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The World Needs a Team That Never Backs Down.

Annual Report 2023

February 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024

Emergency disaster relief following the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake

We never lose focus on saving lives, whatever the crisis before us

On New Year's Day 2024, as people up and down Japan were making their wishes for the coming year, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake struck Ishikawa prefecture's Noto Peninsula.

Within the day, Peace Winds' Airborne Rescue & Relief Operations With Search "ARROWS" had a disaster relief team of medical professionals, rescue workers, and search-and-rescue dogs on their way to the scene.

With collapsed buildings and landslides making road access difficult, ARROWS coordinated boats and helicopters to bring relief by land, air, and sea.



the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake

Find out more about our activities online
https://arrows.peace-winds.org/lp/support_noto_earthquake_en/

Special Interview

ARROWS: Straight to the Scene, Swift as an Arrow

Reflections on the Noto Peninsula Earthquake Response

Mototaka Inaba
ARROWS Project Leader

Kensuke Onishi
CEO, Peace Winds Japan

The time was 4:10 pm on January 1st, 2024. Whilst people across the country were still celebrating the new year, Ishikawa prefecture's Noto Peninsula was struck by a magnitude 7.6 earthquake. The shaking registered an intensity of 7, the highest possible rating on the Japanese seismic intensity scale. Within ten minutes of the earthquake, Peace Winds' emergency disaster support team "Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search" (ARROWS) had already made the decision to deploy. Only four hours later the team was on its way, and 22 hours after the earthquake, the ARROWS team were in Suzu city (Ishikawa prefecture) and had started emergency relief operations on the ground. The region is now heading slowly but surely towards recovery, and our emergency response team wound up their operation at the end of March 2024, when local services took over responsibility for medical care. However, we continue to provide support to the area as life gradually returns to normal. Mototaka Inaba and Kensuke Onishi reflect on the challenges and successes they experienced during those three months on the front line, and share their vision for the future of ARROWS and Peace Winds' disaster relief activities.

New Year's Day or not, there wasn't a moment to lose

Onishi : In Japan, a disaster could hardly come at a worse time than New Years' Day, when so many people are away from home.

Inaba : That's right. In fact, at the end of last year some of our nurses had come to me to ask about traveling to visit their families over the new year. Our nurses work on a shift system so that someone is always on duty at our headquarters in Jinseki Kogen, Hiroshima. Since I knew that many of our staff have families living quite far away, I spent twenty minutes in silence weighing up the pros and cons of their request, before finally agreeing to let the nurses go home for the new year. However, as we can never know what is going to happen, I insisted on drawing up a contingency rota to determine which staff would return to headquarters each day in the event of an emergency.

Thanks to this contingency rota, despite it being January 1st, we were able to get our team together quite swiftly after the earthquake struck. **We were ready to deploy faster than other organizations, which impressed on me how our nimble structure is one of our greatest strengths.** Having said that, we aim to deploy within two to three hours, whereas it took us nearly four hours on this occasion. We still have cause to reflect on what we could have done better.

Onishi : Our shared motto is "Not a moment to spare", and I think that contributed to our swift response. On top of this, we were able to exercise quick decision making due to having some experience of working in Suzu city following an earlier earthquake there in May 2023.

Inaba : **Because of our simple organizational structure, we were able to deploy as soon as Onishi-san gave the word.** For me this really drove home the strength of our decision-making.

Onishi : I gave the command without hesitation, but in some other organizations that are otherwise well-prepared, it's possible there were delays due to not wanting to call up their staff on New Years' Day.

Inaba : On New Year's Day, I was watching TV with my family and the in-laws when the news of the earthquake came in. When I told them I had to go to work, my mother couldn't believe I was about to drop everything and leave, whereas my wife is used to it by now and even helped me to get ready. My kids also seemed to understand. It's now five years since we started the ARROWS project in 2019, and our team members and families alike have come to understand that **whenever the ARROWS team goes in, they are always able to make a positive impact.**

Onishi : Once we recognized this, we started to grow in confidence, and as our technical skills and resources have improved our response speed has also become faster and faster. I feel like **ARROWS has now developed its own "core" and "axis".**

A "one-stop station" for survivors

Inaba : We took water purifiers with us to Suzu, which let us purify river water before even the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF). When an elderly lady visited the disaster relief center because she was struggling without access to water, it was ARROWS who were able to help her. In Suzu, the ARROWS' water distribution work and the JSDF's water delivery and water mains repairs weren't coordinated with each other, and I really felt the need for better overall management of the various water relief efforts. In fact, every disaster we attend reminds me that medical care is not the only thing needed to save people.

Onishi : From the perspective of someone who needs help, I think that a "one-stop station" is what's needed the most. The authorities' compartmentalized response leads to "go here if you need water, go there if you need clothing"-type situations, which don't account for the varied needs of the individual. Up until now, we haven't really seen teams capable of meeting these varied needs quickly with a "one-stop" approach.

Inaba : At ARROWS, we are able to provide not only medical assistance but also water, fuel, clothing, food, and even emergency cardboard beds. This is all thanks to the various industry players that offer us their support.

Onishi : Absolutely. So far over 1,000 businesses have offered us goods, logistical support, and funding to generate a "collective impact" whereby various partners combine their individual strengths to overcome common hurdles.

Inaba : In Suzu, we were able to make effective use of a ship in our disaster response efforts. That was another major step.

Onishi : Definitely. But the ships are only one part of the whole picture. Ships, helicopters, and overland crews worked together as a single team to exploit their respective strengths and cover one another's weaknesses. To give one example, helicopters can only stay airborne for about four hours, and can't carry heavy cargo. On the other hand, they are incredibly agile. Meanwhile, although ships move slowly, they are able to stay out at sea for as long as necessary and can hold large quantities of supplies and passengers. The

various forms of transport each have their own strengths and weaknesses, but complement one another when acting as part of a single unit covering land, sea, and air.

Inaba : That's why it's preferable to develop a team structure in which land, sea, and air crews are already familiar with working alongside one another before they deploy in a disaster zone.

Onishi : We have our ship crews and nurses ride in helicopters, while the aircrew familiarize themselves with the layout of the ships. This allows the respective crews to cover for one another, which brings its own benefits in the field. If each crew member is only focused on their own specialization, there is a danger that they could lose sight of the bigger picture.

Inaba : In other words, the specs of the ship and crew count for less than what the team on board is capable of achieving.

Lessons from Suzu

Onishi : We encountered various challenges during our operations in Suzu. The earthquake struck after 4pm on a winter afternoon, as dusk was already falling. Due to the risks involved in flying a helicopter at night, we decided to dispatch only an overland team on the day of the earthquake. But since we never know when the next disaster will strike, I felt that we need to develop the technical capability to deploy multiple helicopters, or even ships or planes, no matter what the time of day or night.

I also keenly felt the limitations of our capacity when it comes to providing disaster relief. In the case of the Noto earthquake, both Suzu and Wajima suffered severe damage, and ideally we would have liked to set up operations in both locations. However, the limitations of our capacity forced us to choose between the two, and in this case we opted to deploy in Suzu only.

Inaba : There's no getting away from the fact that we need more people.

Onishi : We need to reflect on the fact that we were not able to provide concurrent relief to both Wajima with its population of 23,000 and Suzu with a population of 13,000. Unless we significantly increase our capacity, we will be found badly wanting when confronted with a truly enormous disaster, such as the anticipated Nankai Trough earthquake that is projected to cause up to 320,000 deaths and 9.5 million displaced people (according to the Japanese Government website). Even with a ten-hour delay, it would

have been better to send a team to assess the situation in the other town had we been in a position to provide assistance. I would like to see us reach the capacity to cover the medical needs of 100,000 to 200,000 people by ourselves, without third-party assistance.

Inaba : My feeling is that we are currently lacking in manpower resources. ARROWS has recently introduced a roster system on which 800 people are registered, all of whom require training. Many of them are rich in experience, but we still need to establish our rules for working as a team.



Onishi : It's impossible to form a top-class team if the members don't already know each other. We want to build shared experiences through training as a team, so that the various members get to know one another personally. Having 800 people at our disposal is a great source of encouragement, and our job now is to mold them into a well-coordinated team capable of deploying at a moment's notice.

The collective impact of a private-sector platform

Onishi : So far, we've been talking about the structure of the ARROWS program specifically. However, if we take a look at the overall picture of Japan's disaster response system, with the exception of medical care, there has actually been very little change to the template established following the Great Kanto Earthquake a century ago. People find themselves crammed into sports facilities and public halls, where the local municipality is responsible for providing support. This approach is detrimental even to those who arrive healthy, and I don't know of any other country in the developed world that follows a similar system. We need to keep questioning whether the standards established a century ago are still appropriate, and whether disaster relief should be left to local municipalities.

Inaba : It's unreasonable to expect local government employees to coordinate disaster response when they and their families are also affected themselves. I think what is needed is a new approach where the public and private sectors work in tandem to head up the response. We could learn from overseas initiatives and adapt the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) framework, with public and private sector experts in the fields of health, sanitation, and food cooperating in disaster response planning. I envisage a new Disaster Government Assistance Team (DGAT) based on this model.

Onishi : It's true that DMATs have been proven very successful. My suggestion would be to firstly set up a platform in the private sector. Rather than relying on the government to take the initiative, the private sector should make the first move. In the Japanese cultural context, the natural course of action is for citizens to get together to find the private sector resources with which to develop such a platform, and then allow the government to come on board once this platform has already been established.

Inaba : Following the Noto Peninsula earthquake, ARROWS worked hand-in-hand with Suzu city to create an atmosphere of "We're going in this

direction!," and DMAT and the Red Cross followed us, resulting in a smoothly-run disaster relief operation. I'm convinced that an organization such as ARROWS, capable of combining the agility and decision-making freedom of the private sector with collaboration with various other parties, is the key.

