



Annual Report 2022

From Our President

On behalf of all those whom Caritas Japan serves I offer our sincere gratitude for your continued cooperation in Caritas Japan's activities. I want to report on our activities as you walked together with us during the 2022 fiscal year.

Last year, in addition to our usual activities we responded to the many problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic in Japan and overseas. Another point worth mentioning is our support for refugees in this country.

However, the biggest support we provided last year was related to the war in Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine launched by Russia on February 24 has taken the lives of many civilians and military personnel. Even now there are people frightened by air raid warnings, grieving the death of family and friends, and praying for the safety of loved ones fighting in distant places. As an organization that aims to express God's love on earth, we appeal for an end to this inhumanity as soon as possible.

Caritas Ukraine immediately began support activities, helping about 2.7 million people in one year. Last March, two Caritas staff and five family members lost their lives in a bomb strike on the Caritas office where they had evacuated in the fierce battle zone of Mariupol. Caritas is not a support group that simply rushes to help after problems arise, but an organization that is active even before a problem occurs. Caritas staff are local citizens who suffer with, help, and stand with the people.

Caritas organizations in neighboring countries also support Ukrainian refugees. Caritas Japan will continue to support these activities.

This booklet will inform you about the location, content, and financial amounts of Caritas Japan activities, but behind them all are thoughts of those who face difficulties, thoughts of those who support them, and thoughts of you who walk with us through your donations and prayers. Caritas is a tool to connect those thoughts and enable us to walk together. We ask for your continued prayers and cooperation.

February 26, 2023
Bishop Daisuke Narui
President, Caritas Japan

Our Funds

Amount of total donation 2022 ¥371,291,281

Lenten Collection	¥56,866,896
For Domestic Assistance	¥6,236,279
For Overseas Assistance	¥65,478,075
For Domestic Emergencies	¥18,681,973
(For the COVID-19 Crisis)	¥5,449,969)
For Overseas Emergencies	¥196,562,930
(For the Ukraine Crisis)	¥195,876,243)
Christmas Donation	¥16,953,978
Donation from monthly supporters	¥9,325,605
Support for Caritas Japan	¥1,185,545

Together We Campaign



July

- Bishops' Conference launched Together We Campaign in Japan.
- 'We Are Caritas' issue 25 and campaign endorsement letter published on July 15.
- In each diocese, the Caritas Japan secretariat will discuss the development of diocesan campaigns, considering the formation of "diocesan campaign teams" centered on CJ diocesan Collaborators.

August

- Catholic School Initiatives: Online meetings of Catholic school teachers (social studies, general studies, religious studies, etc.) and the Caritas Japan secretariat were held.

September

- Month for Protecting All Life (9/1-10/4)
In 'We Are Caritas' No. 25, we asked readers for passages from the encyclicals *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* that resonated with them and posted them with photos of Caritas support activities on Facebook as Words for the Day.
- Training visit to Nagoya Diocese by Department for Social Concerns of the Bishops' Conference of Japan for presentation at diocesan clergy meeting to give an overview of the campaign including discussion of how to proceed in the diocese.

October

- Participated in Caritas International Awareness Week. Caritas Japan presented information on comprehensive ecology activities and Caritas Minamisoma programs (e.g., current situation of volunteers, Caritas Farm, support for technical intern trainees in the time of COVID-19). Messages from Pope Francis' visit to Japan were posted. The pope's message at the Meeting with the victims of Triple Disaster was interspersed with the perspective of comprehensive ecology. Through support activities for the Great East Japan Earthquake, each parish and community continues to work toward a "community of care."
- Creation of "Together" page on CJ website <https://www.caritas.jp/2023/02/16/5811/> presenting activities related to the campaign theme.

November

- Oita Prefectural Apostolic Council Workshop "TOGETHER WE-To Create a Community of Care" campaign overview and sharing.

