



Annual Report 2023

From Our President

Through your prayers, donations, awareness-raising, and volunteer activities you join Caritas Japan in the Church's work of love. I thank you for the part you played for Caritas Japan's activities during 2023.

Caritas Japan conducts its activities in cooperation with more than 160 Caritas organizations around the world. Each Caritas carries out activities in its own local communities and supports activities in other countries.

One effort that Caritas Japan values is support for Caritas organizations that have just been established. In a country with serious social problems such as poverty and human rights violations, a local Caritas can carry out activities in a sustainable manner that is rooted in the local community. So, it is important for a newly established Caritas to develop an organizational foundation and grow as it carries out small but valuable activities. Caritas Japan began to support newly established Caritas Laos last year and will continue to support both the organization and its activities.

In relation to the war in Ukraine, a wide range of aid activities continue in Ukraine and neighboring countries, including supplying daily necessities, taking measures against the winter cold, and providing psycho-social care.

Caritas Jerusalem provides comprehensive assistance in Gaza, including food, water, sanitation, supplies for the winter, and medical care.

The Caritas response to natural disasters includes ongoing emergency assistance for the damage caused by an earthquake in southeastern Turkey, near the border with Syria. Though it occurred one day outside of 2023, we want to inform you that Caritas Japan continues to provide support following the Noto Peninsula earthquake that occurred on January 1, 2024. Caritas Japan provides full support for the activities of the Caritas Noto Support Center established by the Diocese of Nagoya.

We hope that through Caritas Japan you will continue to walk with people in difficulty.

February 27, 2024
Bishop Daisuke Narui
President, Caritas Japan

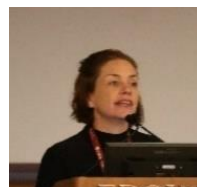
Our Funds

Amount of total donation 2023	¥293,490,588
Lenten Collection	¥54,290,957
For Domestic Assistance	¥11,851,480
For Overseas Assistance	¥37,194,794
For Domestic Emergencies	¥541,776
For Overseas Emergencies	¥158,758,092
(For the Ukraine Crisis)	¥40,271,746)
(For Gaza Humanitarian Aid Appeal)	¥18,422,292)
(For Southeast Turkey Earthquake Relief)	¥9,239,607)
Christmas Donation	¥20,295,073
Donation from monthly supporters	¥9,129,530
Support for Caritas Japan	¥1,428,886

Caritas Internationalis 22nd General Assembly

May 11 -16, 2023

- Theme Building New Paths of Fraternity
- Participants Approximately 400 people, including affiliated organizations, temporary administrators, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, secretariat personnel, etc.
- Election of Caritas Internationalis Officers (all newly appointed)
 - President: Archbishop Isao Kikuchi
 - Vice President: Ms. Kirsty Robertson (Caritas Australia)
 - Secretary General: Mr. Alistair Chad Dutton (Caritas Scotland)
 - Treasurer: Mr. Patrick Debucquois (Caritas Belgium)



Caritas Asia Regional Conference

On March 8, delegates were elected:

Caritas Asia Representatives to Caritas Internationalis Representative Council: Cambodia, Japan
Representatives of the Regional Committees of the Caritas Asia Council:
Kazakhstan (Central Asia), Japan (East Asia), India (South Asia), Philippines (Southeast Asia).

- Strategic Framework (2024-2030)
 1. Caritas at the Heart of the Church
 2. Save lives, reduce risks, rebuild communities
 3. Promote sustainable integral human development and care for creation
 4. Increasing the Effectiveness of the Caritas confederation
 5. Building Global Solidarity

Caritas Japan Strategic Plan, 2024-2027

Based on the directions decided at the Caritas Internationalis General Assembly, a planning workshop was held with 25 stakeholders, including former and current members of Caritas Japan and staff of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan to formulate a "Caritas Japan Strategic Plan, 2024-2027."