Onishi : The name ARROWS suggests the motif of an arrow flying straight to the heart of the disaster area to get on with the work of providing relief. We can then act as a support hub that brings various other players together to generate a collective impact. I want to ramp up the "core" of ARROWS by a factor of ten or twenty in preparation for a major disaster. If we are going to achieve a new approach to disaster relief of the kind I've been describing, we need to be capable of attracting donations even during quiet times, as well as generating a level of enthusiasm that reaches the population on a national scale. We know that a major disaster affecting up to 9.5 million people could strike at any time, so we don't have the time to wait in the hope that the government will do the job for us.

Inaba : I have three children at home. I don't want them to grow up to be adults in a country that can't take care of itself. As a father, and as a Japanese citizen, I want to pass on a "shining Japan" to the next generation. That's

what motivates me to tackle the challenges of disaster relief myself, rather than relying on the government. For me, that's the true meaning of being a part of ARROWS.

Onishi : We know that Japan will always be geologically precarious, but in a sense, this is an opportunity for us to aspire for greater things as a country. We don't all need to become politicians in order to change society. I'm serious when I say that Peace Winds is a platform capable of bringing about a collective impact on a national scale and helping to develop new innovations in disaster relief, irrespective of industry sector or government affiliation.

Date of conversation: April 25th, 2024



For the full conversation, please visit our YouTube channel.



2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake: The first week

Number of staff deployed to scene: approx. **88** Including: **8** doctors, **17** nurses Maximum relief staff working concurrently: **41**

*Accurate as of February 16, 2024



Emergency response team begins work at the scene

The team of 19 staff begins its emergency relief work in Suzu. Medical staff set up an emergency clinic in an evacuation center. Rescue team including search-and-rescue dog "Roger" begin search and rescue operations in response to requests from the local fire service.

January 2-3

January 1 Emergency response team of doctors, nurses, and search-and-rescue dog deploys.

Emergency response team dispatched to Suzu city (Ishikawa prefecture) following news of the earthquake



January 4 Moving swiftly to save patients

Emergency response team increased to 23 staff. Helicopter team transports patients in response to hospital request. Helicopter used to assess damage on offshore island north of Wajima city in response to request from Ishikawa prefecture.

Supporting the region by land, air, and sea

Our emergency response ship, the Toyoshima Maru, starts bringing in much-needed aid by sea. Water purifier used to provide people with water to drink and wash at evacuation center.

January 5



January 6 Woman rescued after 124 hours under rubble

Helicopter deployed to conduct damage assessment and bring medical aid to cut-off communities. A woman in her 90s is miraculously rescued after spending 124 hours trapped under the rubble of her collapsed home. ARROWS project leader Dr. Inaba takes responsibility for medical assistance at the scene.

Extending aid to pets

Starlink is used to set up the first Wi-Fi access at evacuation center. The team starts assessing relief needs of pets and their owners, including pet food distribution and a short-term boarding service.

January 7

Peace Winds in Figures

Since launching its first operation in Iraq in 1996, Peace Winds has been active in 39 countries and regions, assisting more than 26 million people. *as of January 31, 2024



Operational experience in **39** countries and regions



AFGHANISTAN	USA	IRAQ	IRAN	INDIA	INDONESIA
UGANDA	UKRAINE	ETHIOPIA	KENYA	KOSOVO	SIERRA LEONE
SYRIA	SRI LANKA	THAILAND	TÜRKIYE	TONGA	NIGER
NEPAL	HAITI	PAKISTAN	PALAU	PALESTINE	BANGLADESH
PHILIPPINES	BURKINA FASO	MYANMAR	MOZAMBIQUE	MOLDOVA	MOROCCO
MONGOLIA	LIBERIA	SOUTH KOREA	NORTH KOREA	TAIWAN	CHINA
JAPAN	EAST TIMOR	SOUTH SUDAN			

SDGs targeted **16** goals

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The World Needs a Team That Never Backs Down.



We will never allow despondency to get in the way of seeking solutions, even in the toughest of circumstances.

OVERSEAS OPERATIONS



We have been extending assistance to those whose lives and humanity are threatened by conflict, poverty, and natural disasters around the world since 1996.

Number of beneficiaries **2,903,733**

+696 households + 306 animals + many others

*As of FY 2023. Does not include whole households, regions, schools etc. Does not include animals.

Nationalities of Staff **30** countries

Iraq, Uganda, Ukraine, Australia, Cameroon, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Nepal, Haiti, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Bangladesh, Philippines, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Myanmar, Mozambique, Moldova, Lebanon, South Korea, Taiwan, China, East Timor, South Sudan, Japan *As of FY2023

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF



Providing rescue, shelter, medicine, and other relief in disaster-affected areas to help as many victims as quickly as possible.

Emergency teams dispatched **71** times

Since 1996. Includes ARROWS operations.

Disaster cooperation agreements with **52** organizations

Includes agreements with ARROWS teams

PEACE WANKO JAPAN PROJECT



Dog shelter and rehoming project to eliminate unnecessary culling and promote the symbiotic relationship between pets and humans.

Dogs rescued **8,163**

*As of Jan 31, 2024

Days without a dog being culled by gas chamber in Hiroshima **2,862** days

Türkiye-Syrian Earthquake

Türkiye / Syria

February 6, 2023



Palestine: Gaza under attack

Gaza

October 7, 2023



Wherever war or disaster strikes It's "normal" people that suffer

Our first challenge of FY2023 came on February 6th, with a powerful earthquake in Türkiye. Around 60,000 people lost their lives in Türkiye and neighboring Syria. We arrived on the scene before even some national rescue teams, while the international relief effort was still being coordinated. What we lacked in preparation, the team made up for in its fluid response on the ground, enabling us to provide aid supplies and medical assistance straight after the earthquake. As the aftershocks continued, we worked on logistical support to ensure safety, arrange vehicles and interpreters, and organize the respective roles of our overseas operations team and the "ARROWS", our airborne rescue & relief operations with search project. **Even before we had completed our operations in Türkiye, the next emergency demanding our attention arose - a pattern that was to be repeated throughout the year.**

May saw a powerful cyclone strike Myanmar, while in August a wildfire caused devastation on Hawaii's Maui Island. In September we were faced with both a major earthquake in Morocco and flooding in Libya, and then in October Israel began its assault on Gaza, the same month as Afghanistan was hit by an earthquake. Yet another major earthquake struck in December, this time in China. Finally, New Year's Day 2024 brought with it the Noto Peninsula Earthquake in Japan.

We are constantly tuned in to alerts from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and the US Geological Survey to enable us to ascertain emerging disasters anywhere in the world. As soon as we have confirmation of an event, we hold an emergency meeting with the ARROWS team. We assess each situation from many angles, including the scale of the disaster and its human impact, the distance from Japan, potential language barriers, and the availability of human and material resources. **Within hours we are able to make a decision on whether we can offer assistance. Once we have decided to take action, we will be on our way within the day,** although unfortunately there are also cases when we are unable to offer assistance.

The most distressing aspect of 2023 for us was the situation in Gaza. Peace Winds has been providing assistance in Gaza since 2015. When Israel began its violent retaliation following the attacks of October 7th, we were left feeling helpless as Israeli air strikes targeted the homes and offices of our staff and local partners, many of whom we were unable to contact. Even under these conditions, we were able to make the most of our status as an established NGO with strong ties to the community to provide emergency aid, for example buying up and distributing chickens and vegetables. Once the border with Egypt reopened, we were also able to organize aid trucks.

Whether war or natural disaster, the one thing that always strikes me is that it is the "normal" people who suffer. **Wherever someone is in trouble, if there is something we can do to help, we should do it.** Thanks to Peace Winds' years of experience, in most situations, there is something we can do.

Director of Program Department

Rika Yamamoto



Rika also holds senior positions at Japan Platform and Japan NGO Initiative for Safety and Security (JaNISS). After completing her undergraduate degree, Rika studied International Relations and Politics as a postgrad at Ohio University. Since 2000, she has worked for Peace Winds, and has been involved in humanitarian aid in conflict zones including Afghanistan, Iraq, South Sudan, and Ukraine, as well as disaster relief efforts following natural disasters such as earthquakes, cyclones, and drought. Rika currently manages Overseas Operations at Peace Winds, where her job involves organizing emergency relief efforts and developing long-term project strategies.

Hawaii: Maui Island Wildfire

Hawaii

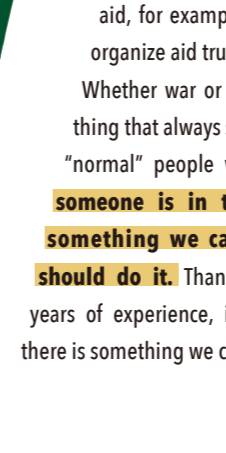
August 8, 2023



Morocco Earthquake

Morocco

September 8, 2023



OVERSEAS OPERATIONS

People tend to associate NGOs with the “volunteer spirit”. What they may not appreciate is that this must go hand-in-hand with “professional expertise” to achieve the best outcomes.



Sub Manager of South Sudan, Kenya, and Hawaii Program

Maki Usui

Maki spent six years in India as a teenager, where she discovered her interest in international work. She worked with disabled people in her home prefecture Tochigi, before joining the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer program which saw her posted to Rwanda for two years as a volunteer at a school for the deaf. Maki then went on to study International Social Work (Community Organization) at the University of Michigan, bringing her into contact with refugee support work. Since her graduation in 2019, Maki has been working for Peace Winds where she is responsible for operations in Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan and Hawaii.

Global Issues: 1

Support for Refugees & Countries in conflict

Sadly, major conflicts continue to affect people around the world, notably in Palestine, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, and Myanmar, requiring support of ever-increasing scale and complexity. The number of refugees who have fled conflict and persecution in their home countries is now estimated to have topped 100 million worldwide. Peace Winds continues to dispatch staff to war-torn areas, where they work with partner organizations to provide direct support to those in need.



