



## From Our President

Unfortunately, 2024 was a year of many humanitarian crises in Japan and abroad, including the Noto earthquake and the conflicts in Ukraine and Palestine. In response to all this, many of you have sent donations to Caritas Japan and have continued to pray, raise awareness, and volunteer at churches, schools, and other places. It is wonderful that the Catholic Church in Japan is using Caritas Japan as a tool to bear witness to God's love by standing by people who face difficulties. I want to express my sincere gratitude for your cooperation, and I am pleased to present the 2024 Caritas Japan Activity Report.

In 2024, we started new projects in Africa while continuing development assistance in such Asian countries as Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, and Mongolia. In Japan, activities related to the Great East Japan Earthquake is still ongoing, in areas such as Minami Soma that have not yet reached recovery, and others such as Minami Sanriku, where activities to revitalize the region has been done.

Overseas, emergency assistance is continuing in Ukraine where fighting unfortunately continues and in the Middle East, including Palestine. In Japan, support activities for victims of the Noto Peninsula earthquake and landslides are being carried out mainly by the Diocese of Nagoya, and Caritas Japan is fully supporting this together with the Emergency Response Support Team of the Reconstruction Support Office of the CBCJ.

In the area of awareness-raising, 2024 marked the final year of the International Caritas Global TOGETHER WE Campaign. We hope that you will continue to spread the "culture of care."

From April 2025, Caritas Japan will close its Aid and Social Awareness subcommittees and shift to a system in which deliberations previously conducted by those subcommittees will be handled by the Caritas Japan Committee. This will lead to better coordination between aid activities and related awareness-raising activities. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

February 12, 2025  
Bishop Daisuke Narui, SVD  
President, Caritas Japan

## Our Funds

<b>Amount of total donation 2024</b>	<b>¥ 302,044,562</b>
Lenten Collection	¥ 51,271,233
For Domestic Assistance	¥ 6,657,692
For Overseas Assistance	¥ 26,140,285
For Domestic Emergencies (Noto Earthquake)	¥ 138,208,989
For Overseas Emergencies	¥ 51,874,244
(For the Ukraine Crisis	¥ 26,826,219)
(For Humanitarian Aid to Gaza	¥ 23,651,478)
(For Southeast Turkey Earthquake Relief	¥ 1,396,547)
Christmas Donation	¥ 17,022,803
Donations from Monthly Supporters	¥ 9,220,668
Support for Caritas Japan	¥ 1,648,648

## Aid Activities

2024 Aid Total

¥216,295,752

Amount of support by region (thousands of yen)

Japan		64,528		30%
Asia, Oceania		41,217		19%
Pan-Asia	472	Sri Lanka	685	Bangladesh 12,271
Kazakhstan	1,480	Nepal	8,022	Philippines 829
Cambodia	4,765	Pakistan	1,620	Vietnam 1,522
Mongolia	6,661	Laos	2,884	
Africa		46,719		22%
Ethiopia	1,625	Eritrea	1,636	Kenya 1,659
Democratic Republic of Congo	5,357	Zambia	816	Zimbabwe 1,531
Sudan	3,253	Tanzania	7,527	Chad 1,603
Central African Republic	4,856	Niger	1,620	Burkina Faso 1,620
Madagascar	1,161	Malawi	1,691	Mali 1,620
South Sudan	7,431	Mozambique	1,702	
Middle East (including part of North Africa)		9,087		4%
Palestine	1,619	Yemen	1,574	Türkiye 1,604
Lebanon	3,273	Morocco	1,015	
Europe		50,965		24%
Armenia	1,650	Ukraine	8,980	Vatican 31,876
Romania	8,458			
Latin America		3,778		1%
Haiti	1,471	West Indian Antilles	1,225	Brazil 1,081

