

# Income and Expenditure

From April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016

## ■ Remaining balance as of March 31, 2015 (JPY)

Remaining balance of the funds collected within Japan	392,177,471
Remaining balance of the funds sent through Caritas Internationalis	769,939
Total	392,947,410

## ■ Funds received (JPY)

	April 2015 to March 2016	April to September 2016
Funds collected within Japan	41,289,909	5,274,667
Funds sent from Overseas	215,420,986	224,574,279
Total	256,710,895	229,848,946

## ■ Breakdown of disbursements (JPY)

Project Costs	April 2015 to March 2016	April to September 2016
Volunteer base activities		
Sendai Diocese Support Center/Ishinomaki Base/ Yonekawa Base/Fukushima Desk	66,422,120	31,403,975
Caritas Kamaishi	20,137,492	12,443,238
Otsuchi Base	24,372,804	22,172,590
Ofunato Base	7,059,169	6,512,190
Catholic Tokyo Volunteer Center/Haramachi Base	32,360,992	20,332,339
Iwaki Support Station	5,979,114	8,930,152
Kamaishi Support Center for Persons with Disabilities	4,200,000	
Subtotal	160,531,691	101,794,484
Other projects	250,000	2,257,848
New Haramachi Base construction (30% payment at groundbreaking)		29,970,000
Otsuchi Children Center construction		30,000,000
Subtotal	160,781,691	164,022,332
<b>Project Operating Costs</b>		
Monitoring and evaluation	177,599	104,872
Public relations	165,240	
External audit	1,296,000	391,160
Subtotal	1,638,839	496,032
Total	162,420,530	164,518,364

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## Six years since the Great East Japan Earthquake

A big earthquake that occurred in Kumamoto in April of last year reminded us once again of the strength of nature's power. In addition, several strong quakes that were aftershocks of the Great East Japan Earthquake shook the Tohoku region.

March 11 marks the sixth anniversary of the huge earthquake and tsunami in Tohoku. I pray for the eternal rest of the people who lost their lives in this catastrophe and the people who have died during the reconstruction process since.

The recurring aftershocks remind us that the Great East Japan Earthquake is not just a memory of the past but is, indeed, an ongoing disaster. There are still many challenges that must be tackled in the disaster area.

Reconstruction is slowly progressing, but in Fukushima prefecture which is still affected by the nuclear power plant accident, it will be a long time before we can see a clear picture of the future. The government's Reconstruction Agency reports that at the end of last year more than 130,000 people from the area continued to live as evacuees, and for most of them there is no remedy for their situation in sight.

Caritas Japan has supported reconstruction activities conducted by the nationwide Catholic Church in cooperation with the Sendai Diocese, supported by funds received from Japan and abroad. Those reconstruction activities will be needed for a long time, and so Japan's bishops have decided that the Catholic Church's relief activities will carry on until the end of March 2021. Caritas Japan will continue to support those activities.

Caritas Japan is based on the Catholic Church rooted in each area. So, wherever there is a Catholic church, Caritas is there, walking with the people as they try to rebuild their lives after the disaster.

Caritas Japan will continue to serve so that the people of Tohoku who are working on reconstruction can resume ordinary life as soon as possible.

As I present this report on the sixth year of our activities, I want to express my gratitude for the understanding and cooperation of so many people for the activities of Caritas Japan thus far and I ask for your continued support.

Bishop Tarcisius Isao Kikuchi, SVD  
President, Caritas Japan



## Caritas Japan supports the Great East Japan Earthquake disaster reconstruction activities led by the Catholic Sendai Diocese in cooperation with the entire Church in Japan

### Reconstruction support activities

Despite the uneven progress of reconstruction, people are moving from temporary housing to newly-built permanent housing. Through activities like salons and special events, Caritas Bases assist in the creation of new communities at new housing while supporting people who remain in temporary housing. As people move into permanent housing, temporary units are demolished, forcing many of those who remain to move multiple times.

Caritas continues to accompany such residents in their exhaustion at the prolonged evacuation and uncertainty about the future.

In addition, Caritas works with local administrations to prevent suicide, solitary death and ill health caused by inactivity which are concerns in both temporary and permanent housing.



Residents in new housing build community at a neighbors' gathering

### Evaluation of emergency and reconstruction support activities

In order to assess the effect of past activities and to make use of lessons learned for future activities, Caritas Japan conducted a “participatory evaluation” at the Haramachi Base September 9-17, 2016.

It was found that assistance to local counterparts (other organizations engaged in reconstruction support), which is part of the Haramachi Base’s mission, has been effective, and such activities remain important.

The staff also said that, “The process of evaluation deepened mutual understanding of our activities,” affirming that the evaluation was a valuable exercise.



Activity evaluation at the Haramachi Base



Reconstruction plans for the area include some 30,000 units of permanent housing for victims of the disaster. As of last November, 73 percent had been completed, and residents have moved in from temporary housing. However, there are still about 131,000 people living as evacuees throughout the country. About 82,000 of them are from the Fukushima area. 42,000 were displaced within the prefecture, and another 40,000 had evacuated to other parts of the country (Government's Reconstruction Agency, as of the end of 2016). Staff and volunteers continue to accompany the affected people and provide support for the rebuilding of their lives at eight Caritas Bases in the disaster area.

## The situation in Fukushima

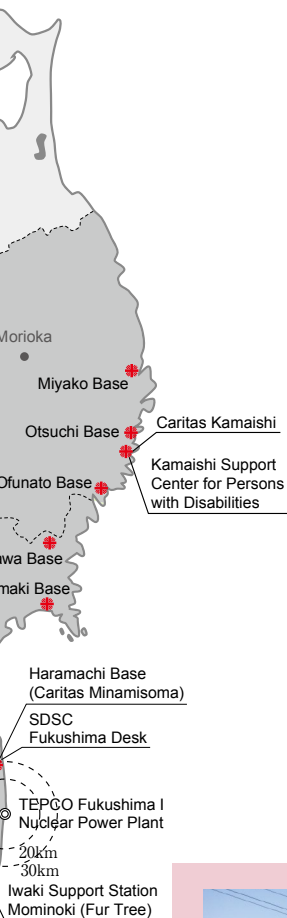
In July 2016, the evacuation order was canceled for part of Minamisoma city. About 10 percent of the residents have returned so far, but as decontamination work continues, black bags containing radioactive contaminants are piled next to the residential area. The "temporary" storage area is getting wider and wider.

In March 2017, it was announced that the evacuation area would be further decreased. According to newspaper reports, the number of residents subject to evacuation orders will be reduced from approximately 81,000 to about 25,000. However, the details of when the Restricted Access and Restricted Residence Zones will be reopened have not been announced. In any case, the restoration of people's livelihoods cannot be simply a matter of numbers.

Under such circumstances, the Caritas Base and its volunteers have been remaining close to the people who continue living in temporary housing. The base is also accompanying people who have returned to homes that need to be restored both inside and out after years of abandonment. Caritas will be there to encourage them as they step into an uncertain future.



Neighbors participate in activities at temporary housing



The new Caritas Minamisoma Base

## Haramachi Base, rebuilt and renamed Caritas Minamisoma

The Caritas Haramachi Base operated by the Tokyo Archdiocese in the Haramachi district of Minamisoma city in Fukushima prefecture relocated to a new facility on the grounds of the Haramachi Catholic Church. The opening ceremony was held on December 17, 2016, and the name of the base was changed to Caritas Minamisoma.