Our staff member stands in front of the ruins of a bombed building in Gaza City, Palestine

Aid following the Russian invasion

Ukraine ————— | 2022 to present |



Since Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, we have been providing assistance to residents trying to flee the conflict, as well as distributing food and daily necessities to both internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other residents of the areas that have taken them in. Our work also includes the supply of medical equipment to hospitals, repairing and equipping nursery schools, and providing schools with musical instruments and sports equipment. We have also set up mobile clinics and counselling services in an attempt to lessen the physical and psychological burden of the war on women.

Staff Interview

It's a necessary job that someone has to do

Ukraine Operation Coordinator
Ladislav Lesnikovski

I'm based in the capital Kyiv, where I work together with Ukrainian staff members. My involvement with JICA and Japanese NGOs started when I was a student, and I went on to complete a Japanese postgraduate course in peacebuilding and conflict prevention. Supporting those who find themselves suddenly robbed of their normal lives is a necessary job that someone has to do. Although I can only make a tiny difference by myself, I'm still glad that I can be involved in this kind of work. That might explain why I'm here.



Supporting the people of Gaza

Palestine ————— | 2015 to present |



We have implemented teacher training and provided psychosocial care for young children at 12 nursery schools in Gaza. We have also installed solar panels and IT equipment in educational institutions so as to improve educational opportunities while also offering career opportunities for young people. Since the upturn in armed conflict in October 2023 we have also organised emergency food distribution.

Staff Interview

The world hasn't turned its back on Gaza

Country Representative of Palestine Program
Masato Yakabe

Through the hard work of many people, awareness of the situation in Gaza is on the increase in Japan. This is a great source of encouragement to our staff in Gaza as it makes us feel that the world hasn't turned its back on us. My goal is to bring even the tiniest bit of hope to the people of Gaza to help them find the energy to keep going. Going forward, I hope we will continue our aid work in Gaza, whilst continuing to share information about the situation on the ground.



Health & Sanitation / Hygiene Promotion

Support for dealing with unsanitary conditions and water shortages, as well as ensuring a minimum nutritionally balanced diet, is important not only in the aftermath of a disaster, but also in places where poverty and social disparities are ongoing issues. We also dispatch doctors and nurses to places where local medical services are unable to cope with sudden disasters, and work with local medical personnel to fight infectious diseases and lifestyle-related disorders.



A representative of a patient support network from Burkina Faso visits Japan to learn about testing procedures

Environmental / Climate Change & Disaster Response

Climate change is bringing with it increasingly severe weather events, resulting in large-scale floods, droughts, heat waves, and torrential rain. We are quickly responding to disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis wherever they occur around the world, by deploying emergency medical and rescue dog teams and organising aid distribution. In addition to aid distribution, medical and sanitation assistance and educational support, we also offer medium-term assistance, such as rebuilding agriculture and helping to develop local disaster management systems, thereby increasing resilience in the face of disasters.



Earthquake survivors and Peace Winds staff delivering aid in a mountainous region of Morocco



Healthcare aboard a floating clinic

Palau | 2021 to present |

In collaboration with Palau's Ministry of Health and the national hospital, we continue to strengthen measures against non-communicable diseases (lifestyle-related disorders) through mobile medical check-ups and treatment aboard a floating hospital. The program targets the entire population of Palau, including those living on remote islands. We have carried out medical check-ups on a total of 418 residents in the past year. We are also involved in capacity-building training for local medical personnel and awareness-raising activities relating to healthy eating.



Fighting hepatitis B

Burkina Faso | 2023 to present |

We are supporting two local NGO partners in Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso to improve hepatitis B testing for chronic sufferers before it is too late. We have supplied testing equipment to the Muraz research center to help implement a reliable diagnostic infrastructure.



Food distribution and cash assistance

Afghanistan | 2001 to present |

We assist vulnerable households in Nangarhar province by distributing cash for food, and have also set up tent classrooms and a tent library in a school for girls. We have also supported earthquake victims in Paktika and Herat provinces by distributing food and daily necessities, as well as multi-purpose cash assistance.



Psychosocial support

Syria | 2013 to present |

The ongoing crisis in Syria has left the country without basic services and a food crisis exacerbated by soaring prices. Against this backdrop, Türkiye and Syria were struck by a powerful earthquake in February 2023. People who had already been suffering due to the instability in the country suddenly found their situation even harder. We organized food distribution as well as emergency psychosocial support for those affected.



Supporting mothers and their children

Myanmar | 2013 to present |

We have distributed food and daily necessities in areas where many people have been displaced from their homes due to cyclone damage and the internal conflict that has been continuing since 2021. We have handed out "safe delivery" kits to expectant mothers to help them give birth safely. We have also run mobile childcare workshops for mothers and their children who have fled to neighboring Thailand to escape the conflict.



Assistance for the disabled

Moldova | 2022 to present |

We continue to provide healthcare support in addition to material and educational support for displaced Ukrainians in Moldova. Our mobile team of doctors and social workers make individual home visits to both displaced Ukrainians and Moldovans who lack easy access to hospital facilities. To date, we have supplied vital medicines and disability support equipment to a cumulative total of over 600 people.



Providing access to water and improvements to livelihood

Nepal | 2015 to present |

Sindhupalchowk District was at the epicenter of the powerful earthquake that struck Nepal in 2015. Even today, residents continue to face difficulties due to changes in the groundwater caused by the earthquake, and debts from rebuilding their homes. We have constructed water supply facilities to ensure access to safe water, and also helped nurture skills for growing and selling vegetables as a key to improve their livelihood.



Fighting infectious diseases

Mozambique | 2019 to present |

In Mozambique, a country hit by cyclones on an almost annual basis, we always visit the scene of a disaster as fast as possible to assess local needs and offer emergency relief. Infectious diseases such as dysentery and cholera can run rampant in the unsanitary conditions left behind by floodwaters. We hand out water purification tablets and containers as well as building toilet facilities and promoting good sanitary practices such as handwashing in order to fight the spread of such diseases.



1 Iraq | 1996 to present |

We have been working to improve the infrastructure at refugee camps housing Syrian refugees in Erbil and Duhok in Northern Iraq. We have also provided vocational trainings for returnees in Ninewa.

2 South Sudan | 2006 to present |

We have provided food, water, and sanitation aid for IDP camps and their host communities in the states of Central Equatoria and Upper Nile that have been affected by flooding, war, and famine. We have also offered training in fishing techniques to help people make a living. We also distributed food to returnees who fled the Sudan crisis in April 2023, as well as water and sanitation aid for Sudanese refugees.

3 Kenya | 2012 to present |

Whilst providing basic water, sanitation, shelter, and logistical support to refugee camps in Kakuma and Dadaab in northern Kenya, as well as in the Kalobeyei Settlement and surrounding neighborhoods, we have been improving water supply systems, promoting residents' engagement, and collaboration with businesses with the aim of achieving sustainable management. As part of our sanitation management work in Northwestern Kenya, we have provided support in improving solid waste management.

4 Uganda | 2016 to present |

In Imvepi (northern Uganda) and Kyaka II (western Uganda) Refugee Settlements, we supported the self-reliance of women and strengthened protection mechanism for refugees from South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as host communities living around the settlements. We also supported improvements to water supply facilities and hygienic environment in western Uganda.

5 Sri Lanka | 2009 to present |

In an area of Trincomalee district now being resettled following the civil war, we repaired and installed agricultural irrigation systems, contributing to an increase in crop yields. 78 farmers acquired or renewed their organic accreditation thanks to our efforts to promote organic farming techniques. We also embarked on a new scheme to promote sustainable farming using locally-available resources and reducing reliance on agrochemicals.

6 Mongolia | 1996 to present |

We continued to support 50 children living in the Verbist Care Center (VCC) as a result of poverty or abandonment.



7 Pakistan | 2022 to 2023 |

In Sindh province, the scene of the worst of the June 2022 flooding, we distributed emergency food and essentials to vulnerable households affected by the flooding. We also handed out seeds and farming tool kits and promoted vegetable cultivation in order to alleviate food shortages while also improving agricultural knowledge and skills.

8 Türkiye | 2023 to present |

We dispatched a rescue team immediately after the February 2023 earthquake centered on south-east Türkiye to assist with search and medical care. Adapting to the rapidly changing needs on the ground, we later supplied food and daily essentials to help cope with the heat, offered mental health and psychosocial support to children and their guardians, and supported school construction projects.

9 Morocco | 2023 to present |

We delivered supplies to victims immediately after the earthquake that struck west-central Morocco in September 2023. We later held workshops and distributed reusable sanitary product kits to girls to encourage better period management. We also supported animals affected by the disaster (with food, shelter, and veterinary care).

10 China | 2023 |

We partnered with the local organization "Ramunion" following the earthquake that struck Gansu province on December 18, 2023. A rescue team of 29 people and two search-and-rescue dogs deployed to Lanzhou city to search homes and distribute heaters, bedding, and coats to fend off the extreme winter cold.

**We will not abandon life.
We will not give up world peace.**

HOW TO SUPPORT
Join us as a **"Peace Supporter"** to support our activities

This support program provides long-term support to victims of natural disasters and refugees from conflict by delivering necessary assistance through ongoing monthly donations.

From 1,000yen/month

11 East Timor | 1998 to present |

We invited an expert from Indonesia to get involved in our coffee tree rejuvenation project as a countermeasure against ageing coffee trees, which is the main factor behind a drop in coffee productivity. We continued our work to raise awareness among coffee producers of the importance of forest preservation in fighting abnormal weather events. Our East Timorese staff visited a coffee trade fair in Japan in order to secure new customers.

Fair Trade Project | 2003 to present |

The cookies in our coffee gift sets are made in welfare institutions. This year we added another partner institution bringing the total to three. Our coffee offer including a donation to disaster relief in Noto Peninsula following the January 2024 earthquake have proved a big success.



