

From Our President

I want to express my deepest gratitude for your loving support of Caritas Japan's activities. Here is a report on the Caritas Japan activities that you supported during the past year.

Reconstruction in various places from the damage brought about by the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011, is still Caritas Japan's priority. Although the recovery of the affected areas is gradually progressing, long-term support is essential to Fukushima after the nuclear accident there. The bishops of Japan have decided to continue reconstruction support activities until March 2021, the 10th anniversary of the disaster. At Caritas Japan, we will continue to support activities in affected areas using funds raised from domestic and overseas sources.

Of course, disasters occur frequently in other areas besides the Tohoku region. A big earthquake occurred in Kumamoto in 2016, and many people were affected. In addition, destruction is caused by natural disasters that occur in various other parts of the world. Some people point out the effects of climate change and global warming. Pope Francis emphasizes the necessity for the Catholic Church to comprehensively address environmental issues in his encyclical '*Laudato Si'*', which is also an important activity guide for Caritas Japan. Environmental issues must be faced as one way to find the answer to the ultimate question, "What do human beings live for?"

At Caritas Japan we are currently formulating an action plan based on our past activities. Through this effort, we will continue to rethink our activities, and work on better fulfilling them as a service of love.

Let's continue to walk together to make the world God wants a reality.

Bishop Isao Kikuchi
President, Caritas Japan



Amount of total donation 2016 ¥451,930,930

Lenten collection	¥64,729,740
For domestic assistance	¥5,409,929
For overseas assistance	¥27,634,340
For domestic emergencies	¥89,274,394
For overseas emergencies	¥5,332,876
Christmas donation	¥19,970,483
Support for Caritas Japan	¥1,191,028
Donation from monthly supporters*	¥3,863,750
For the Great East Japan Earthquake	¥234,524,390
(Domestic donation	¥9,950,111)
(Donation from abroad	¥224,574,279)

Since the fiscal year of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan was changed to match the calendar year as of 2017, the annual activity and accounting report for 2016 covers the period from April 1 to December 31, 2016.

* Monthly supporters are people who donate a fixed amount each month.



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 **Caritas Japan**

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Strategic Planning

Based on the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards, Caritas Japan spent a year formulating a strategic plan for the years 2017 to 2019. Strategic planning provides guidelines for prioritizing activities when planning.

Between September and December 2016, members of Caritas Japan, diocesan collaborators, supporters and others gathered and with the help of an outside facilitator looked back on our activities and self-evaluation. Three workshops were held, and the final strategic plan was completed.

Caritas Japan Strategic Plan (2017-2019)

1. Solidarity in "Caritas"

We will discover, connect with, and collaborate in "the work of love (Caritas)" which is already being done in various places.

2. Improved communications

We will listen to the voices of people working in the spirit of Caritas throughout Japan and disseminate meaningful information to support social activities.

3. Enhanced program design

We will establish definite directions and priorities, disseminate them to concerned parties, enhance communication and carry out programs while conducting periodic evaluations.

In the first half of 2017, we will set up a more detailed "action plan" to be carried out by each committee and the secretariat.

Social Awareness

Fourth Japan-Korea Catholic suicide countermeasures joint project (observation, participation in the conference)

Date: June 30-July 4, 2016

Place: Akita University, Akita Catholic Church

Program:

Day 1: Tour of suicide measures in Akita prefecture

Day 2: Participation in Akita prefecture mental health support follow-up workshop

Day 3: Gathering of religious workers dealing with suicide



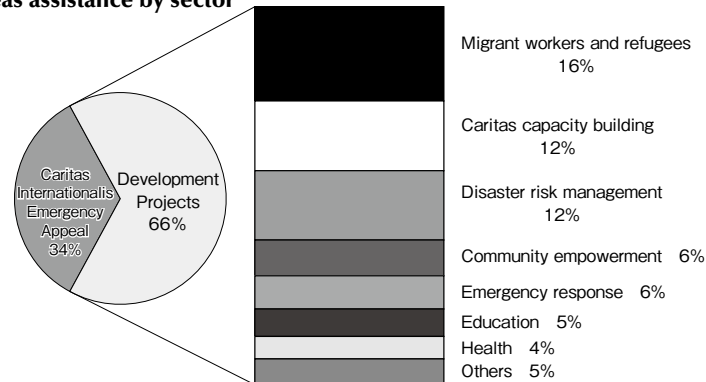
Aid Activities

- Funding for Emergency Appeals (EA): 19 projects
- Human development projects with Caritas member organizations: 16 projects
- Support for grassroots activities in Japan (incl. Kumamoto earthquake relief): 11 projects

ASSISTANCES (April-December 2016) ¥356,280,133

JPY by the thousand					
The Great East Japan Earthquake					
235,126					
Within Japan (incl. Kumamoto Earthquake)					
41,680 34.4%					
Asia/Oceania					
43,989 36.3%					
Asian Partnership	1,051	Indonesia	9,489	Pakistan	1,211
Bangladesh	4,531	Mongolia	5,463	Philippines	1,221
Cambodia	2,205	Myanmar	6,284	Sri Lanka	4,152
India	7,213	Nepal	1,170		
Africa					
17,573 14.5%					
Cameroon	1,160	Rwanda	1,910	Sudan	2,020
Caritas Africa	2,483	Senegal	1,038	Uganda	2,162
Chad	1,160	Sierra Leone	1,118	Zimbabwe	1,110
Niger	1,265	South Sudan	2,148		
Latin America/Caribbean					
2,220 1.8%					
Ecuador	2,220				
Middle East					
9,724 8.0%					
Iraq	3,050	Jordan	3,215	Syria	3,459
Europe					
5,969 4.9%					
Greece	1,221	CI Partnership	4,748		
Total Fund (Except the Great East Japan Earthquake)					
121,154 100%					

Overseas assistance by sector



Assistance to Migrant Workers and Refugees

Caritas Japan supported Caritas in SRI LANKA to help women who leave plantations to work abroad to support their families protect their rights as human beings.

Migration to neighboring countries for work is connected with human trafficking and is a serious problem. Especially focusing on young people, Caritas Japan supported Caritas in MYANMAR to carry out an educational program to communicate the dangerous reality of migratory labor and methods to protect themselves and make better choices.

Caritas Japan supported efforts by Caritas in SYRIA to provide medicines and supplies to refugees from Iraq and those who are displaced in the country due to the prolonged civil war.

Caritas Japan also supported Caritas in JORDAN to provide medical support, legal support, employment support, etc. to women migrant domestic workers as well as Iraqi refugees.

Disaster Risk Management

In INDONESIA, Caritas Japan supports building strong communities to respond to possible disasters in the future.

Community Empowerment

Caritas Japan supported women of low social status through Caritas in INDIA, by providing assistance to restore their rights and become economically independent.

Education

In MONGOLIA, Caritas Japan supported a center where children living in poor areas near the capital receive pre-primary education, something that improves the well-being of the whole family.

Caritas Japan provided educational and other support to children who lost their parents by genocide in RWANDA.

Health Care and Public Health

Caritas Japan supported Caritas in IRAQ to provide medical support, nutrition improvement and vocational training for people who are forced to live in a bad environment, especially infants and pregnant women.



Supplies and heating equipment for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Syria's Hassaké Diocese.



Resident-initiated forestation to prevent sediment-related disasters (Kelantan village at the foot of Mt. Merapi, Java, Indonesia).

Activity reporting sessions

- Report on visit to Philippine typhoon disaster zone (November 2016 / Ofunato Church, Sendai Diocese)
- Report on inspection tour of projects in Mongolia (December 2016 / Sasebo District, Nagasaki Archdiocese)