- Vision: All life, particularly human dignity, is respected and we are all walking together for a peaceful world.
- Mission: Caritas Japan creates a society where all human beings are respected through linking, listening and sharing hope.
- Values:
 - Catholic Social Teaching
 - Respect for human dignity, human rights and natural environment
 - Solidarity and cooperation with the oppressed to support self-help efforts – regardless of race, gender, religion or politics
 - Respect for traditional and cultural values of local communities who are actively involved in the decision-making process of projects

Diocesan Collaborators' Meeting

- 2023 Regular Meeting of Diocesan Collaborators

October 10-11, 2023 at Japan Catholic Center, Tokyo

Agendas: TOGETHER WE Campaign / Caritas Japan Strategic Plan Review / Lenten Campaign



Caritas Internationalis TOGETHER WE Campaign



TOGETHER WE
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On the TOGETHER WE page of the website (<https://www.caritas.jp/2023/09/21/5811/>) the initiatives of dioceses, schools, organizations, etc. related to the theme are posted from time to time.

May

A Campaign briefing was held at the National General Assembly of the Major Superiors of Men and Women (May 30-June 2).

June

- Campaign overview and introduction at General Assembly of the Japan Federation of Catholic Women's Organizations (Nikkaren) at Beppu Church of the Oita Diocese.
- The 27th issue of the newsletter We are Caritas (WAC) is published as "Campaign Special Issue No. 2." The second year of the campaign was structured to consider "the current situation of the home and planet we live in, and the cries and voices of people," "the introduction of initiatives in schools, overseas, and Japan in response," "the world we aim for through these efforts," and added message boards, exchange cards, and postcards as a starting point for sharing and activities using the newsletter.



July

Kofu Church Campaign workshop. CJ Executive Director presents outline of the campaign, lecture, and sharing.

October

Coordinated by the person in charge of each diocesan Caritas (Diocesan Collaborator), by October 2024 all dioceses will organize (1) Campaign photo exhibition, (2) sharing among parishes and activity groups using WAC No. 27, and (3) Campaign candlelight Mass to present the Campaign.

November

Gathering of Caritas Saitama Liaison Staff. CJ Executive Director's Lecture "Purpose and Aims of Caritas, Caritas Internationalis and CJ's Activities" and introduction to Campaign initiatives. Nagoya Diocesan Caritas Welfare Committee Memorial Mass for Precious Family and Friends. A Campaign prayer was offered and a photo exhibition was held at the same time.

December

In WAC No. 28 (issued at the end of November), an Advent calendar "TOGETHER WE Prayer Wreath 2023" featured the words of the encyclical *Fratelli tutti* and images and stories of people practicing the encyclical. The content was shared on Facebook each day from December 1 to 24.

Social Awareness Group × TOGETHER WE Campaign

■ The 14th National Convention of Japan Catholic Liaison Council for Persons with Disabilities

October 14-15, 2023 at Nagasaki Junshin University

Theme: Together!

Breakout session "TOGETHER WE Campaign:

Towards the Practice of a Community of Care." In response to questions such as "What is a community of care?" and "How can we become a community of care?" participants shared their thoughts and experiences.

Aid Activities

2023 Aid Total ¥261,586,123

Amount of support by region (thousands of yen)

Japan		55,409	21%
Asia, Oceania		44,796	17%
Pan-Asia	3,178	Kyrgyzstan	5,316
India	793	Nepal	9,063
Cambodia	4,340	Pakistan	6,471
		Bangladesh	9,063
		Mongolia	7,024
		Laos	2,717
Africa		33,571	13%
Eritrea	3,504	Benin	1,427
DR Congo	1,507	Burkina Faso	1,604
Tanzania	6,680	Southern Africa	2,914
Chad	1,609	Niger	1,609
Central African Republic	1,427	Madagascar	1,493
		Malawi	1,491
		South Sudan	4,080
		Mozambique	1,493
		Morocco	1,597
		Rwanda	1,587
Mideast		46,330	18%
Yemen	1,342	Palestine	1,646
Iraq	4,232	Lebanon	1,596
		Turkey	37,514
Europe		79,067	30%
Armenia	1,597	Slovakia	7,933
Ukraine	47,661	Czech Republic	7,555
Greece	1,597	Poland	4,791
		Moldova	7,933
Latin America		2,413	1%
Chile	823	Venezuela	1,590