12 Haiti | 2018 to present |

The situation in Haiti remains dire following the earthquake and presidential assassination of 2021, with high prices and poor employment prospects. In response, we have provided training for young people in Arniquet, Sud department to learn tailoring skills and marketing know-how to encourage confidence and self-reliance.

13 Bangladesh | 2017 to present |

We have provided healthcare and sanitation aid to refugees and their neighbors in Cox's Bazar, which has taken in over 970,000 Rohingya refugees. We provided basic medical services and health education through refugee camp clinics, and trained local medical staff and conducted awareness-raising activities in the camps and their surrounding areas.

14 United States of America | 2023 to present |

In the aftermath of the Maui Island wildfire in August 2023, we assessed local needs, distributed emergency supplies, provided veterinary care for affected pets, and offered financial support for the purchase of pet care products. Our medium-term aid strategy includes holding support groups and events for the affected communities, conducting expert-led response improvement training, and psychosocial support.

EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF

No matter where disaster or conflict strikes, even on the other side of the world, we're all connected across the same sea. With a ship, fuel, and a friendly face, nowhere in the world is out of reach.

Captain, "Power of Change" Riku Sugimoto

Riku joined Peace Winds in 2018. After graduating maritime academy in Toyama prefecture, he entered a shipping company where he worked as a navigator on international sea routes. A desire to apply the potential of ships to humanitarian assistance work led him to Peace Winds. Riku has experience training on an overseas NGO hospital ship and was involved in operation of our mobile medical ship project in Palau. He now captains our disaster medical support ship "Power of Change".

To save every life we can

Disaster Medical Support Ship

A major disaster can knock out roads and medical facilities, and when this is combined with a large number of casualties the result can be the preventable deaths of patients that do not receive the medical treatment they need. Utilizing air and sea becomes vital in disaster areas cut off from road access. In July 2023, Peace Winds brought its 3,500-ton class disaster medical support ship, the "Power of Change", into full operation.

Urban disaster planning

A 3D support structure utilizing air and sea



In the event of a major Tokyo inland earthquake, immediate road gridlock should be expected. Modeling predicts medical staff being unable to reach hospitals, and many thousands of injured dying before they are able to receive care.



Peace Winds has developed a 3D support structure in which the disaster medical support ship works in coordination with helicopters. Private sector medical teams including Peace Winds, with its long experience in disaster relief, are combining their strengths in order to prevent such deaths.

Unlocking the potential of ships in a disaster

The "Toyoshima Maru" assists following the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake

Peace Winds' "Toyoshima Maru" brought supplies of food and fuel to Noto Peninsula whilst overland access was still difficult.



Ship specs

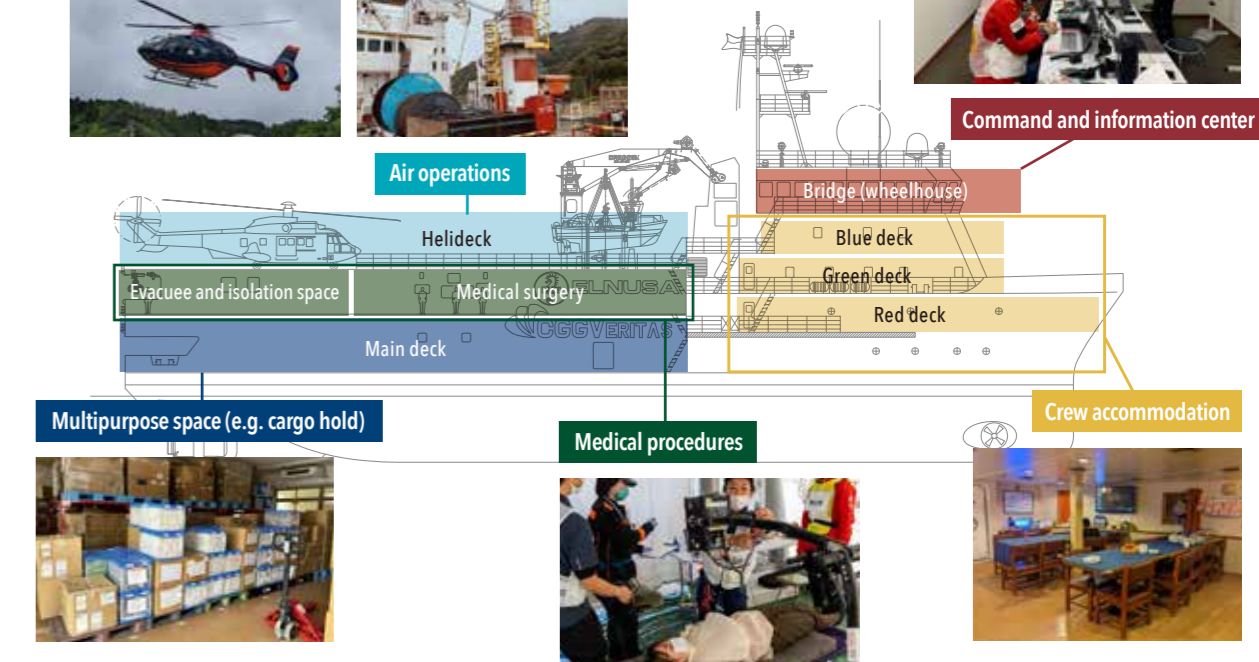
Length: 68.00m Beam: 17.40m Draft: 4.50m (design), 5.02m (max) Navigable range at 8 knots: 6,000 miles Capacity: 49 people
Cruising speed: 12 knots Economical speed: 8 knots Built: 2011



Urban disaster planning

Disaster emergency support ship "Power of Change" (PoC)

The Power of Change is designed to act as a floating disaster relief base. It is equipped with a helipad to receive injury victims and is capable of providing medical care, aid distribution, and fuel supply.



Assistance for Great East Japan Earthquake Victims | 2011 to present



We have partnered with local group "Soma Aid and Rescue Team" to support those who were evacuated following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Daiichi nuclear meltdown and have now returned, as well as those living in Fukushima for the first time. The traditional horse-rearing culture of the Soma-Futaba area is used as a conduit around which to build new relationships.

Assistance for West Japan Floods Victims | 2018 to present



Five years have passed since the torrential rain and flooding disaster in West Japan. Our last meeting hall reconstruction has now been completed, and we helped to furnish the facilities with the necessary table and chairs. This concludes our meeting hall project. Moreover, we have started a new project of repairing the former Hashi residence in Yata as a community hub. Completion is scheduled for April 2024.

Strengthening Community Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Capabilities | 2019 to present



We are using US government funding to strengthen disaster resilience across the whole of Japan. This program includes participation in local government and volunteer disaster prevention team training exercises, educating children on disaster prevention, and providing opportunities for people to share their experiences of major disasters.

Medical and Rescue Projects



ARROWS maintain preparedness at all times through monthly drills and a multi-institutional disaster medical rescue drill. In FY2023, ARROWS provided relief in the vital early days after disasters including the Türkiye-Syria earthquake and the Noto Peninsula earthquake, dispatching medical teams and carrying out operations including search and rescue with dogs, and medical examinations at first-aid stations.



From
1,000 yen/month

HOW TO SUPPORT



Join us as
"ARROWS Supporter"
to support our activities

The "ARROWS" activities are supported by donations of people all over Japan. This is a long-term support program to help as many victims as possible as quickly as possible.

Staff Interview



If each and every one of us are prepared for a disaster, many tears of sadness can be avoided

Award Officer (USAID)

Svetlana Babina

In 2015, when I was working as a volunteer English teacher in Soma, Fukushima prefecture, a lady came up to me with tears welling in her eyes as she told me about the Great East Japan Earthquake. She managed to keep the tears from falling, but I'll never forget the deep pain I saw in her expression. Seeing those tears of sadness motivated me to get involved in community DRR. Disaster prevention is not only for the experts - each of us can play a part. By raising awareness of disaster preparedness, my wish is to prevent such tears of sadness in the future.

Staff Interview

We need to help not only the people standing in front of us, but also the many others we don't see

Nurse

Tomoe Kikuchi

The needs after a disaster are more complex than medical care alone. In order to prevent deaths from untreated injuries and indirect fatalities, we need to appreciate the lifestyle and living conditions of the victims as well as the cultural background. I want to be part of a team capable of providing seamless, multifaceted support that goes beyond the initial emergency medical care.



For the first time, we achieved disaster relief by land, air, and sea. Now we will draw on the experience to build an even more advanced disaster response team.

Coordinator

Kei Tanabe

We incorporated sea travel in our relief operations following the Noto Peninsula earthquake. This was a first for us, and a major achievement for the team. Now the focus is on the future. I want to draw on this experience to build an even more innovative disaster response team.



PEACE WANKO JAPAN PROJECT

No dog should have to suffer a painful death in the “dream box”. Every dog has the right to a happy life.

Assistant shelter manager

Nozomi Ashizuka

Nozomi has loved animals since she was a child, and always dreamed of growing up to work with animals. During her teenage years, she developed a special bond with her family's rescue dog, and she decided to do something to return her pet's affection. Looking for canine rescue activities in which to get involved, Nozomi discovered the Peace Wanko project through the academy she was attending. She now works at a quarantine shelter, where she is responsible for veterinary care as well as being an assistant manager of the entire shelter.

Dog rescue and rehoming project

2010 to present

Eight years have already passed since we started rescuing dogs destined for euthanasia in Hiroshima prefecture in April 2016. We have now rescued over 8,000 animals, of which over 4,000 have been successfully rehomed. The new animal sanctuary which opened in Hiroshima prefecture in August 2023 has no euthanasia equipment. Our activities are supported by approximately 70,000 people, and thanks to them we have made significant progress in eliminating the use of euthanasia as a method of dealing with unwanted dogs. Since June 2023 we've been taking on new care staff and providing training to develop a highly specialised team. Currently, we are exploring the possibility of working with other animal protection groups and expanding our operations to other prefectures, in line with our ultimate goal of completely eliminating euthanasia throughout Japan.



