



Caritas Japan Annual Report 2020

From Our President

With heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported Caritas Japan's activities we present our annual report for the 2020 fiscal year.

The past year has been an historic one in which all of society has been greatly affected by measures against COVID-19.

Countless people around the world have been infected with this new virus, and many lives have been lost. We pray for the eternal rest of those who have lost their lives, for the safety of the medical professionals who are working so hard to provide treatment, and for the recovery of those under their care.

The attempt to combat the infection has put an end to “normal times” around the world and is hitting the economy hard. More and more people are facing life crises such as job loss, worsening poverty or isolation. No one can foresee how long this situation will last, and we feel like wanderers in the dark searching for light.

In this situation, Caritas International in cooperation with the various offices of the Holy See implements support measures around the world through local Caritas organizations. Caritas Japan also asks for special donations to support activities that assist people facing life crises in Japan. Caritas Japan hopes that its activities will be a light of hope piercing the darkness that covers society.

March 11 was the tenth anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Reconstruction support in Tohoku has been the priority for Caritas Japan for the past decade. Now after 10 years the organized support activities of the Catholic Church in Japan as a whole have come to an end, but Caritas Japan will continue to support those who are active in various parts of Tohoku.

Caritas Japan will continue to respond to various crises that threaten life while promoting enlightenment in Japan. We will continue our efforts to build a world filled with the love of God. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Isao Kikuchi, Archbishop of Tokyo President, Caritas Japan
Daisuke Narui, Bishop of Niigata Vice President, Caritas Japan

Our Funds

Amount of total donation 2020	¥ 212,910,686
Lenten Collection	¥39,351,652
For Domestic Assistance	¥9,598,241
For Overseas Assistance	¥30,546,996
For Domestic Emergencies	¥6,289,183
For Overseas Emergencies	¥680,210
Christmas Donation	¥24,336,531
Donation from monthly supporters	¥8,653,167
Support for Caritas Japan	¥1,325,167
For the Great East Japan Earthquake	¥7,619,269
For the COVID-19 Crisis	¥84,510,270

Aid Activities

2020 Aid Total

¥262,669,228

Overseas Aid (45 including Covid-19 response)

Overseas general assistance(12)			¥36,268,851
Bangladesh	Education Program for Ethnic Children of Chattogram Hill Tracts (EPEC-CHT)	Caritas Bangladesh	5,566,500
Iraq	HOPE Project	Caritas Iraq	2,073,600
Jordan	Humanitarian Support for Syrian, Non-Syrians Refugees and vulnerable Jordanians	Caritas Jordan	1,102,900
Kyrgyzstan	Lifelong learning education for adolescents in Southern part	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	1,315,477
Kyrgyzstan	Institutional Support Project	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	2,447,400
Madagascar	Irrigation dam reconstruction project	Societe des Filles du Coeur de Marie Madagascar	1,619,616
Mongolia	Day Care Center	Caritas Mongolia	2,737,000
Mongolia	Institutional Support	Caritas Mongolia	2,737,000
Nepal	Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration (COVID-19)	Caritas Nepal	4,886,120
Palestine	Providing Essential Medical & Social Services	Caritas Jerusalem	2,182,200
Sri Lanka	Empowerment of Plantation Women and Sri Lankan Families Returning from South India	Caritas Sri Lanka	4,219,994
Uganda	Sustainable Agricultural Project (Year3/3)	Caritas Uganda	5,381,044
Overseas emergency response (33)			¥30,629,170
Bangladesh	Response to the Forcibly Displaced People of Myanmar and host communities	Caritas Bangladesh	2,189,600
Bangladesh	Floods/Landslides and Covid-19 Emergency Response	Caritas Bangladesh	1,077,900
Brazil	Humanitarian assistance for Venezuelan migrants	Caritas Brazil	529,250
Burkina Faso	Emergency response to improve food and nutritional security for the benefit of internally displaced persons and the most vulnerable hosts	Caritas Burkina Faso	1,071,800
Cambodia	Cambodia Flood Emergency Response 2020	Caritas Cambodia	519,650
Caritas Internatinalis	Emergency Response & Rehabilitation for Migratory Locust and flood Affected People	Caritas Internatinalis	554,350
Ecuador	Comprehensive care, protection and early recovery to the Venezuelan population in an emergency situation	Caritas Ecuador	1,088,800
England	Darfur Programme	Caritas England	1,097,200
Eritrea	Eritrea Drought Resilience Building and Food Security Programme	Caritas Eritrea	523,250
Greece	Facilitation of Access to Healthcare and Material Support for the Refugees and Migrants in Greece	Caritas Greece	1,186,800
Guatemala	Attention and humanitarian aid to respond to the basic needs of food security and protection of health and hygiene to families affected by Hurricane ETA and the COVID-19 pandemic	Caritas Guatemala	517,250
Honduras	Humanitarian Aid to Families Affected by Hurricane ETA	Caritas Honduras	517,250
India	Immediate Relief for Cyclone victims in West Bengal, INDIA	Caritas India	1,068,200
Kenya	Floods/Landslides and Covid-19 Emergency Response	Caritas Kenya	1,077,900
Lebanon	Lebanon Crisis 2020 #1	Caritas Lebanon	550,000
Lebanon	Lebanon Crisis 2020 #2	Caritas Lebanon	1,088,800
Lebanon	Beirut Blast 2020 #1	Caritas Lebanon	2,122,800
Lebanon	Beirut Blast 2020 #2 (COVID-19)	Caritas Lebanon	529,250
Mauritania	Strengthen food security for populations affected by the 2020 food crisis	Mauritania	1,208,400
Nicaragua	Emergency response following hurricanes ETA and IOTA to families displaced	Caritas Nicaragua	631,900
Niger	Emergency support project for households (indigenous, internally displaced persons and refugees) victims of the effects of the 2019 food crisis and / or armed conflicts and COVID-19	Caritas Niger	1,208,400
Niger	Support project for vulnerable households affected by floods	Caritas Niger	611,100
Nigeria	CARITAS' Integrated Emergency and Early Recovery Project (COVID-19)	Caritas Nigeria	632,370
Pakistan	Pakistan Response to Monsoon Floods	Caritas Pakistan	529,250
Philippines	Emergency and Early Recovery Assistance to the Communities Affected by Typhoon Rolly (Goni) in the provinces of Catanduanes and Albay	Caritas Philippines	631,900
Poland	Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen through health and WASH interventions in Aden	Caritas Poland	1,034,500
Rwanda	Economic strengthening of Burundian refugees in Mahama camp	Caritas Rwanda	627,750
Senegal	Emergency Project to Strengthen Food Security in Rural Areas	Caritas Senegal	1,071,800
Turkey	Emergency assistance to the population affected by the earthquake in İzmir	Caritas Turkey	631,900