Aids Achievement

Country/Diocese	Title	Organization	Amount Yen
Overseas Aid			
Nepal	Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration	Caritas Nepal	6,470,500
Bangladesh	Education Program for Ethnic Children of Chattogram Hill Tracts	Caritas Bangladesh	6,264,091
Tanzania	VUTAMDOGO PROJECT	Caritas Mwanza	6,679,527
Laos	Establishing and Empowering CARITAS Laos and the local CARITAS of the Church in Laos	Caritas Laos	2,717,000
Iraq	Hope Project	Caritas Iraq	2,938,000
Mongolia	2023 Structural Support Cost	Caritas Mongolia	2,107,050
Mongolia	Day Care Center	Caritas Mongolia	4,916,450
Kyrgyzstan	Caritas Kyrgyzstan Institutional Development	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	1,510,900
Kyrgyzstan	Under the Kyrgyz Sky -Astronomy Camps 2023	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	1,624,217
Southern Africa	Advocacy on Migration, Statelessness and Access to Legal Status Documentation in IMBISA Region.	Caritas Africa	2,913,800
Kyrgyzstan	Rooms equipment for Conducting English language course	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	1,705,011
Kyrgyzstan	Request to finance the Caritas Kyrgyzstan Rooms in the new pastoral center	Caritas Kyrgyzstan	475,950
Cambodia	Prevention of Human Trafficking Vocational Skills Development Center for Vulnerable Women	Caritas Cambodia	4,339,800
Pakistan	Restoration of Livelihood and Resilience Building of Forced Eviction Affected Families	Caritas Karachi	4,443,028

Emergency Appeal			
South Sudan	Emergency Response & Early Recovery Assistance for Conflict and Flood Affected Populations	Caritas South Sudan	2,623,400
Benin	Response to flooding in 2022	Caritas Benin	1,427,100
Central Africa Republics	Emergency assistance program for vulnerable households	Caritas Central Africa Republics	1,427,100
Pakistan	PAKISTAN Recovery and rehabilitation floods	Caritas Pakistan	1,451,000
Yemen	Caritas Emergency Appeal 2023 for Yemen	Caritas Poland	1,342,300
Bangladesh	Response to the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) and Host Community (HC)	Caritas Bangladesh	1,342,300
Eritrea	Eritrea Drought Resilience Building and Food Security Program	CAFOD	1,467,700
Malawi	Cyclone Freddy Response Project	Caritas Malawi	1,490,900
Madagascar	Cyclone (Cheneso and Freddy) Response Project	Caritas Madagascar	1,492,800
Mozambique	Cyclone Freddy and Floods Rapid Response	Caritas Mozambique	1,492,800
Bangladesh	Emergency and Recovery Assistance to Cyclone Mocha	Caritas Bangladesh	1,456,900
India	Enhancing Protection of Rights of People in Crisis affected populations in North-East India	Caritas India	793,250
Rwanda	Assistance to vulnerable people affected by flooding for rapid recovery and social reintegration	Caritas Rwanda	1,586,500
South Sudan	Rapid Response for the Returnees and Refugees in Wau, Malakal and Juba	Caritas South Sudan	1,456,900
Burkina Faso	Emergency response and livelihood support for vulnerable households	Caritas Burkina Faso	1,604,300
Chad	Emergency relief for refugees and the host population of Grande Sido	Caritas Tchad	1,608,900
Venezuela	Humanitarian assistance to people affected by the effects of the prolonged crisis	Caritas Venezuela	1,590,500
Lebanon	A Multisectoral Journey to Restore Lebanon	Caritas Lebanon	1,596,000
Niger	Support project for the recovery of Households Affected by insecurity linked to attacks by Non-State Armed groups	Caritas Development Niger	1,609,168
DR Congo	Rapid assistance to Displaced households and host families affected by the Mobondo Crisis	Caritas Congo	1,506,600
Greece	Floods Response	Caritas Hellas	1,597,100
Armenia	Assistance for People forcefully displaced from Nagorno-Karabakh	Armenian Caritas	1,597,100
Morocco	Support for Earthquake Victims	Caritas Morocco	1,597,100
Chile	Venezuelan migration in Chile, a path towards integration	Caritas Chile	822,950
Eritrea	Drought Resilience Building and Food Security	CAFOD	1,586,500
Others	Humanitarian Assistance to Victims of Natural Disasters and Conflict		3,178,200
Emergency appeal-Ukraine			
Ukraine	Ongoing Emergency Response to the War in Ukraine 2023	Caritas Ukraine	28,472,000
Czech Republic	Emergency Response for Conflict-Affected People from Ukraine	Caritas Czech Republic	7,554,500
Slovakia	Emergency Response for Conflict Affected Refugees from Ukraine	Caritas Slovakia	7,932,500
Moldova	Multisectoral Support for Conflict Affected people	Caritas Moldova	7,932,500
Ukraine	Establishment of Rehabilitation Center in Sharovechka	Kamyanets-Podilskyi Diocese	3,217,800
Poland	Support to Conflict-Affected Individuals from Ukraine	Caritas Poland	4,791,300
Ukraine	Urgent Fundraising for Winter	Caritas Ukraine	7,985,500