In November 2023, the Peace Wanko project opened its 9th facility, the Hamamatsu Adoption Center. The number of successfully rehomed dogs has begun to rise again after plateauing. We hold events at each of our rehoming centers as well as using social media to generate interest in our activities. We have also begun preparations to open new centers in other prefectures, and are steadily moving towards our goal of zero euthanasia nationwide.

Rescue facilities and adoption centers

10 locations now operating in Japan

Dogs that have been taken in to the Jinsekikogen Shelter and have improved in health and been trained to become accustomed to people are now living at our various adoption centers. Staff members take care of the dogs on a daily basis and introduce the characteristics and personalities of the shelter dogs to prospective foster parents



Jinsekikogen Shelter

Peace Wanko Japan is based in the nature-rich town of Jinsekikogen of Hiroshima. There is also a spacious dog run, one of the largest in western Japan, where dogs and people can play freely.

NEW Fukuoka Adoption Center

*Opening July 2024

Tokyo Akiruno Adoption Center

Okayama Adoption Center

Setagaya Adoption Center

Shonan Adoption Center
NEW Hamamatsu Adoption Center

Ikoma Adoption Center

Fukuyama Adoption Center

Hiroshima Adoption Center

Staff Interview

A chance for every dog to enjoy life in someone's home:

Lifetime foster volunteer program launched

Adoption Manager

Yuumi Uetani



In FY2023, we launched the “lifetime foster volunteer” program to help dogs that are too old or ill for adoption to find a welcoming home. We were overwhelmed with applications, thanks to which many senior dogs are now enjoying new lives. Our staff will continue to do everything we can to help as many dogs as possible find a new family.

After spending time with shelter dogs, I realized "This is the job for me!"



Training Advisor
Kaori Nishi

Kaori joined Peace Wanko Japan after graduating from a police dog training academy in Saitama prefecture. Her many job roles include shelter dog carer, adoption staff, emergency search-and-rescue dog handler, disaster victim support, and new adoption center rollout. She is an invaluable all-rounder!

Nishi-san, please tell us about the roles you have worked in up until now.

I was hired fresh from graduation, and my first roles were caring for shelter dogs and arranging adoptions. I was also a member of the disaster search-and-rescue dog team. After a year and a half, I was entrusted with the important job of being the handler of our rescue dog Yumenosuke. Together with Yumenosuke, over the next three years I traveled to landslides in Hokkaido, Saga, and Fukuoka prefectures, as well as the aftermath of the flooding disaster in Western Japan. I was even deployed to Lombok in Indonesia following the earthquake there. As of November 2023, I'm working in our brand new Hamamatsu Adoption Center.



What made you decide to work for Peace Wanko Japan?

I grew up with dogs and cats at home, and I've always loved animals since I was little. After high school, I attended a police dog training academy in Saitama prefecture, where I learnt how to train working dogs. When the time came to think about employment opportunities, I had the chance to work as an intern at Peace Wanko Japan, and that was my first interaction with shelter dogs. Unlike the dogs I'd trained at the academy, with shelter dogs the first task was getting them used to being around humans. I found this new challenge exciting, and it made me realize that I wanted to find a job working with shelter dogs.

Can you tell us more about being an emergency rescue dog handler?



Emergency rescue dogs and their handlers develop a tight bond, and work together to search for survivors in collapsed buildings. It's always a race against time to find survivors within the first 72 hours (or three days), after which the survival rate falls dramatically. In disaster areas, we have to work carefully while remaining conscious of the risks of aftershocks or further collapse. What's especially challenging is that the dog is also very sensitive to its environment, and can behave differently or become confused when on the scene of a disaster. It can sometimes be difficult to assess the situation accurately from the dog's responses, and things don't necessarily go according to training, but the individual challenges posed by each deployment are all part of what makes the work so rewarding.

What was it like to pair up with Yumenosuke?

At the beginning, I was worried whether I would be able to perform the role adequately. The first time we deployed together, I was nervous from start to finish. We flew to the scene by helicopter right after the disaster, and it was all I could do just to keep up with the people around me. But although I was still a newbie, Yumenosuke was already a veteran. Yumenosuke took charge whilst I gradually got to grips with working in the field.



What's it like working at Hamamatsu Adoption Center?

Hamamatsu Adoption Center is the largest facility run by Peace Wanko Japan. It has a large indoor dog run, and it's a great environment that will allow us to provide better and better dog training as well as finding new owners and providing aftercare for dogs that have already been adopted.

Hamamatsu Adoption Center also became a disaster relief base after the Noto Peninsula earthquake. Can you tell us more about that?

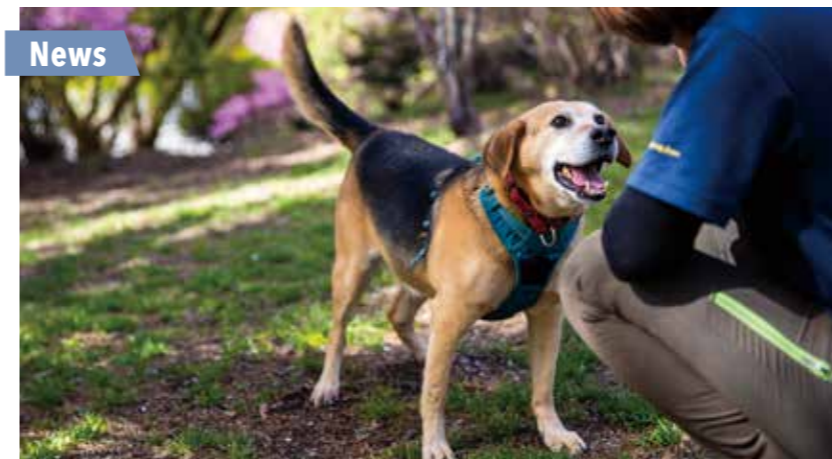
I actually visited Suzu city three times following the earthquake. I visited several evacuation centers where I spoke to people to find out their specific needs and provide appropriate support. When I was talking to the local residents, I had to pay constant attention to what I was saying when navigating sensitive topics so as not to cause further distress. After the Noto earthquake, we offered a short-term boarding service for dogs in our Hamamatsu Adoption Center whilst their owners get back on their feet. Looking after household pets at the adoption center brought with it a whole different set of responsibilities compared to shelter dogs.

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

It's when the new owners send me photos or videos of their pets and I get to see the dogs we've rehomed enjoying their new lives. I feel so happy to know they've become part of a new family. Once I actually left Peace Wanko Japan to work elsewhere, but I missed working with dogs so much that I ended up coming back after about 18 months! I can't imagine a life without dogs any longer. Leaving and then coming back convinced me that this was the job for me.



News



A dream fulfilled: no euthanasia room at the new Hiroshima sanctuary

In August 2023, Hiroshima Prefectural Animal Protection Center reopened in a new location. The former center had a euthanasia room known as the "dream box", but this has been abolished in the new facility. This is a direct result of Peace Wanko Japan's work, as every month we would go in to collect dogs that were in imminent danger of being euthanised.

Peace Wanko Japan's work dates back to 2010, when our CEO Kensuke Onishi made a promise to do everything possible to find alternatives to euthanasia, after seeing first-hand the panic of puppies about to be taken to the gas chamber where they were suffocated using carbon dioxide.

In 2011, Hiroshima prefecture had the worst record in the country for euthanasia of dogs and cats (2,342 dogs), but by 2016 the number of dogs killed was down to zero after Peace Wanko Japan rescued every dog from the gas chamber. That the new center has no euthanasia facility is testament to the fact that the very idea of "disposing of" animals has been eliminated, and a new culture of rescuing and rehoming has taken hold in Hiroshima prefecture.



It's been a long road to get here, but for us a long-held dream has been fulfilled. I would like to thank all our supporters from the bottom of my heart. The euthanasia room in Hiroshima has been gathering dust for eight years now. I want to see us repeat this success across the whole of Japan, saving every animal we can and finding happy lives for them.

Project Leader **Makoto Abe**

Messages

Messages of support for Peace Wanko Japan



peco

"When I think that there is no other dog quite like her anywhere in the world, she becomes even more adorable"



Peco is a model, TV personality, and designer-producer at the fashion brand "Tostalgic Clothing". She adopted her pet, Allison, through Peace Wanko Japan.

"Allison always accepts me just as I am, no matter what. She's smart and cute, and is always looking out for me. It really feels as if she's protecting me," Peco tells us.

Most of the shelter dogs at Peace Wanko are mongrels who started life on the streets.

"Dogs that started out wild can sometimes be a bit challenging, but if you accept that as part of their personality, the way you see them will change. When I think that there is no other dog quite like her anywhere in the world, she becomes even more adorable".

If you approach a dog with love, they will return it. Peco and Allison's story of "giving and receiving love" is an inspiration to us.



Newest Co. Ltd
CEO
Kiyomi Shinnishi

I'm so moved when I see rescue dogs bravely doing their job after a disaster. A dog that has been rescued puts its trust in the staff to build a powerful bond that can help save lives. At Newest Co., Ltd. we will do all we can to support the search-and-rescue dog project that saves both human and canine lives!



Aureo Co., Ltd.
CEO
Yukiko Moriya

I'd like to get involved in animal protection work myself, but unfortunately, I'm not in a position to do that right now. However, I still want to offer my support in any way I can. Saving dogs from euthanasia was something I wanted to get behind! I'll continue my support to help save as many lives as possible.



THE DOG COMPANY Inc.
CEO
Yoshitaka Suzumi

Making our "Save the Dog" calendar in collaboration with Peace Wanko made me realize that behind the gentle expressions of the shelter dogs lies the daily hard work of the staff. After the Noto Peninsula earthquake, I was honored to be able to offer the support of our mobile trimming wagon. I look forward to continuing to work together to save as many lives as possible.



HOW TO SUPPORT

Join us as "Dog Supporter" to support our activities

This is a program to provide ongoing support for the Peace Wanko Japan project. Your donation will be used to take care of shelter dogs until foster parents can be found and to train search-and-rescue dogs.

