



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

March 2019

Eight Years after the Great East Japan Earthquake

For some people, eight years seem to pass slowly, while for others they zip by. In any case, eight years are too short a time to build a new history out of the experience and memory of disaster.

March 11 will be the eighth anniversary of the huge earthquake and tsunami in 2011 that devastated the Tohoku region, especially the Pacific coast, shocking the whole world. I pray for all those that lost their lives in the disaster and in the period of restoration since then.

According to the government's Reconstruction Agency, as of January more than 50,000 people were still living as evacuees. We must not forget so many people who have not yet to resume normal lives.

Reconstruction in those parts of Fukushima prefecture affected by the nuclear plant disaster there will take an especially long time. It is believed that there are in fact many more evacuees throughout the nation than official statistics declare. All these people that were unexpectedly deprived of their ordinary lives and now must travel a difficult road must not be forgotten. The Catholic Church will continue to support them.

From the time of the disaster, Caritas Japan has, with the cooperation of the entire Church in Japan and the support by funds raised both domestically and overseas, been involved in various reconstruction efforts. Our activities have been carried on in cooperation with the Sendai diocese, the local Church in the disaster area. The Catholic Church in Japan is committed to supporting relief and reconstruction in the Tohoku area until the end of March 2021. Caritas Japan will continue its efforts.

Caritas Japan, together with the local Catholic Church, will continue to journey with the people of Tohoku and support the activities that help those who are engaged in reconstruction to regain ordinary life as soon as possible.

I would like to express my gratitude for the understanding and cooperation of so many people for the activities of Caritas Japan, and let me ask for your continued support for our work.

Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi
President, Caritas Japan

Income and Expenditure

From Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2018

■ Remaining Balance as of Dec. 31, 2016 (JPY)

Remaining balance of the funds collected within Japan	438,639,516
Remaining balance of the funds sent through Caritas Internationalis	1,515,910
Total	440,155,426

■ Funds received (JPY)

	Jan. to Dec.2017	Jan. to Dec. 2018
Funds collected within Japan	15,793,288	17,515,374
Funds sent from Overseas	171,187,942	128,639,143
Total	186,981,230	146,154,517

■ Breakdown of disbursements (JPY)

	Jan. to Dec. 2017	Jan. to Dec. 2018
[Project Costs]		
Volunteer base activities		
Sendai Diocese Support Center · Ishinomaki Base · Fukushima Desk(Until March 2017)	25,546,681	23,376,553
Caritas Kamaishi	34,319,236	32,610,383
Otsuchi Base(Until March 2018)	18,887,279	5,687,822
Ofunato Base	10,906,988	13,378,751
Caritas Minamisanriku	11,098,968	8,928,257
Catholic Tokyo Volunteer Center · Caritas Minamisoma	36,544,306	29,749,596
Iwaki Support Station (Saitama Diocese Support Center)	2,943,325	3,867,949
Subtotal	140,246,783	117,599,311
Caritas Minamisoma registration	197,029	
Child care	3,780,864	-864
Disaster preparedness	1,174,813	997,112
Subtotal	145,399,489	118,595,559
[Project Operation Costs]		
Public relations	93,204	29,285
Monitoring and evaluation, External audit	1,581,793	1,613,821
Subtotal	1,674,997	1,643,106
Total	147,074,486	120,238,665

* This financial report has been audited.