Ukraine	Emergency response to the crisis in Ukraine	Caritas Ukraine	1,186,800
Venezuela	Comprehensive care, protection and early recovery to Venezuelan population in emergency situations in Ecuador	Caritas Venezuela	1,054,100
Zambia	ZAOBIA Drought response	Caritas Zambia	545,550
Zimbabwe	ZAOBIA Drought response	Caritas Zimbabwe	1,091,100

Domestic Aid (53)

Domestic general assistance (12)			¥27,849,300
Saitama	Livelihood support for migrants in immigration detention centers	Ushiku Friends Association	1,000,000
Tokyo	"Live Together" Project	Moyai self-help support center	1,500,000
Tokyo	Prevention of isolation of refugees in urban areas	Minaa	1,000,000
Tokyo	Food distribution for homeless people	Star House	2,000,000
Tokyo	Livelihood support for people in need	Dendenmushi (Snail) Association	1,200,000
Tokyo	Shelter project for foreign laborers	Labor consultation.com	2,500,000
Tokyo	Reconstruction support following heavy rain in Kyushu	JVOAD (Japan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)	2,000,000
Yokohama	Procurement of cleaning equipment for vocational training	Yamanashi DARC	891,300
Nagoya	Prevention of isolation of refugees in in the Tokai area	Nagoya Refugee Support Room	1,000,000
Nagoya	Self-help support for homeless people	Evangel Association Soup Kitchen	2,000,000
Osaka	Building a future for children (Share the Journey Campaign)	SINAPIS, Catholic Osaka Archdiocese	2,000,000
CI	COVID-19 Response Fund	Caritas Internationalis	10,758,000
Typhoon #19 response (2)			¥ 31,149,415
Sendai	Emergency assistance in areas affected by Typhoon #19	Caritas Minami-sanriku	1,149,415
Tokyo	Emergency in-kind assistance for Typhoon #19	JVOAD	30,000,000
Kumamoto earthquake response (2)			¥19,320,160
Fukuoka	Kumamoto earthquake: Household goods distribution at shelters Dec. 2019 – Mar. 2020	KVOAD (Kumamoto Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster)	16,154,750
Fukuoka	Kumamoto earthquake: Household goods distribution at shelters April - May 2020	KVOAD	3,165,860
COVID-19 response (29)			¥37,160,036
Sendai	Emergency assistance by Caritas Minamisoma	Caritas Minamisoma	1,200,000
Sendai	Support for Poor, Foreigners, and Technical intern trainees in Fukushima and Miyagi	Caritas Minamisoma	500,000
Saitama	Livelihood support for poor foreigners suffering from COVID-19 crisis	North Kanto medical relief	1,000,000
Tokyo	Educational Assistance to Adachi International Academy	Adachi International Academy	350,000
Tokyo	Legal consultation project for homeless people impacted by the COVID-19 crisis	General Consultation Network for Homeless	2,000,000
Tokyo	Emergency Fund for Migrants and Refugees in COVID-19 crisis	Solidarity Network with Migrants Japan	2,000,000
Tokyo	Legal Consultation Day	Tsunagaru Sodan Network, Tokyo	1,145,354
Tokyo	Livelihood support project for domestic violence survivors and vulnerable people	Kunitachi Yume farm	2,000,000
Tokyo	Emergency food distribution	Catholic Tokyo International Center	2,000,000
Tokyo	Construction of hand-wash station, Nazareth House	Jiseikai	300,000
Tokyo	Emergency rice distribution (food bank)	Asile (asylum)	1,400,000
Tokyo	Food/medical assistance for poor foreigners, mothers and children	International Social Service Japan	1,000,000
Tokyo	Outreach project to communities of poor refugees under the COVID-19 crisis	Japan Association for Refugees	1,996,400