December

- For issue 26 of We Are Caritas we created a TOGETHER WE Prayer Wreath advent calendar that each day from December 1 to 24, presented the voices and cries of the people we serve, and words of the encyclicals *Fratelli Tutti* and *Laudato Si'*. It was also posted on Facebook.

Lenten Campaign 2022

- Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2022
“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)”
- Lenten Booklet 2022 Circulation 53,500
Pope Francis' Lenten message, introduction to Caritas-sponsored projects
- Collection box for children Circulation 20,000
- Contribution envelopes Circulation 57,000



Aid Activities

2022 Aid Total

¥237,381,855

Within Japan				35,001	15%
Asia/Oceania				53,532	23%
Asia Partnership	15,095	Sri Lanka	1,382	Bangladesh	8,355
India	1,417	Nepal	5,737	Philippines	1,300
Indonesia	1,46	Pakistan	10,757	Mongolia	5,202
Kyrgyzstan	2,820				
Africa				24,891	10%
Ethiopia	6,098	Central Africa	1,321	Madagascar	1,352
Eritrea	1,379	Southern Africa	2,578	Malawi	1,359
DR Congo	1,381	Niger	1,373	Mali	1,424
Sudan	1,321	Burkina Faso	1,424	South Sudan	1,148
Somalia	1,446	Benin	1,287		
Middle East				2,581	1%
Palestine	1,424	Lebanon	1,157		
Europe				119,463	50%
Ukraine	26,885	Vatican	13,046	Moldova	6,749
Slovakia	19,689	Poland	19,566	Rumania	13,936
Czech Republic	19,592				
Latin Amer				1,914	1%
Chile	1,161	Brazil	753		

Aids Achievement

Country/Diocese	Title	Organization	Amount Yen
Overseas Aid			
Bangladesh	Education Program for Ethnic Children of Chattogram Hill Tracts (EPEC-CHT)	Caritas Bangladesh	5,719,029
Nepal	Ensuring safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration	Caritas Nepal	5,737,441
Mongolia	2022 Structural Support Cost	Caritas Mongolia	1,734,000
Mongolia	Day Care Center	Caritas Mongolia	3,468,000
Pakistan/Karachi	Early Recovery & Restoration of Livelihood and Education of Forced Eviction Affected Families on Gujjar Nala, Karachi, Pakistan	Caritas Karachi	3,468,000
Kyrgyzstan	Caritas Kyrgyzstan Institutional Development	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	2,820,132
Kyrgyzstan	Under the Kyrgyz Sky -Astronomy Camps 2022	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	
Southern Africa	IDCS _ Institutional Development and Capacity Strengthening	Caritas Africa	2,578,200
Ethiopia	Climate Change Adaptation and Socio-Economic Empowerment Project at Selected Kebeles of Bosset Woreda	Caritas Ethiopia	3,402,351
Pakistan/Faisalabad	Emergency Support in Punjab, Pakistan	Caritas Faisalabad	1,617,979
Vatican	Request for Contribution to Humanitarian Aid	Caritas Internationalis	11,570,400
Brazil	the 11th Caritas Lusophone Forum	Caritas Brazil	753,400
Vatican	The Full Face of Humanity: Women in leadership for a just society	Caritas Internationalis	1,475,100
Others	Humanitarian assistance in conflict zones		6,062,222
Emergency Appeal			
Lebanon	Multisectoral Emergency Response for Lebanon 2022	Caritas Lebanon	1,156,600
Benin	Response to the 2021 floods in Benin	Caritas Benin	1,287,400
Ethiopia	Humanitarian Response and Rehabilitation Project in Tigray, Amhara, Afar and Oromia Regional States	Caritas Ethiopia	1,299,800
Sudan	Humanitarian Response to Ethiopian Refugees in East Sudan	CAFOD	1,320,800
South Sudan	Emergency Response & Early Recovery Assistance for Conflict and Flood-Affected Populations within the Seven Dioceses	Caritas South Sudan	1,148,400
Central Africa	Emergency assistance program for victims of political conflicts in 9 dioceses of the Central African Republic	Caritas Central Africa	1,320,800
Philippines	Emergency and Early Recovery Assistance to Communities Affected by Typhoon Odette (Rai) in Eleven Dioceses in the Philippines	Caritas Philippines	1,299,800