### Aids Achievement

Country/Diocese	Title	Organization	Amount Yen
<b>Overseas Aid</b>			<b>50,221,893</b>
DR Congo	Equipment Provision Project for HEIWA Nutrition Center	ONG ESD HEIWA	3,780,818
Vietnam	Youth movement-combating human trafficking in Vietnam through the promotion safe migration and prevention	Caritas Asia	1,522,700
Sri Lanka	Contextual Analysis of the Country	Caritas Asia	685,215
Tanzania	VUTAMDOGO PROJECT	Caritas Mwanza	7,527,929
Bangladesh	Education Program for Ethnic Children of Chattogram Hill Tracts (EPEC-CHT)	Caritas Bangladesh	7,626,000
Cambodia	Prevention of Human Trafficking Vocational Skills Development Center for Vulnerable Women	Caritas Cambodia	4,765,800
Nepal	Ensuring Safe Migration and Promoting Sustainable Local Reintegration (phase II)	Caritas Nepal	6,372,357
Ukraine	Establishment of Rehabilitation Center in Sharovechka	Kamyanets-Podilskyi Parish	3,065,040
Laos	Establishing and Empowering CARITAS LAOS and the LOCAL CARITAS of the Church	Caritas Laos	2,884,600
Caritas Asia	Caritas Asia Regional Conference and Partners' Forum	Caritas Asia	472,770
Central African Republic	Social Integration Project of Sudanese Refugees in Central African Republic	Caritas Central African Republic	4,856,864
Mongolia	2024 Structural Financial Support	Caritas Mongolia	1,480,400
Mongolia	Day Care Center 2024	Caritas Mongolia	5,181,400
<b>Emergency Appeal</b>			<b>82,278,490</b>
Ethiopia	Supporting conflict- and drought-affected host communities & IDPs	Caritas Ethiopia	1,625,700
Sudan	Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance and Hygiene Services to IDPs, Refugees and Host Communities in White Nile State, Sudan	CAFOD	1,619,700
South Sudan	Emergency Response and Early Recovery Assistance for Returnees, Conflict, Flood, and Drought -affected Populations within Seven Dioceses	Caritas South Sudan	1,500,900

Bangladesh	Caritas Response to Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs) and Host Communities (HCs) in Cox's Bazar	Caritas Bangladesh	1,514,900
Philippines	Emergency and Early Recovery Assistance to Communities Affected by Flooding in Mindanao, Philippines	Caritas Philippines	829,300
Madagascar	Emergency Response to Tropical Storm Alvaro and Severe Weather	Caritas Madagascar	1,161,020
Morocco	Urgent Response to Residents affected by 2023 Morocco Earthquake	Caritas Morocco	1,015,020
Malawi	Food Crisis Response Project	Caritas Malawi	1,691,700
Yemen	Caritas Emergency Appeal 2024 for Yemen	Caritas Poland	1,574,400
DR Congo	Rapid Multisectoral Response to Population Movements in provinces of North Kivu and South Kivu	Caritas Congo	1,577,100
Mozambique	Rapid Response to Natural Disaster- and Conflict-affected people	Caritas Mozambique	1,702,800
Bangladesh	Emergency and Recovery Assistance to Cyclone Remal affected People	Caritas Bangladesh	1,622,500
Pakistan/ Faisalabad	Support for the Jaranwala Victims in Diocese of Faisalabad	Caritas Pakistan_Faisalabad	1,620,900
Kenya	Floods Emergency 2024	Caritas Kenya	1,659,400
Zimbabwe	Schools Feeding Program	Caritas Zimbabwe	1,531,400
Zambia	Drought effects response through food distribution	Caritas Zambia	816,800
Mali	Multisectoral Response of Caritas of Central Sahel to Vulnerable Communities affected by Protracted Multidimensional Crisis	Caritas Mali	1,620,900
Burkina Faso	Multisectoral Response of Caritas of Central Sahel to Vulnerable Communities affected by Protracted Multidimensional Crisis	Caritas Burkina Faso	1,620,900
Niger	Multisectoral Response of Caritas of Central Sahel to Vulnerable Communities affected by Protracted Multidimensional Crisis	Caritas Development Niger (CADEV Niger)	1,620,900
Kazakhstan	Flood Response in West Kazakhstan	Caritas Kazakhstan	1,480,400
Sudan	ACT/CI Integrated Humanitarian Response to IDPs, Refugees, and Host Communities in Sudan	CAFOD	1,633,600
Haiti	Support for IDPs fleeing armed gang violence in the Metropolitan Zone of Port-au-Prince	Caritas Haiti	1,471,500
Grenada	Grenada - Beryl Dignified Recovery	Caritas Antilles	1,225,200
Brazil	Humanitarian Response Program for Floods in Rio Grande do Sul	Caritas Brazil	1,081,725
Vatican	Contribution to Humanitarian Aid	Caritas Internationalis	31,876,000
Chad	Urgent Response to Sudanese Refugees, Chadian Returnees, and Host Communities in East	Caritas Chad	1,603,600
South Sudan	Health Program	CORDAID	5,930,525
Turkey	Earthquake - Assistance and Early Recovery in Turkey	Caritas Turkey	1,604,800
Bangladesh	Emergency and Recovery Assistance to Flood Affected People of North-east and South-eastern districts in Bangladesh	Caritas Bangladesh	1,508,300
Eritrea	Eritrea Drought Resilience Building and Food Security Program	CAFOD	1,636,600
Nepal	Nepal flood and landslide Response and recovery project	Caritas Nepal	1,650,000
Armenia	Socio-Economic Integration and Resilience for Refugees and Local Communities in Armenia	Armenian Caritas	1,650,000
<b>Emergency appeal-Ukraine</b>			<b>14,374,100</b>
Ukraine	Provision of critical basic needs of the war-affected population of Ukraine, including the newly liberated territories	Caritas Ukraine	1,658,600
Romania	Romania Refugees from Ukraine – Programs 2024-2025	Caritas Romania	8,458,500
Ukraine	Continued Response to War in Ukraine 2024-2025	Caritas-Spes	4,257,000
<b>Emergency Appeal-Conflict in Holyland</b>			<b>4,892,900</b>
Palestine	A Unified Approach to Health and economic Support in The Holy Land	Caritas Jerusalem	1,619,700
Lebanon	Alleviate Burdens of Ongoing Conflict in South Lebanon on IDPs and Affected Populations	Caritas Lebanon	3,273,200
<b>COVID-19</b>			<b>2,942,073</b>
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food Support Project for Needy Single-Parent Families Living in the Tama Area	Food Bank Tama	900,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food assistance project for needy families affected by war damage and COVID-19.	Sospeso TAMA	700,000
Osaka-Takamatsu Archdiocese	Counseling support for addicts and securing a place to live for recovery support	Kaede no Kai	1,342,073
<b>Noto Peninsula Emergency Assistance</b>			<b>34,618,128</b>
Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula earthquake disaster relief support activities	Caritas Noto Support Center	10,808,000
Nagoya Diocese	Support for Noto Peninsula Earthquake Victims	AJU	1,300,000

Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula Earthquake Disaster Area Support Activities Volunteer Base Improvement	Caritas Noto Support Center	801,108
Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula earthquake-stricken area support activities	Caritas Noto Support Center	11,746,300
Nagoya Diocese	Wajima City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Machino town Earthquake Recovery and Disaster Area Support Project	Support for Children Recovering from the Earthquake Disaster	1,000,000
Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula Earthquake Disaster Area Support Caritas and Support Center Operation (1)	Nagoya Diocese	4,371,240
Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula Earthquake Disaster Area Support Caritas and Support Center Operation (2)	Nagoya Diocese	2,691,480
Nagoya Diocese	Noto Peninsula Earthquake Disaster Site Support (Equipment)	Nagoya Diocese	230,000
Nagoya Diocese	Support for Machino town following September 2024 torrential rain	Support for Children Recovering from the Earthquake Disaster	1,500,000
Nagoya Diocese	Clinical Workshop "Everyone's an Artist."	ART Along	170,000
<b>Other Emergency Assistance</b>			<b>5,116,000</b>
Niigata Diocese	Support for victims of July 25 heavy rains in Yamagata Prefecture	JVOAD	5,116,000
<b>General Domestic</b>			<b>21,852,168</b>
Hiroshima Diocese	Initial activities in the launch of Caritas Hiroshima	Caritas Hiroshima	1,000,000
Sendai Diocese	Community Support & Volunteer Coordination	Caritas Minamisanriku	5,000,000
Sendai Diocese	Restoration of a charcoal kiln damaged by the earthquake as an opportunity to embody "Woodland Villages and the Sea in the Life of a People" community development	Tohoku GYROs	1,820,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Support for start-up activities for bereaved families of suicide deaths	Jeremiah Kai	80,000
Sendai Diocese	Support for Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster-stricken Persons, Evacuees, and Needy People around Minami Soma, Fukushima Prefecture	Caritas Minamisoma	1,286,901
Tokyo Archdiocese	Purchase of a recycling recovery vehicle	Fuki no Kai	2,000,000
Oita Diocese	Repair costs for new "Fureaikan" (tentative name)	Minna no Support Center	1,948,967
Tokyo Archdiocese	Projects that support the lives and communities of evacuees and returnees from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant accident	Kirakiraboshi Net	1,830,600
Tokyo Archdiocese	Food pantry and All Kids' Cafeteria	Minna no Ibasho (everyone's place)	312,000
Osaka-Takamatsu Archdiocese	Opening of new group home	Recovery Life	2,000,000
Nagoya Diocese	"Reasonable Accommodation Questionnaire Survey in the Church" interviews with 100 people with disabilities	Japan Catholic Disability Liaison Council	1,000,000
Tokyo Archdiocese	Multigenerational and Intercultural Spaces in Public Elementary and Junior High Schools, "Art Elementary and Junior High School"	The Laboratory For Global Dialogue	1,084,000
Sendai Diocese	Support for Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster-stricken Persons, Evacuees, and Needy People around Minami Soma City, Fukushima Prefecture (second part)	Caritas Minamisoma	2,489,700

## Lenten Campaign 2024

### ■ 2024 Campaign Theme

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Rom. 12:15)

■ Lenten Booklet 2024: Circulation 55,000 Including Lenten message from Bishop Narui, "The Church's Works of Love" and Introduction to Caritas-sponsored projects.

