on support needs and support activities of other organizations, and exchanged opinions on various issues related to refugees. We also worked on building a network with related parties.

1-3 Disability and Development

Achievement: Based on the three-year mid-term plan formulated in FY2021, efforts were made to improve the quality of activities in the field of disabilities and to strengthen policy advocacy. Activities on priority issues such as inclusive education were also continued. In addition, 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 Association of NGOs in the Disability Sector (JANNET), we focused on policy advocacy in coordination with relevant organizations. The 5th Asia-Pacific CBID (Community-Based Inclusive Development) Conference was held in Cambodia from March 15 to 17, 2023. Seven staff members participated in the conference, representing the Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar (Hpa-an) offices and JANNET. In addition, reports were made on the landmine issue in Ukraine and other parts of the world through the Association's website. Furthermore, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the signing ceremony of the Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines, a symposium on the "Landmine Problem Today" was held online in November 2022 to reflect on the 25 years since the signing ceremony and to emphasize the importance of working on landmine countermeasures.

1-4 Mine Action

Achievement: Participated in the 25th International Meeting of Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisers held in June 2022. The organization has made efforts to improve its capacity as an organization. In addition, in October 2022, we explained our mine action plan to the Director of the Mine Action Services Division of the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Chief of Project Management and exchanged views with them.

1-5 Campaign Stop Killer Robots

Achievement: As a member of the Asia-Pacific steering committee of Campaign Stop Killer Robots, we participated in the strategy meeting of the international campaign online. In February 2023, we participated in a global conference in Costa Rica to build and strengthen networks with campaigners worldwide. At the UN conference, he participated in the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), a meeting of government experts, and the first session of the UN General Assembly. The group also listened to a live webcast of the CCW Expert Group Meeting and the UN General Assembly First Committee through the UN website. It worked to keep abreast of developments in the international community. The collected information was shared with organizations and individuals working in Japan and disseminated to the outside world via SNS.

1-6 Fighting Infections / WASH

Achievement: AAR strengthened its network with related institutions and organizations through the Global Population and AIDS Initiative and the Okinawa Initiative for Countermeasures to Combat Infectious Diseases (GII/IDI Roundtable) and disseminated experience and knowledge gained from AAR's projects in the field of infectious disease control, including water sanitation and mycetoma control. AAR made recommendations to domestic and foreign governments, institutions, and organizations by disseminating experiences and knowledge gained from its projects in water sanitation and countermeasures against infectious diseases, including mycetoma.

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

Achievement: Although the COVID-19 disaster has not yet been resolved, school classes and events have gradually resumed, either in person or in a hybrid format combined with online classes, and the number of requests for lectures and other presentations has returned to the pre-COVID-19 level. The Education for International Understanding Support Program gave 53 lectures and workshops to students and faculty of all ages, from elementary school to graduate school. In addition, the program actively responded to questions and interview requests from students and faculty. In addition, we accepted university student interns to deepen their understanding of AAR's activities and the role of NGOs in international cooperation.

2 Public Relations

Achievement: We promptly disseminated information through our website and SNS. We have revised the website and donation form to improve accessibility and convenience of information of interest. The number of website access increased by 6.9% (846,838 accesses to the website and 23,635 SNS followers in FY2022) by focusing on using videos, which have highly appealing power. Web advertising also began full-scale operation, leading to increased donations and monthly supporters in addition to the dissemination of information (544 new monthly supporters). Online symposiums on support for displaced people from Myanmar, landmine issues, humanitarian aid to Ukraine, and a charity concert to raise funds for Ukraine; we also held a charity concert to support Ukraine and disseminated information through the event. Press releases and information to the media were also actively provided, with many media outlets covering our emergency relief efforts (48 newspapers and 29 TV programs).

In addition to the summer and winter fundraising campaigns, we also called for emergency donations for refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine and victims of the Afghanistan earthquake, Pakistan floods, August 2022 rains, and Turkey earthquake. Especially we received a large number of donations for the support of refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine and for the earthquake victims in Turkey, amounting to 395,476,248 JPY for the former and 123,630,091 JPY for the latter. As for various forms of support, we received a record JPY 11,007,000 in support through hometown tax payments to Saga Prefecture, where our office is located, by enhancing returns and strengthening publicity. The donation campaign through postcards and stamps for school enrollment for children in Uganda (period: October 1, 2022 - April 10, 2023) received 85,393 pieces, far exceeding the target of 30,000 pieces. 47,842 pieces in total in FY2022, and the number of donated items was 795,539,000 JPY, 795,539,288 JPY was donated.