From **1,000 yen/month**

SOCIAL INNOVATION



Coordinator, Horse Project

Kou Nakazawa

Kou joined Peace Winds Japan in 2017. He grew up around horses due to his father's job working with racehorses. After graduating from university, Kou worked for nine years at a racehorse stable where he raised, managed, and trained horses, before changing careers to work for a machine manufacturer. However, through helping out at equine events such as Iwate prefecture's Chagu Chagu Umakko and Yabusame, he realised he wanted to work with horses again, which led him to apply for Peace Winds' horse project. Kou is now engaged in community-building work that gives a second career to retired racehorses while passing down the horse-rearing traditions of the Soma-Futaba region of Fukushima prefecture.

**A horse is a friend and a colleague.
As we get older together,
there's more and more we can no longer do,
but we can still walk side by side.
That's the true meaning of "living with horses".**

Minamisoma, Fukushima prefecture

Horse rescue

2018 to present



We rescue and look after retired racehorses, working together with the NPO Soma Kyuentai based in Minamisoma city in Fukushima. The horses we rescue are retrained for horse riding events, which provide opportunities for interaction with local residents. The horses have also participated in Soma nomaioi, a local tradition.

"We want to unlock the full potential of horses" — The future of our horse rescue program

In June 2024 our base of operations will move from its current home in Minamisoma's Baji Kouen to Namie town. We will continue our day-to-day work of training retired racehorses for a second career, whilst diversifying our activities beyond simple horse riding to include horse-drawn transportation and plowing. Our aim is to unlock the full potential of horses in a wide range of tasks. We will also use our new base as a development center for new horse trainers and other human roles. Increasing the number of people used to working around horses and building up a team of experienced and knowledgeable trainers is the key to saving the lives of as many horses as possible.

The overall goal of the new site is to promote "symbiotic relationships between humans and horses". This could mean different things to different people. Personally, I envisage a place where horses can be working partners until they retire to live out their days in peace. I want our facility to grow into a place of happiness for both people and horses, that can be enjoyed by its residents and visitors alike.



Ama, Shimane Prefecture

Community Revitalization in Ama town, Shimane prefecture

2023 to present



We have entered into a comprehensive partnership agreement with Ama town in Shimane prefecture's Oki Islands, and are now working on preparations for a disaster relief base there. After the Noto Peninsula earthquake in January 2024, our boat made a port call in Ama to load relief supplies bound for Suzu city. We are also involved in community-building programs on the island.

Japan

Study in America

2023 to present



We have launched a new project to provide opportunities for children in care to study abroad and experience foreign culture. By giving underprivileged children the chance to see life outside of Japan, we aim to expand their horizons and encourage their development into well-rounded adults. At the end of March, six youngsters living in a children's home completed a short study-abroad program in Florida, USA.

Promotion of traditional Saga crafts

2015 to present



We support traditional artisans in Saga prefecture through hometown tax (furusato nouzei) and product development projects. Our focus in 2023 was on raising recognition through portrayal in still photography and film.



We compiled a photography collection which was distributed to past donors. The project aims to promote the artisans alongside their products through the theme of "connecting the hands of the maker to the hands of the user".

HOW TO SUPPORT



Support through "Hometown Tax Donation"

Some of PWJ's projects, such as the Saga Traditional Crafts project and the Disaster Emergency Assistance project, can also be supported by Hometown taxation. If your donation is up to a certain amount, this amount less 2,000 yen will be deducted from your income and inhabitant taxes. For more information, please visit the portal site Furusato Choice.

Community Revitalization in Jinsekikogen town

2015 to present



Our doctors, nurses and coordinators continued to provide medical assistance at the town hospital and remote clinics in Jinsekikogen Town, Hiroshima, and met with local stakeholders to discuss the best way to support local healthcare going forward. We continued our support operation of the Jinsekikogen Tiergarten and the Jinsekikogen Community Creation Challenge Fund.

Community Revitalization in Toyoshima, Seto Inland Sea

2014 to present



On Toyoshima in the Seto Inland Sea, we established an office for our contemporary art project and worked on archiving library resources. We provided a space where artists invited from overseas can interact with each other and conduct research for their creative projects. Once again, Gerhard Richter's three-dimensional glass works were opened to the public for a limited time.

Welcoming Agricultural Trainees from Overseas

2023 to present



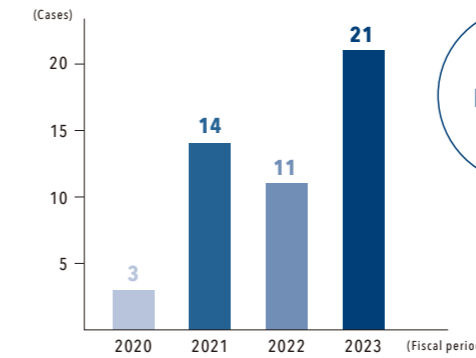
We invited a group of agricultural trainees from Nepal to learn about vegetable farming, processing, and distribution in Jinsekikogen town, Hiroshima prefecture, the home of the Peace Winds headquarters. Experts from our local partner organization in Nepal also visited rural areas to promote the adoption of advanced agricultural techniques.

LEGACY GIFT

Legacy gift to connect your thoughts and feelings to the future

What is a legacy gift?

A legacy gift is a donation of part (or all) of one's estate to charitable or other activities. In recent years, more and more people have been generously gifting their legacy to Peace Winds' work. Such donations enable us to turn the wishes of the departed into valuable support in the field.



Number of legacy gifts by year

Voices of our donors

Message



Moved by the plight of the Palestinians, Donor A was generous enough to donate a portion of their mother's estate. They add, "I was inspired by your response to the Noto Peninsula earthquake. Please take care in your work"

Message



"My parents and I have had tough lives, but we were always comforted and encouraged by the animals around us", says Donor B. "My father and I have made a number of small donations in the past, so I'm sure this is how he would have wanted his legacy to be used"

Creating a system to handle enquiries

With the help of lawyers, tax accountants, and other specialists, we have put in place a system to handle the increasing number of legacy gift enquiries. We are working in partnership with the organizations to the right.



Legacy Gift Enquiries

We're here to help



Feel free to ask us anything!

Visit our dedicated web page here:



Information sharing in response to interest

We provide helpful information about legacy gifts through a variety of sources, including seminars, event appearances, and email newsletters. NHK's current affairs program "Today's Close-up" ran a report on a legacy gift donated to Peace Winds Japan.



The NHK crew filming



Email newsletter

CORPORATE COLLABORATION

Peace Winds has worked with companies and organizations of all fields and sizes in its work to address social issues inside and outside of Japan.

Our specialist staff match the needs of companies that wish to make a contribution to society with the needs of our beneficiaries to help get support to where it can do the most good.

Corporate Collaboration: Case Study 1

Donation matching doubles employees' impact

Japan Tobacco Inc.



Through a three-year renewable cooperation agreement, Japan Tobacco has long supported the training and strengthening of the ARROWS team, as well as its external partnerships. Every time we conduct emergency disaster relief, the company runs an internal donation drive and doubles the amount donated by employees by "donation matching", enabling the kindness of the staff to have twice the impact.



Corporate Collaboration: Case Study 3

Western and eastern disaster relief hubs opened to ensure speedy disaster relief

Amazon Japan G.K.



Amazon Japan G.K. leveraged its logistical capabilities and experience in handling a vast array of items by opening "disaster relief hubs" at its fulfillment centers in Sagami-hara city (Kanagawa prefecture) and Amagasaki city (Hyogo prefecture). These hubs house a range of goods selected in coordination with ARROWS for their utility in the immediate aftermath of a disaster, and trial delivery runs were carried out. Four days after the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, the first relief supplies reached Suzu city in Ishikawa prefecture.



Support from corporate entities 15,987 donations from 3,758 organizations



Donations



Collaborative projects



Corporate hometown tax



Material donations

Dedicated web page:



Corporate Collaboration: Case Study 2

Realizing disaster relief at scale through cash and material donations

Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. Uniqlo Co., Ltd.



Immediately after the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, the two companies swung into action. Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. made a financial contribution to medical and other emergency support activities, while Uniqlo Co., Ltd. offered a large donation of underwear, vital to evacuees. ARROWS took responsibility for distribution in Suzu city, Ishikawa prefecture, delivering not only to evacuation centers but also to many people who were sheltering at home.



Corporate Collaboration: Case Study 4

Wide-ranging cooperation on disaster and conflict relief in Japan and abroad

Zensho Holdings SUKIYA CO., LTD.



In FY2023, in-store donation boxes were set up following the Morocco earthquake, and internal fundraising was carried out for the Palestinian children of Gaza in support of Peace Winds' international humanitarian work. Following the 2024 Noto Peninsula earthquake, in response to information provided by the ARROWS team, a Sukiya food truck was sent to Suzu city in Ishikawa prefecture to distribute meals. The truck stayed for several months amid water outages and miserable winter weather to serve up hot beef and rice meals in evacuation centers.



SUPPORT FROM COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Peace Winds considers companies and organizations to be important partners and actively collaborates with them. In FY2023, we received support from over 800 corporations

FY2023 Supporting Companies and Organizations

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Media Appearances

At Peace Winds, we understand the importance of promoting our work to as wide an audience as possible. As well as numerous appearances in conventional media, we proactively share material via YouTube and other social networks.



Television

2023	February 9	Abema TV	Thinking about "the nature of support" and "facing criticism" in the context of the Türkiye earthquake
	February 26	RCC TV	Türkiye-Syria earthquake: NGO press conference on return to Japan
	March 7	i-Television	First private sector case in Japan: Disaster relief ship "Power of Change" enters service
	March 25	Fuji Television	THE Critical Dialogue - Türkiye-Syria earthquake: The support needed now
	August 20	NHK	Japanese NGO relief work in the field: "Community recovery is needed"
	November 15	Shizuoka Broadcasting	Dog rescue and adoption facility opens in Hamamatsu city
2024	January 8	TV Asahi	Airborne emergency response team saving lives in disaster area
	January 8	Fuji Television	Noto Peninsula earthquake: Woman, 94, rescued after 124 hours
	January 9	CNN	At least 168 confirmed dead, more than 300 missing
	January 14	NHK	Noto Peninsula earthquake: What is needed now?