Tokyo	Shelter project for people with pets	Tsukuroi Tokyo Fund	660,000
Tokyo	Food distribution for poor families	Food Bank TAMA	1,800,000
Tokyo	PTSD care for domestic violence survivors	Resilience	1,779,832
Tokyo	Livelihood support for children leaving orphanages	St. Joseph Association/St. Joseph Home	1,000,000
Tokyo	Hotline for domestic violence survivors and abused children	Yuzuriha after-care consultation	1,000,000
Tokyo	Coronavirus related trouble-Consultation project	Fuchu Haken Mura	2,000,000
Tokyo	Pull through a COVID-19 crisis- Hotline for working women	Action Center for Working Women	840,000
Tokyo	Tomorrow's Home project (shelter)	St. Ignatius Church	650,970
Yokohama	In-hospital infection prevention	St. Marianna University Hospital	2,000,000
Kyoto	Livelihood support for homeless people	Wakayama Homeless Support Association	1,300,000
Nagoya	Emergency assistance for COVID-19 crisis	Catholic Nagoya Diocese office for Migrants, Refugees and People on the Move	1,287,480
Osaka	Life/Medical/Selfcare support for migrants and refugees	SINAPIS, Catholic Osaka Archdiocese	2,000,000

Osaka	Emergency shelter, consultation, and treatment support for people with addictions	Kobe DARC village	1,650,000
Hiroshima	Child protection project in COVID-19 crisis	Earthquake Reconstruction, Support for Children	800,000
Fukuoka	Housing/Food assistance for poor people	Houboku	500,000
Great East Japan Earthquake response (8)			¥80,291,846
Sendai	Reconstruction support project in 2020 (including Ishinomaki Base)	Sendai Diocese Support Center	5,807,814
Sendai	Reconstruction support project in 2020	Caritas Kamaishi	22,579,807
Sendai	Livelihood support in 2020 for the victims of Great East Japan Earthquake	Caritas Minamisoma	19,243,764
Saitama	Support Center operation in Iwaki	Support Center, Catholic Saitama Diocese	219,875
Tokyo	System development project for Fukushima evacuees	Catholic Tokyo Volunteer Center	6,004,805
Osaka Province	Assistance for Caritas Ofunato Base in 2020	Ofunato Base	14,288,855
Osaka Province	Assistance for Caritas Minamisanriku Base in 2020	Minamisanriku Base	8,898,213
Caritas Japan	Disaster Response Manual publishing costs		3,248,713

Lenten Campaign 2020

- Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2020
“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God”
(2 Cor 5:20)
- Lenten Booklet 2020 Circulation 57,000
Pope Francis’ Lenten message, introduction to Caritas-sponsored projects
- Collection box for children Circulation 24,000
- Contribution envelopes Circulation 64,000



Diocesan Collaborator's Meeting

2020 Annual Meeting of diocesan collaborators

2020. 10.20. Online Meeting

Agendas : COVID-19 response / 2021 Lenten Campaign / Collaboration with the secretariat of Caritas Japan

Caritas Japan President & Vice President

At the Plenary Assembly of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan in December 2020, Bishop Daisuke Narui of the Niigata Diocese was appointed Vice President of Caritas Japan 2020.

- Isao Kikuchi, Archbishop of Tokyo President, Caritas Japan
- Daisuke Narui, Bishop of Niigata Vice President, Caritas Japan



*The cover photo shows one response to the new coronavirus pandemic: Children receive okonomiyaki pancakes made by a support group.



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