To the individuals and companies that provided support in the wake of the Ukraine crisis, we made efforts to report on the situation and activities in the region carefully and to draw their attention to the situation in other countries, such as Syria and the displaced people from Myanmar. As a result, we were able to continue our support. In addition, we proactively conveyed messages from recipients and expatriates through publicity materials to show people how their donations were being delivered to the support field. Considering the appropriate amount of reporting, information dissemination, and timely reporting, we efficiently used distribution tools such as sealed envelopes and e-mails and revised our e-newsletter.

3 Public Relations and Fundraising

Achievement: In FY2022, 108 new companies and organizations donated to our emergency relief efforts initiated in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Since the summer, we have actively thanked them for their support and reported on our activities online and in person. Since then, we have continued to thank and report to the companies and organizations that support AAR. In many cases, a portion of the proceeds from the sales of the products was donated to AAR, which expanded the circle of support to the supporting companies and organizations and their customers, and at the same time, led to an increase in AAR's name recognition. In addition to Rokkatei Corporation, AAR began working with Lupicia Corporation on charity products. As for grants provided by companies and organizations, the cooperation system among related departments within the association was strengthened.

4 For-profit Projects

Achievement: Ltd., a new flavored tea product, "Tabasamu," was launched on June 20, World Refugee Day, and 1,418 bags and 638 cans were sold. The Ukraine support products developed in response to the crisis in Ukraine were also well received, and sales of charity goods for the year were approximately 2.5 times higher than the previous year. The charity chocolates, made with the cooperation of Rokkatei Corporation, were given a new taste and packaging.

Rokkatei Co. The chocolate was featured in 21 local newspapers, and sales reached a record high of 24,502 boxes. Tickets for "Quartet Festival," a charity concert for humanitarian aid in Ukraine to be held in April 2023, are now on sale.

5 NGO Consultants

Achievement: Commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the NGO Advisor responded to 474 consultations and questions about NGOs and international cooperation from the general public, businesses, students, media, and NGO personnel. After the crisis in Ukraine, we received many questions and consultations regarding refugees and displaced persons in Ukraine and support for them. In addition to information about our association, we also provided information about the government and other organizations. We also received many inquiries from schools, and we informed them about the situation of refugees through our lectures and encouraged them to take action, such as donating through our fundraising activities. We also received many company inquiries about donations and support through their main business. We presented concrete proposals and tried to encourage international cooperation by companies.

Project Implementation Structure

Achievement: A total of 86 people (as of the end of the fiscal year), including 65 domestic staff and 21 expatriate staff, and 133 local staff from overseas offices, implemented 33 support projects (29 overseas and 4 domestic projects). In addition to implementing measures to prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 virus in Japan and overseas, we closely monitored the infection situation at the project sites and the risk of serious illness at the time of infection. We revised our response plans according to the situation to ensure stable and effective project activities.

The joint meeting between overseas and domestic offices, held at the Tokyo Office every year, was conducted online again this year to prevent the spread of the new COVID-19 virus. However, with more staff participation, the program promoted efforts toward higher quality operations, such as developing policies and systems for Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH) and Child Safeguarding (CS). In addition, the Company was able to promote efforts to improve the quality of its operations. In addition, a partial review of the BCP (Business Continuity Plan) was conducted to prepare for contingencies such as large-scale disasters, and additional procurement of necessary supplies was made to continue support activities while minimizing the impact on the organization as a whole. Regarding the new accounting system that began operating at overseas offices in April 2022, follow-up was conducted on an ongoing basis to familiarize employees with how to operate the system and to strengthen governance. In addition, new cloud services were introduced to improve operational efficiency. In implementing projects in Japan and overseas, the Unit worked to make them more effective by establishing cooperative frameworks with local organizations according to local conditions.

