



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

March 2020

## Nine Years after the Great East Japan Earthquake

Nine years have passed since “that day,” March 11, 2011. Efforts to recover from the Great East Japan Earthquake continue, and support by the Japanese Catholic Church is entering its 10th year. We pray for the eternal rest of those who lost their lives in the disaster and for those who have died in various situations since then.

We have learned in the course of the last nine years that "reconstruction" is not "returning to what was," but is "creating new hope." When he visited Japan at the end of last November, Pope Francis met in Tokyo with people from the affected areas in Tohoku and said, “No one ‘rebuilds’ by himself or herself; nobody can start over alone. We have to find a friendly and fraternal hand, capable of helping to raise not just a city, but also our horizon and our hope.” He further pointed out that “One of our greatest ills has to do with a culture of indifference,” and continued, “We need to work together to foster awareness that if one member of our family suffers, we all suffer.”

With its base in the Catholic Church in Japan and inspired by the words of Pope Francis, Caritas Japan will continue to support the members of our family.

According to the government’s Reconstruction Agency, more than 48,000 people were still living as evacuees as of January this year. We must keep in mind that so many people are still unable to regain a normal life. Particularly in Fukushima Prefecture where the effects of the nuclear power plant accident continue, still more time will be needed for the recovery process and there are many evacuees scattered throughout the nation who do not appear in official statistics. Making use of the Catholic Church's network, Caritas Japan will continue to work with the many people whose paths in life have become unimaginably difficult roads so that they will not be forgotten.

Caritas Japan conducts support activities in cooperation with the Catholic Sendai Diocese. Together with local Catholic churches, we will continue to work with the people of Tohoku, supporting their work of reconstruction to establish a life of new hope as soon as possible. We want to thank many people for their understanding and cooperation in the activities of Caritas Japan so far. We ask for your continued support.

Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi  
President, Caritas Japan

# Income and Expenditure

From Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019

## ■ Remaining Balance as of Dec. 31, 2018 (JPY)

Remaining balance of the funds collected within Japan	438,711,430
Remaining balance of the funds sent from Overseas	4,188,678
Total	442,900,108

## ■ Funds received (JPY)

	Jan. to Dec. 2019
Funds collected within Japan	16,302,474
Funds sent from Overseas	0
Total	16,302,474

## ■ Breakdown of disbursements (JPY)

	Jan. to Dec. 2019
<b>[Project Costs]</b>	
Volunteer base activities	
Sendai Diocese Support Center · Ishinomaki Base	26,953,330
Caritas Kamaishi	31,160,000
Ofunato Base	14,542,698
Caritas Minamisanriku	11,204,604
Catholic Tokyo Volunteer Center · Caritas Minamisoma	35,674,468
Saitama Diocese Support Center	2,690,581
Subtotal	122,225,681
Volunteer staff training	928,563
Subtotal	123,154,244
<b>[Project Operation Costs]</b>	
Monitoring and evaluation, External audit	1,453,416
Subtotal	1,453,416
Total	124,607,660

\* This financial report has been audited.