



The Great East Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Activity Report of Caritas Japan

March 2018

Marking seven years since the Great East Japan Earthquake

It has been seven years since the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami that struck the Tohoku region, especially along the Pacific coast, shocking not only Japan, but the whole world. I pray for the eternal rest of those who lost their lives in this catastrophe and those who have died since then in the period of restoration.

Seven years is not a short time, yet we still hear of people living in “temporary housing” or still living as evacuees. Every time we look at the situation, we are reminded of the extent of the damage caused by the disaster. According to the government’s Reconstruction Agency, as of last December there were still nearly 80,000 people living as evacuees. We must not forget all those people who still have not regained a normal life.

Much remains to be done to assist the recovery of the affected areas. This is especially the case in Fukushima prefecture, where the effects of the nuclear power plant accident continue. Last September, Cardinal Filoni of the Vatican visited the affected areas, including Minamisoma city, and expressed his shock that recovery has taken so long. In addition to offering prayers for recovery, he reported the situation to Pope Francis.

Thanks to contributions from Japan and abroad, Caritas Japan supports the various relief activities of the entire Japanese church in cooperation with the Diocese of Sendai. The Catholic Church in Japan has made a commitment to continue its support for recovery efforts in Tohoku until March 2021. Caritas Japan, together with the local Catholic Church, will continue to journey with the people of the Tohoku region as they work to regain their normal lives as soon as possible.

I want to express my gratitude for the understanding and cooperation of many people with the activities of Caritas Japan so far, and I ask for your continued support.

Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi
President, Caritas Japan

Income and Expenditure

From April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

■ Remaining Balance as of March 31, 2016 (JPY)

Remaining balance of the funds collected within Japan	428,370,146
Remaining balance of the funds sent through Caritas Internationalis	55,216,393
Total	483,586,539

■ Funds received (JPY)

	April to Dec. 2016	Jan. to June 2017
Funds collected within Japan	10,150,111	9,406,292
Funds sent from Overseas	224,574,279	171,187,942
Total	234,724,390	180,594,234

■ Breakdown of disbursements (JPY)

Project Costs	April to Dec. 2016	Jan. to June 2017
Volunteer base activities		
Sendai Diocese Support Center · Ishinomaki Base · Yonekawa Base(Until Sep. 2016) · Fukushima Desk (Until March 2017)	31,403,975	25,546,681
Caritas Kamaishi	12,443,238	34,319,236
Otsuchi Base	22,172,590	18,887,279
Ofunato Base · Yonekawa Base(From Oct. 2016)	6,512,190	22,005,956
Catholic Tokyo Volunteer Center · Caritas Minamisoma	20,332,339	36,544,306
Iwaki Support Station	8,930,152	2,943,325
Subtotal	101,794,484	140,246,783
Other projects	2,256,984	3,780,000
Caritas Minamisoma construction	99,900,000	
Otsuchi Children Center construction	30,000,000	
Disaster preparedness		333,320
Subtotal	233,951,468	144,360,103
Project Operating Costs		
Monitoring and evaluation	742,755	794,595
Public relations		93,690
External audit	432,000	541,340
Subtotal	1,174,755	1,429,625
Total	235,126,223	145,789,728

* The financial report covering the period of April to Dec. 2016 has been audited.