The Global Strategy Unit worked to strengthen compliance in overseas offices by developing various guidelines and policies. Also, it supported the formulation of projects and the preparation of application documents to obtain grants from overseas donors. In addition, PSEAH/CS-related efforts included training for expatriate staff and preparation for establishing an online multi-lingual consultation and case-handling system at domestic and overseas offices.

Meanwhile, to create a working environment where staff can maintain their physical and mental health and engage in business operations with peace of mind, a major review of the practical guidelines for expatriates was conducted to reflect the special working environment of expatriates. In addition, since narrow passageways between desks and old and partially inadequate barrier-free restrooms had been identified as issues in the Tokyo Office, preparations were made to make the office space and restrooms barrier-free by the first half of FY2023.

The Tokyo Office gradually lifted the restriction on the number of volunteers from around March 2022 while monitoring the infection situation of the new COVID-19 virus. It was able to have them work energetically. The Association's activities were supported in various ways, including responses to requests for information materials and donations that surged in response to the crisis in Ukraine in February 2022 and the earthquake in Turkey in February 2023.

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2023

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Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank Deposits	1,620,047,874	12,132,464
Accounts Receivable - Trade	1,902,496	14,248
Temporary Payments	134,770	1,009
Other Account Receivables	3,485,369	26,102
Advance Payments-Other	5,617,334	42,068
Supplies	3,100,725	23,221
Inventories	1,846,846	13,831
Total	1,636,135,414	12,252,943
Non-current Assets		
Vehicles	691,218	5,177
Equipment	2,866,143	21,464
Buildings and Structures	25,503,219	190,992
Software	3,488,100	26,122
Office Rental Deposit	8,626,760	64,605
Investment securities	12,000	90
Total	41,187,440	308,450
Grand Total	1,677,322,854	12,561,393

Liabilities and Net Assets

Subjects	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Advance Received	644,329,203	4,825,352
Account Payable - Non-trade	106,288,951	795,993
Temporarily Received	5,418,867	40,582
Tax Payable	1,743,500	13,056
Total	757,780,521	5,674,983
Non-current Liabilities		
Allowance for Retirement Benefit	7,170,000	53,696
Total	7,170,000	53,696
Total Liabilities	764,950,521	5,728,679
Net Assets		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	565,456,220	4,234,675
Gain(Loss) for the Year	346,916,113	2,598,039
Balance at the End of the Year	912,372,333	6,832,714
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	138,518,781	1,037,361
Increase/(Decrease) for the Year	-138,518,781	-1,037,361
Total Amount of Restricted Net Assets	0	0
Total Amount of Net Assets	912,372,333	6,832,714
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	1,677,322,854	12,561,393

Statement of Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)
I Operating Income		
1 Membership Fees		
Regular Membership Fees	768,000	5,752
Associate Membership Fees	2,510,000	18,797
Subtotal	3,278,000	24,549
2 Donations		
Donations	795,539,288	5,957,757
Gain on Donation of Assets	6,803,757	50,953
Subtotal	802,343,045	6,008,710
3 Grants, etc.		
Private Funds	31,314,720	234,514
Public Funds	1,071,412,499	8,023,759
Subtotal	1,102,727,219	8,258,273
4 Operating Income (Sales)		
Events	974,500	7,298
Charity Goods Sale	25,413,138	190,318
Commissioned Project	4,657,754	34,881
Miscellaneous Operating Income	2,240,890	16,782
Subtotal	33,286,282	249,279
5 Other Income		
Interest Income	221,961	1,662
Dividends income	1,260,000	9,436
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	402,301	3,013
Gain on Foreign Exchange	18,551,308	138,930
Miscellaneous Income	2,181,874	16,340
Subtotal	22,617,444	169,381
Operating Income Total (A)	1,964,251,990	14,710,192
II Operating Expenses		
1 Project Expenses		
1) Personnel Expenses		
Salary	337,126,302	2,524,723
Retirement Benefits Expenses	695,000	5,205
Legal Welfare Expenses	46,714,347	349,842
Welfare Expenses	1,373,634	10,287
Subtotal	385,909,283	2,890,057
2) Other Expenses		
Overseas Personnel	212,483,984	1,591,283
Direct Cost of Project (e.g. Distributions, Equipment, Workshop)	911,737,502	6,827,960
Overseas Travel Expenses	44,596,426	333,981
Local Travel Expenses	18,742,925	140,365
Depreciation Expenses	4,078,596	30,544
Printing Expenses	7,610,110	56,992
Advertising Expenses	10,780,525	80,735
Communications Expenses	21,115,561	158,133
Rent	7,870,649	58,943
Fees/Charges	36,202,994	271,123
Sales Cost	8,722,450	65,322
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	2,416,527	18,097
Insurance expenses	3,013,450	22,568
Other salaries	6,325,380	47,370
Taxes and dues	849,573	6,362
Other Expense Items	8,844,269	66,234
Subtotal	1,305,390,921	9,776,012
Project Expenses Total	1,691,300,204	12,666,069