Newspapers / Web media

2023	February 17	Yomiuri Shimbun	Displaced people struggle in freezing conditions in Türkiye; Japanese medic at the scene says "Needs are changing by the day"
	February 21	Nikkei online	Utilizing Japanese expertise amid concerns of long-term displacement after Türkiye-Syria Earthquake
	February 26	Asahi Shimbun Digital	NPO analyzes medical records of 834 Ukrainian refugees, high blood pressure prevalent
	September 13	Asahi Shimbun	Japanese relief NPO enters Morocco, solicits donations
	September 19	Mainichi Shimbun	Burkina Faso resembles Japan 20 years ago: borderless aid for hepatitis
	October 12	Yahoo! News	Over 2000 dead following repeated earthquakes in Afghanistan: Interview from the ground
2024	January 7	Asahi Shimbun Digital	"Exceptional" rescue five days after earthquake: Medic reflects on reasons for survival
	January 10	Yahoo! News	Talking to an NPO medic in Suzu city about disaster relief needs

Radio

2023	February 8	TBS Radio	Two days on from Türkiye-Syrian earthquake, a disaster relief team member on the ground describes the situation
	February 13	NHK Radio	Türkiye earthquake: One week on
	October 10	J-Wave	News to the Table: Palestine

Total media appearances: 488, including television (60), newspapers/web media (407), radio (17), other (4)

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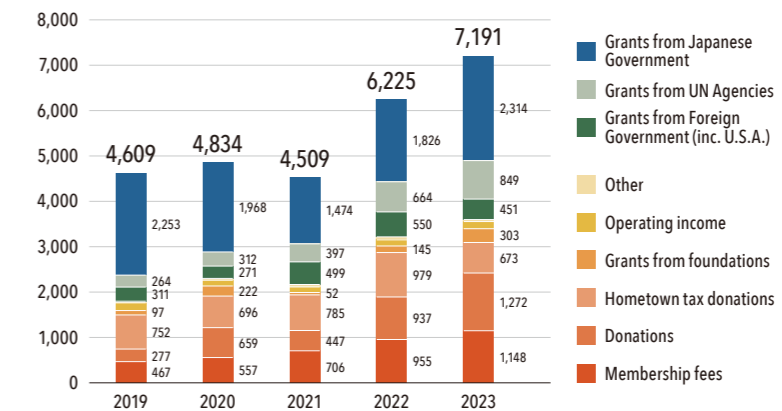
In FY2023, ordinary income increased by 15% on the previous year, reaching a total of approximately 7.19 billion yen. This increase was largely driven by three factors. Firstly, we saw an increase in donations. Disasters including major earthquakes in Türkiye, Morocco, Afghanistan, China's Gansu province, and Japan's Noto peninsula, as well as the cyclone in Myanmar and Hawaiian wildfires all attracted significant donations, whilst legacy gifts also increased. This resulted in a 35% rise in donation income compared to the previous FY. Secondly, funding and grants also increased. Due to expansion of the support we received for ongoing operations such as those in Ukraine and Moldova (1.25 billion yen; up 171% on the previous FY) and Kenya (860 million yen; up 209% on the previous FY), our grant income topped 3.9 billion yen, representing an increase of 23% on the previous FY. Thirdly, in January 2024 we reached 71,000 supporters (an increase of 13,000 on a year earlier), resulting in a 20% increase in membership fee income compared to the previous FY.

At the same time, ordinary expenditure also increased by 23% compared to the previous FY, reaching approximately 7.17 billion yen. In addition to expanding our support activities, there was also an increase in expenditure on strengthening our logistical capabilities for emergency response, field hospital preparations, and setting up bases to support local medical work. A portion of the income we have received through grants and funding, membership fees, donations, and hometown tax will be carried over for use in our activities in the next FY and beyond.

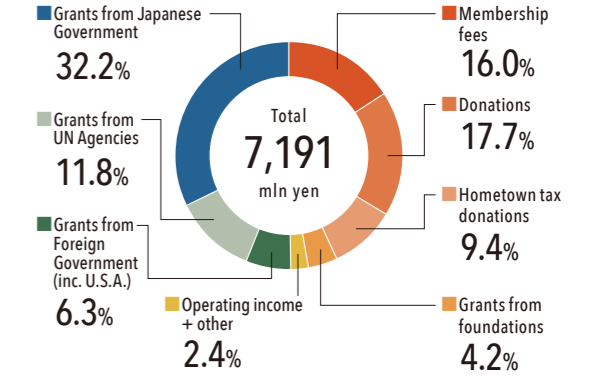
Changes and Breakdown of Ordinary Income

In FY2023, the proportion of income from grants was 54.5% (+3.3% compared to the previous year), whereas the combined income from donations, membership fees, and hometown tax payments was 43.1% (-3.0% compared to the previous year).

Revenue 2019-2023



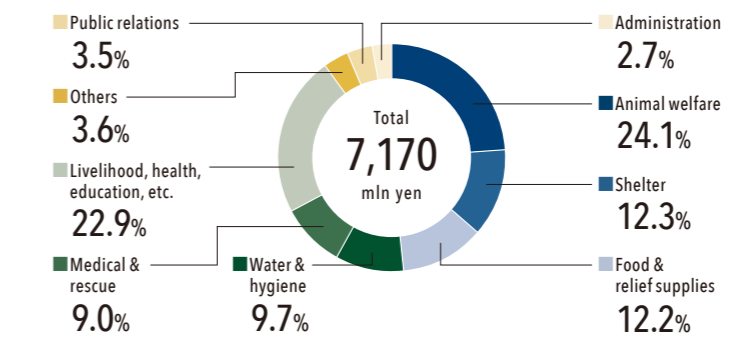
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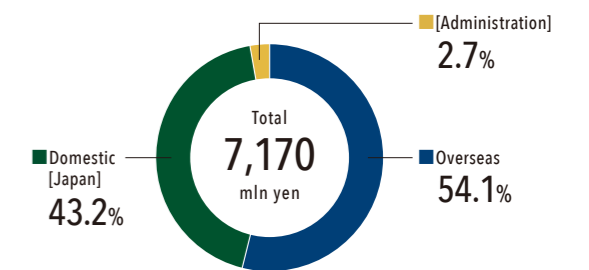
Breakdown of Ordinary Expenditure

When ordinary expenditure in FY2023 is broken down by sector, the first place goes to our domestic dog rescue project at 24.1% (-3.5% compared to the previous year); the second place goes to shelter support for refugee camps and returnees overseas at 12.3% (-4.9% compared to the previous year); and the third place goes to support for food and relief supply distribution at 12.2% (+0.9% compared to the previous year), which was expanded as a result of disaster relief operations. The ratio of overseas to domestic operations is 54.1% (-1.5% compared to the previous year) for overseas operations and 43.2% (+1.7% compared to the previous year) for domestic operations.

Expenditure by sector 2023



Expenditure by geography 2023



25th Fiscal Period Profit and Loss Statement 1 February 2023 - 31 January 2024

Item	Amount (JPY)		
I Operating Revenue			
1. Membership Fees			
General Membership Fees	1,800,000		
Support Membership Fees	720,000		
Peace Supporters	42,347,741		
Dog Supporters	1,027,351,386		
Dog Family	65,681,000		
ARROWS Supporters	6,611,400		
ARROWS Medical Supporters	1,052,000		
Other Membership Fees	2,646,900	1,148,210,427	
2. Donations			
General Donations	79,215,700		
Designated Donations	1,053,692,054		
In-kind Donations	139,188,163	1,272,095,917	
3. Grants			
Hometown Tax Donations	673,373,994		
Grants from Foundations	2,227,288,675		
Grants from Japanese Government	390,501,446		
Grants from UN Agencies	1,299,502,122	4,590,666,237	
4. Operating Income			
Fair Trade Program and Social Design Program Income	102,632,469		
Subcontracting Income	23,699,840		
Partnership Program and Other Income	31,719,379	158,051,688	
5. Other Revenue			
Interest Earned	3,329,547		
Miscellaneous Income	18,797,286	22,126,833	
Total Operating Revenue			7,191,151,102
II Operating Expenses			
1. Program Expenses			
(1) Personnel Expenses			
Salary	872,393,649		
Wage	44,141,827		
Legal Welfare Expenses	122,071,120		
Welfare Expenses	4,216,868		
Retirement Benefit Expenses	5,617,036		
Salary for Overseas Program	438,256,993		
Total Personnel Expenses	1,486,697,493		
(2) Other Expenses			
Direct Program Implementation Cost	2,862,365,634		
Amount of Goods Purchased	56,868,895		
Rent	192,681,574		
Office Maintenance	101,724,248		
Utilities	53,886,146		
Lease Expenses	191,156,782		
Car Rental	60,542,804		
Communications	26,353,681		
Travel and Transportation Expenses (Overseas)	112,159,067		
Travel and Transportation Expenses (Domestic)	95,687,681		
Awareness and Fundraising Expenses	616,093,880		
Outsourcing Costs	457,465,734		
Handling Charges	105,174,725		
Gifts-related Cost of Hometown Tax Donation	20,334,984		
Donations	67,762,000		
Depreciation Expenses	95,287,919		
Other	374,907,480		
Total Other Expenses	5,490,453,234		
Total Program Expenses		6,977,150,727	