Chile	Humanitarian Response to Venezuelan Migrants in Northern Chile	Caritas Chile	1,160,600
Bangladesh	2022 Caritas Response to the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) and Host Community (HC) in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	Caritas Bangladesh	1,289,100
Madagascar	Post-storm rapid response project ANA, intense tropical cyclone Batsirai and tropical cyclone Emnati	Caritas Madagascar	1,352,100
Eritrea	Eritrea Drought Resilience Building and Food Security Program	CAFOD	1,378,400
Mali	Caritas Mali's multi-sectoral support project for households suffering from food insecurity and the poor agricultural season 2021-2022	Caritas Mali	1,424,300
Palestine	Promoting Community Resilience through Post-Conflict Recovery in the Gaza Strip	Caritas Jerusalem	1,424,300
Burkina Faso	Emergency response during the lean season to improve food and nutrition security and nutritional security for vulnerable resident households	Caritas Burkina Faso	1,424,300
Pakistan	Afghan Refugee Support Program	Caritas Pakistan	1,427,500
Sri Lanka	Enhancing Resilience of the Victims of Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka, 2022	Caritas Sri Lanka	1,382,200
Niger	Project to Support the Improvement of Living Conditions of Displaced Populations and indigenous populations in the regions of Diffa, Maradi and Tillabéri in Niger	Caritas Niger	1,373,300
India	Humanitarian Assistance to Vulnerable and Excluded Communities impacted by flooding in Assam and Meghalaya	Caritas India	1,416,800
Bangladesh	Emergency and Recovery Assistance to Flood 2022 Affected People of Northern and North-eastern divisions in Bangladesh.	Caritas Bangladesh	1,346,600
Pakistan	Urgent Needs of Humanitarian Assistance to Flood Victims in Pakistan	Caritas Pakistan	4,243,700
Somalia	Emergency Response to the drought and food insecurity in Somalia	Caritas Somalia	1,446,300
Ethiopia	Flexible Food and Cash Response to Severe Drought in Oromia and SNNPR Regions of Ethiopia	Caritas Ethiopia	1,395,700
Congo	Emergency assistance project for displaced populations, returnees and vulnerable host families' victims of the activism of armed groups and militias from Kabambare territory and Maniema province	Caritas Congo	1,380,500
Indonesia	Cianjur-West Java Earthquake Rapid Response	Caritas Indonesia	1,466,700
Others	Humanitarian Assistance for Conflict Victims		10,390,981
Emergency Appeal - Ukraine			
Ukraine	Emergency Response to Large Scale Attacks in Ukraine	Caritas Ukraine	13,363,900
Moldova	Emergency Response to Ukrainian Refugees Arriving in Moldova	Caritas Moldova	6,749,500
Poland	Caritas in Poland Support to Conflict-Affected Individuals from Ukraine	Caritas Poland	6,715,500
Romania	Refugees from Ukraine in Romania	Caritas Romania	6,795,500
Czech Republic	Humanitarian aid and integration support for refugees from Ukraine in the Czech Republic	Caritas Czech	19,592,300
Ukraine	Ongoing Emergency Response to the War in Ukraine	Caritas SPES	13,521,000
Slovakia	Caritas Slovakia Emergency Response for Conflict-Affected people from Ukraine	Caritas Slovakia	19,688,800
Poland	Caritas Poland Immediate Response for Conflict affected Ukrainians	Caritas Poland	12,850,300
Romania	Refugees from Ukraine in Romania	Caritas Romania	7,141,000
Domestic Aid			
Nagasaki Archdiocese	Nagasaki Adult Cafeteria Executive Committee	Nagasaki Adult Cafeteria	200,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food support project mainly for single-parent families in need	Foodbank Tama	1,700,000
Nagoya Diocese	Operation of coronavirus support shelter	AJU	2,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	24-hour support project for former prisoners and addicts isolated by the pandemic	Hoombre Japan	1,760,000
Saitama Diocese	Consultation and housing support for people in poverty or homeless due to the pandemic	Hotto Plus	2,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Catholic Kasai Church Vietnam Support Group	Kasai Church	1,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Emergency livelihood support project for Myanmar refugees and communities in Japan	PEACE	2,000,000
Nagoya Diocese	Operation of a shelter to support foreigners in need	AJU	2,000,000
Saitama Diocese	Fact-finding survey and report on living conditions of provisional releasees	AMIGOS	900,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake based on cross-cultural and multi-generational exchange	The Laboratory for Global Dialogue	4,253,820
Sendai Diocese	Community support and volunteer coordination projects	Caritas Minamisanriku	1,935,000
Osaka Archdiocese	Gospel-based community welfare projects	Recovery Life	1,600,000
Oita Diocese	Provision of household furnishings for a new group home	Iyashino Sato	2,240,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Helping former exchange students from Afghanistan and their families rebuild their lives to achieve independence.	International Social Service Japan	2,240,000
Kyoto Diocese	Travel and emergency livelihood support for displaced persons in Japan from Myanmar.	Nanmin Now	2,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for victims of Typhoon No. 15 in Shizuoka Prefecture.	JVOAD	5,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Lodging and living support for people without family.	Mother House	2,000,000