2 Administrative Expenses			
1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	27,219,780		203,848
Retirement Benefits Expenses	3,725,000		27,896
Legal Welfare Expenses	3,626,329		27,157
Welfare Expenses	189,253		1,417
	Subtotal	34,760,362	260,318
2) Other Expenses			
Consumables/ Equipment Expenses	1,066,757		7,989
Utilities Expenses	1,493,405		11,184
Communications/ Transportation Expenses	698,439		5,231
Rent	15,853,909		118,729
Travel Expenses	272,666		2,042
Fees/ Charges	5,509,203		41,258
Depreciation Expenses	283,823		2,126
Sundry Expenses	10,000		75
Insurance expenses	29,660		222
Other Administrative Expenses	2,747,129		20,573
	Subtotal	27,964,991	209,429
Administrative Expenses Total		62,725,353	469,747
3 Other Expenses			
	Subtotal	0	0
Other Expenses Total		0	0
Operating Expenditure Total		(B) 1,754,025,557	13,135,816
Net Income from Operating Activities		(C)=(A)-(B) 210,226,433	1,574,376
III Non-Operating Profit			
Transfer from Restricted Net Assets		138,518,781	1,037,361
Non-Operating Profit		138,518,781	1,037,361
IV Non-Operating Loss			
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets		85,601	641
Non-Operating Loss		85,601	641
Net Income from Non-Operating Activities		(D) 138,433,180	1,036,720
Total Net Income		(C)+(D) 348,659,613	2,611,096
Net Assets			
Total Net Income		348,659,613	2,611,096
Taxes		1,743,500	13,057
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year		346,916,113	2,598,039
Balance at the Beginning of the Year		565,456,220	4,234,675
Balance at the End of the Year		912,372,333	6,832,714
Restricted Net Assets for Specific Project *			
Transfer to Unrestricted Net Assets		-138,518,781	-1,037,361
Net Increase/ (Decrease) for the Year		-138,518,781	-1,037,361
Balance at the Beginning of the Year		138,518,781	1,037,361
Balance at the End of the Year		0	0
Balance of the Total Net Assets at the end of the Year		912,372,333	6,832,714