■ Collection box for children: Circulation 15,000

■ Contribution envelopes: Circulation 55,700

■ Posters: Circulation 2,400



## Diocesan Collaborators' Meeting

### ■ 2024 National Diocesan Directors' Meeting

Dates: October 9-10

Venue: Catholic Kanazawa Church (Nagoya Diocese)

Agenda: TOGETHER WE Campaign/2025 Lent Campaign/Domestic Aid Policy

- TOGETHER WE Campaign closing Mass
- Voluntary participation: Tour of earthquake and rain disaster

## Social Awareness Group × TOGETHER WE Campaign

- Participation in the 64th Annual Meeting of the Japan Society of Christian Social Welfare  
Theme: "Transformation from the weak, the small, and the far - Christian social welfare enacted with the people concerned."  
Date: June 21-22, 2024  
Venue: Urakawa, Hokkaido, Cultural Hall, United Church of Christ in Japan Urakawa Church
  - Urakawa Study Tour "Parties with Disabilities" (Social Welfare Corporation Urakawa Bethel House)
  - Lecture: "Hearing the Voices of People Affected by Disease: Possibilities and Challenges People with Disabilities at Bethel House"  
Lecturer: Chizuko Ueno (Professor Emerita, Tokyo University/ President, Women's Action Network)
  - Keynote Lecture: "Together with Ourselves: The Birth of Participant Research"  
Presenters: Ikuyoshi Mukaiyachi, Toshiaki Kawamura (Urakawa Higashi Town Clinic), Friends of Bethel, etc.
  - Panel Discussion: "Learning Christian Social Welfare Practices from Affected People"  
Moderator: Toshiko Yokoyama (Sapporo Gakuin University)  
Panelists: Mayumi Sugiyama (Mugi no Ko Kai), Kohei Yamane (Urakawa Bethel House)  
(Online): Tomoko Okuda et al (Embal), Mayumi Miura, Masahiro Nakamura (Human Fellowship)
  - Education Lecture: "Toward a Society in which Everyone Lives Colorfully: The View from an Indigenous Feminist's Window"  
Lecturer: Mai Ishihara (Center for Ainu and Indigenous Studies, Hokkaido University)
  - Breakout groups: International Welfare, Families and Residences, History and Resource Development
- TOGETHER WE Campaign sharing (June 23, Tomakomai Church, Sapporo Diocese)  
Theme: Toward the Practice of a Community of Care



## TOGETHER WE Campaign

From December 2023 to October 2024, more than 40 parishes, schools, nurseries, institutions, and groups held Masses, photo exhibitions, and sharing to create a "community of care" and spread a "culture of care."

### ■ Main events

- January: Staff training (Hikari-no-Sono Nursery, Yoshizuka Nursery/Fukuoka)  
Youth Gathering (Tetori Church/Kumamoto)
- February: Fuji International Exchange Fair (Fuji Church / Shizuoka)  
Mass for the Sick and Gathering of Love Service Groups (Archdiocese of Tokyo, Sekiguchi Church)  
Kagoshima Diocese Day" (Xavier Church)
- March: Osaka-Takamatsu Archdiocese (Takatori Church, Hyogo/Marugame Church, Kagawa)
- April: Caritas Hiroshima Inauguration and Joint Meeting (Noboricho Church)  
TOGETHER WE Photo Exhibition (Nambu District/Naha Diocese)
- June: Sapporo Diocese Panel Exhibitions and Prayer Meetings  
(Kita 11-jo Church, Catholic Center, Asahikawa 5-jo Church, Asahikawa 6-jo Church, et al)
- July: Yokohama Diocese Shizuoka East District Campaign Awareness Project (Numazu Church / Shizuoka)  
Oita Diocese Miyazaki District Lay Council Project (Miyazaki Church)
- August: Niigata Diocese Candlelight Relay and Photo Exhibition  
(Niigata Church, Akita Church, Yamagata Church, et al)  
Caritas Saitama Liaison Staff Gathering  
(Higashi Matsuyama Church, Tomobe Church (September)  
Naha Diocese "Walking Together" Campaign (Asato Church/Okinawa)
- September: Kyoto Diocesan Campaign (Kusatsu Church)



"Impressions Tree" from Photo Exhibition, Naha



TOGETHER WE Closing Mass, Kanazawa



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