Social Awareness Activities

In conjunction with the Caritas Internationals' "TOGETHER WE" Campaign (CI Campaign), the Awareness-Raising Subcommittee promoted activities centered on deepening understanding of the backgrounds of the displaced and nurturing a culture of care through education and provision of "spaces" for sharing.

The first half of the 2023 "Year of Awareness" is going to developing content to publicize the campaign and proceed with the creation of a video in line with the campaign theme. In the second half, we decided to implement specific activities for the Action Year.

February

- Organized, clarified, and shared common issues regarding poverty and social isolation.
- Continued to introduce our activities in the winter issue of We Are Caritas as well as in a Lenten booklet and continue Facebook posts on the theme "How to respond to the cry of the earth, the poor" which have appeared 22 times so far.
- Planned to strengthen relations with young people through Japan Youth Day (JYD) and considered links with seminarians and young religious through gatherings and on-site training. (Due to the pandemic, JYD has been postponed for three consecutive years from 2020, and it is difficult to organize other gatherings, so we explored alternatives.)

March

- After reviewing materials on the CI campaign and exchanging opinions on its adaptation for Japan, confirmed that the role of the Awareness Raising Subcommittee is to "be a source and a provider of places to spread and foster a culture of care for the marginalized."

May

- Through a webinar of CI Campaign and also CAFOD (the Caritas organization in England and Wales) raising awareness materials, we discussed to make video materials in addition.

July

- CI Campaign
 - Confirmed to cooperate with each diocesan coordinator and campaign team to effectively link existing diocesan activities to the CI campaign
 - Concerning the "Monthly to Protect All Life" activities, exchanged opinions on the selection of words from the encyclical and points to note.
 - Discussed and Concreted proposals concerning video production . Suggested to have Caritas Japan's own introduction tool.

September

- CI Campaign
 - Decided to include site visits and learning opportunities in its plans in the 2023 Action Year.

November

- 2023 Action Plan
 - Confirmed materials and collaborators for the creation of video for CI campaign.

Diocesan Collaborators' Meeting

■ 2022 Regular Meeting of Diocesan Collaborators

Dates: October 3-5, 2021

Venue: Catholic Kawaramachi Church (Kyoto Cathedral)

Agenda: Orientation to Caritas Japan / Caritas International Campaign TOGETHER WE; / Lenten Campaign / Medium-Term Strategic Plan Review

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