Ukraine	Continued Response to War in Ukraine	Caritas Spes	7,985,500
Emergency Appeal-Turkey Earthquakes			
Turkey	Earthquake humanitarian response in Turkey	Caritas Turkey	7,255,000
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Turkey	Earthquake humanitarian response in Turkey	Caritas Turkey	7,867,500
Emergency Appeal-Conflict in Holyland			
Palestine	Comprehensive Humanitarian Intervention in Gaza	Caritas Jerusalem	1,645,900
Emergency Appeal-Covid19			
Iraq	COVID-19 Response to Vulnerable and Traumatized Iraqi Households	Caritas Iraq	1,294,100
Emergency Appeal-Covid19 (domestic)			
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food support project for child welfare facilities in the Tama area	Food Bank Tama	1,700,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food assistance for needy families affected by the new coronavirus	Sospezo Tama	1,000,000
Saitama Diocese	Nasu Children's Cafeteria expansion construction	Nasu-the-table	890,700
Osaka Archdiocese	Wakayama DARC Renovation Project	Wakayama DARC	1,000,000
Osaka Archdiocese	Children's Cafeteria at Minamitsumori Children's Place	Kodomo-no-sato	1,766,920
Domestic Emergency Disaster (heavy rain in Akita)			
Niigata Diocese	Rain Disaster Recovery Project	Seirei Gakuen	20,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for victims of heavy rains	JVOAD	10,000,000
General Domestic			
Saitama Diocese	Activities to build a supportive society with Afghans living in Japan	Japan-Afghanistan Support Association	2,000,000
Sendai Diocese	Community Support and Volunteer Coordination	Caritas Minami Sanriku	5,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake based on cross-cultural and multigenerational exchange	The Laboratory For Global Dialogue	5,000,000
Sendai Diocese	The Great East Japan Earthquake Support for Disaster-stricken Persons, Evacuees, and Needy People around Minami Soma, Fukushima Prefecture	Caritas Minami Soma	3,751,711
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for people caught up in crime	Inter7	1,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Daiichi Budou house exterior wall and roof painting, etc.	Budou-no-ie	2,000,000
Sendai Diocese	10 years of connection, and a future of connection	Caritas Michinoku	300,000

Lenten Campaign 2023

■ 2023 Campaign theme:

“Love is the light—and in the end, the only light—that can always illuminate a world grown dim,” – Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*.

■ Lenten Booklet 2023 Circulation 52,000
Including Lenten message from Bishop Narui, “The Church’s Work of Love” and Introduction to Caritas-sponsored projects.

■ Collection box for children Circulation 14,000

■ Contribution envelopes Circulation 54,000

■ Posters Circulation 2,000



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