(*) Activities related to The Great East Japan Earthquake

Statement of Changes of Working Capital for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Membership Fees and Donations			
Membership Fees	3,278,000	24,549	
Donations	795,539,288	5,957,757	
Total	798,817,288	5,982,306	40.8%
Grants, etc.			
Domestic Private Funds	25,510,942	191,050	
Domestic Public Funds	1,013,096,867	7,587,036	
International Funds	64,119,410	480,187	
Total	1,102,727,219	8,258,273	56.3%
Other Income			
Interest Income	221,949	1,662	
Adjustment for Previous Fiscal Year	402,301	3,013	
Gain on Foreign Exchange	18,551,308	138,930	
Miscellaneous Income	2,181,380	16,336	
Others	4,387,214	32,856	
Total	25,744,152	192,797	1.3%
Total Income of General Accounting	1,927,288,659	14,433,376	
Profitable Business Accounting			
Operating Income (Sales)	26,387,638	197,616	1.4%
Non-operating Income	3,960,936	29,663	0.2%
Total Income of Profitable Business Accounting	30,348,574	227,279	
Total Income	(A) 1,957,637,233	14,660,655	100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
General Accounting			
Overseas Project Expenses			
Ukraine, Moldova	379,354,728	2,840,970	
Turkey	165,767,848	1,241,428	
Syria	116,959,342	875,903	
Sudan	16,149,744	120,945	
Kenya	75,018,313	561,809	
Uganda	48,419,121	362,609	
Zambia	58,236,661	436,132	
Laos	42,180,862	315,890	
Cambodia	46,212,183	346,081	
Myanmar (Burma)	86,599,075	648,536	
Bangladesh	42,480,434	318,134	
Pakistan	74,260,727	556,135	
Afghanistan	129,202,249	967,590	
Tajikistan	65,785,128	492,662	
Global Strategy Support	5,379,398	40,286	
Afghanistan Earthquake Emergency Relief	28,508,560	213,499	
Pakistan Flood Emergency Relief	45,284,993	339,137	
Kenya Food Crisis Response	2,482,616	18,592	
Turkey Earthquake Emergency Relief	15,126,678	113,283	
Total	1,443,408,660	10,809,621	82.7%
Domestic Project Expenses			
Response to the Great East Japan Earthquake	25,079,539	187,820	
Relief Assistance for Refugees and IDPs in Japan	33,154,885	248,295	
Relief for Covid-19' infections	452,127	3,386	
Emergency Response to Heavy Rains Disaster in August 2022	3,797,303	28,438	
Emergency Response to No.15 Typhoon	3,323,690	24,891	
Total	65,807,544	492,830	3.8%
Advocacy			
Research (Incl. Campaign to stop Killer Robots)	573,583	4,295	
Global Compact on Refugees	442,699	3,315	
Support for Persons with Disabilities	2,205,756	16,519	
Mine Action	2,312,148	17,316	
Infection	360,134	2,697	
Public Awareness	18,253,361	136,699	
Total	24,147,681	180,841	1.4%
PR and Fund raising			
Public Relations	118,904,439	890,470	
Fund Raising	7,235,835	54,189	
Total	126,140,274	944,659	7.2%
Purchases of fixed assets			
Equipment	1,924,064	14,409	
Total	1,924,064	14,409	0.1%
Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	34,215,362	256,237	
Others	27,681,168	207,302	
Total	61,896,530	463,539	3.6%
Total Expenditure of General Accounting	1,723,324,753	12,905,899	98.8%
Profitable Business Accounting			
Purchases	14,403,246	107,866	0.8%
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	7,698,308	57,652	0.4%
Expenditure of Profitable Business Accounting	22,101,554	165,518	1.2%
Total Expenditure	(B) 1,745,426,307	13,071,417	100.0%
Net Income(Loss) (A-B)=(C)	212,210,926	1,589,238	
Working Capital at the Beginning of the Year (D)	662,939,896	4,964,726	
Working Capital at the End of the Year (C+D)	875,150,822	6,553,964	

Profitable Business Accounting
Statement of Income and Expenditure
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Income

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Operating Income (Sales)			
Concerts/Events	974,500	7,298	
Goods	25,413,138	190,318	
Projects Commissioned Income	3,929,151	29,425	
Total	30,316,789	227,041	99.9%
Non-operating Income			
Copyright Royalty	31,279	234	
Miscellaneous Income	494	4	
Interest Received	12	0	
Total	31,785	238	0.1%
Total Income	(E) 30,348,574	227,279	100.0%

Expenditure

Subject	Amount (in JPY)	Amount (EQ. USD)	Component Ratio (%)
Purchases			
Concerts/Events	406,352	3,043	
Goods	13,294,358	99,561	
Projects Commissioned Expenses	837,406	6,272	
Transfer to Other Account	-134,870	-1,010	
Total	14,403,246	107,866	65.2%
Selling and Administrative Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	4,939,706	36,993	
Selling and General Administrative Expenses	1,986,501	14,877	
Consumption Tax	460,301	3,447	
Total	7,386,508	55,317	33.4%
Income taxes	311,800	2,335	1.4%
Total Expenditure	(F) 22,101,554	165,518	100.0%
Net Income(Loss)	(E-F)=(G) 8,247,020	61,761	

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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