Item	Amount (JPY)		
2. Administrative Expenses			
(1) Personnel Expenses			
Executive Salary	100,000		
Salary	69,893,840		
Wage	860,888		
Legal Welfare Expenses	26,620,460		
Welfare Expenses	1,403,838		
Retirement Benefit Expenses	8,318,801		
Total Personnel Expenses	107,197,827		
(2) Other Expenses			
Rent	17,973,452		
Office Maintenance	800,466		
Utilities	4,314,410		
Lease Expenses	1,391,316		
Communications	2,560,653		
Travel and Transportation Expenses (Domestic)	3,133,932		
Outsourcing Costs	12,148,100		
Handling Charges	3,218,177		
Depreciation Expenses	2,937,043		
Other	37,560,757		
Total Other Expenses	86,038,306		
Total Administrative Expenses		193,236,133	
Total Operating Expenses			7,170,386,860
Net Balance			20,764,242
III Non-Operating Income			
Gains on Sales of Fixed Assets		381,289	
Gains on Revaluation of Securities		287,200	
Foreign Exchange Gain		34,454,456	
Total Non-Operating Income			35,122,945
IV Non-Operating Expenses			
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets		3,736,161	
Restitution of Grants from Donors		6,999,490	
Interest Expenses		54,993,334	
Loss on Devaluation of Investment Securities		204,400	
Other Non-Operating Expenses		46,500	
Total Non-Operating Expenses			65,979,885
Changes in Current Net Assets before Income Taxes			▲10,092,698
Income Tax			979,000
Change in Current Net Assets			▲11,071,698
Net Assets Brought Forward			700,636,278
Net Assets Carried Forward			689,564,580

25th Fiscal Period Statement of Balance Sheet As of 31 January 2024

Item	Amount (JPY)		
I Assets			
1. Current Assets			
Cash	1,283,758,885		
Cash Abroad	345,184,348		
Accounts Receivable	11,527,777		
Goods for Sale	32,975,530		
Supplies	38,600,945		
Accounts Receivable	211,977,746		
Accrued Income	9,331,973		
Advances Payment	3,304,261		
Advances paid	8,327,276		
Prepaid Expenses	18,162,025		
Suspense Payment	339,591,837		
Accrued Subsidies, etc.	67,698,182		
Savings	13,505,908		
Accrued Consumption Tax	3,711,900		
Total Current Assets		2,387,658,593	
2. Fixed Assets			
Buildings	289,386,312		
Building-Attached Facilities	112,426,449		
Structures	102,038,359		
Automotive Equipment	4,555,399		
Tools, Furniture, and Fixtures	51,518,453		
Machinery and Equipment	1,118,114		
Ship	42,358,930		
Living Assets	658,405		
Land	30,414,038		
Artworks	582,205,271		
Books	18,015,068		
Lease Assets	44,490,560		
Construction in Progress	5,500,000		
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	1,284,685,358		
Telephone Rights	385,392		
Trademarks	223,347		
Water Facility Usage Rights	183,018		
Leasehold Rights	1,857,600		
Software	2,886,665		
Total Intangible Fixed Assets	5,536,022		
Stocks in Subsidiary	5,594,700		
Investment Securities	48,126,000		
Long-Term Deposit	85,165,586		
Long-Term Prepaid Expenses	944,000		
Rental Security Deposits	26,476,342		
Insurance Reserve Fund	4,682,700		
Total Investment and Other Assets	170,989,328		
Total Fixed Assets		1,461,210,708	
Total Assets		3,848,869,301	

Item	Amount (JPY)		
II Liabilities			
1. Current Liabilities			
Suspense Receipts	1,774,718		
Accounts Payable	503,223,373		
Accrued Expenses	1,513,117		
Withholdings	12,150,772		
Deferred Revenue	57,333		
Short-Term Loans Payable	160,000,000		
Long-Term Loans Payable within 1 Year Repayment Plan	110,628,694		
Subsidies Received	949,206,081		
Income Taxes Payable	929,000		
Total Current Liabilities		1,739,483,088	
2. Fixed Liabilities			
Reserve for Retirement Allowances	62,334,833		
Lease Obligations	47,529,390		
Long-Term Loans Payable	1,309,867,000		
Long-Term Unearned Revenue	90,410		
Total Fixed Liabilities		1,419,821,633	
Total Liabilities		3,159,304,721	
III Net Assets			
Net Amount Brought Forward	700,636,278		
Change in Current Net Assets	▲11,071,698		
Net Assets		689,564,580	
Total Net Assets		689,564,580	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets		3,848,869,301	

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Activities in FY2023

	Purpose	Sector	Activities	Location	No. of Beneficiaries
Iraq	Assistance for Syrian refugees	Livelihood assistance, Shelter, Infrastructure	Improvements to camp housing and access to public facilities, employment opportunities created by improvement works	Duhok Province, Erbil Province	25,662 people
	Assistance for returnees	Livelihood assistance	Vocational training	Ninewa Province	1,704 people
Syria	Humanitarian crisis response	Sanitation	Distribution of hygiene kits and infection prevention awareness activities for preventing COVID-19 and Cholera	Within Syria	24,500 people
		Psychosocial support	Psychosocial support for vulnerable communities		3,054 people
		Food	Food support for vulnerable communities		5,475 people
		Psychosocial support	Psychosocial support for pregnant women, mothers with infants, and disabled people		Ongoing; no final tally
		Psychosocial support	Psychosocial support for children, women, and others suffering from psychological damage		Ongoing; no final tally
Assistance for those affected by Southeast Türkiye earthquake	Food, Psychosocial support	Emergency food distribution immediately after the earthquake, Provision of psychosocial first aid for those affected, Psychological support for children		25,950 people	
Afghanistan	Humanitarian crisis response	Food	Cash assistance for food to vulnerable households in remote areas	Pachir Agam District, Nangarhar Province	13,979 people
	Assistance for those affected by Herat earthquake	Distribution of food and supplies	Distribution of food and daily household goods, cash assistance for winter living	Gayan District, Paktika Province	784 people
		Food, Water and sanitation, Healthcare, Shelter, and Distribution of supplies	Multi-purpose cash assistance, distribution of supplies for winter living	Zindajan and Kushk Districts, Herat Province	6,874 people
Educational assistance	Education	Improvements to female educational environment	Pachir Agam District, Nangarhar Province	1,480 people	
Palestine	Humanitarian crisis response	Psychosocial support	Psychosocial support for kindergartners in Gaza	Deir al Balah, Khan Younis and Rafah Governorates	868 people
		Cash for Work, Food	Cash for Work (CFW) and cash assistance for food to conflict-affected households in Gaza	North Gaza and Gaza Governorates	3,093 people
	Educational assistance and Electrical improvements	Education	Improvements to electrical supply and access to educational opportunities by installing de-carbonizing technologies in educational institutions in Gaza	North Gaza and Deir al Balah Governorates	Program interrupted; no final tally
		Food, Non-Food Items (NFIs)	Food and NFI distribution as well as water supply assistance to conflict-affected people in Gaza	Central and Southern Gaza	7,070 people
Gaza emergency response	Food	Transport and distribution of food from Egypt, Food and hot meal distribution in Jabalia, Gaza City (Northern Gaza) and Bureij, Deir al Balah (Central Gaza)	Northern and Central Gaza	21,154 people	
South Sudan	Assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees, and host communities	Water and sanitation	Construction and upgrade of water and sanitation facilities to flood-resilient design, strengthening of community resilience in facility maintenance, dissemination of sanitation knowledge and practice	Central Equatoria State, Upper Nile State	31,206 people
		Food	Construction and upgrade of water and sanitation facilities and dissemination of sanitation knowledge and practice amongst refugees from deteriorating security situation in Upper Nile State		11,880 people
		Food	Distribution of take-home ration to elementary school students	Upper Nile State	4,284 people
	Assistance for Sudanese refugees	Fishing, Livelihood assistance	Supporting acquisition of fishing skills by internally displaced persons to improve food security and livelihood		630 people
Kenya	Assistance for refugees and host communities	Water and sanitation	Water and sanitation assistance in refugee communities	Central Equatoria State	5,100 people
		Water and sanitation, Shelter, Supply chain	Improvement of water and sanitation environment in refugee camps, and host communities, Provision of shelters to newly arrived refugees, Provision of humanitarian assistance supply chain services	Garissa County	320,853 people
		Water and sanitation	Water and sanitation, shelter, and logistics assistance in refugee settlement, refugee camps and host communities, Provision of assistance to local government and community based organization to develop comprehensive refugee support system		445,075 people
		Sanitation	Study on water supply systems in refugee settlement, refugee camps, and host communities	Turkana County	300,000 people
	Assistance for pastoralist households	Protection and gender, Livelihood assistance	Implementation of decentralized solid waste management system in refugee settlement, refugee camps, and host communities		270,000 people
		Food, Nutrition	Working with private sector enterprises to achieve livelihood improvements for girls and women in refugee camps and host communities		477,244 people
		Food	Promotion of climate change-resilient kitchen garden skills to improve food security and nutrition in refugee camps		5,000 people
	Assistance for local residents	Sanitation, Nutrition	Distribution of food vouchers and installation of water facilities to improve food security of pastoralist households	Garissa County	16,200 people
		Water and sanitation	Improving sanitation and nutrition of pastoralist households through community-led sanitation activities	Turkana County, West-Pokot County	190,562 people
	Uganda	Assistance for South Sudanese and DRC refugees and host communities	Water and sanitation	Assistance to improve water and sanitation in arid and semi-arid regions	Turkana County, Garissa County
Sanitation, Community assistance			Improving community sexual and reproductive health and strengthening countermeasures against gender-based violence		11,220 people
Protection and gender			Protection for refugee and host communities women who are particularly in a vulnerable situation through utilising Women Development Center	Imvepi Refugee Settlement, Arua District, and Kyaka II Refugee Settlement, Kyegegwa District	18,100 people
Assistance for DRC refugees and host communities		Gender, Health, Livelihood assistance	Protection, leadership, and empowerment assistance for women, men, and youth in a vulnerable situation due to the impact of COVID-19	3 Women's support centers in Adjumani District, Yumbe District, and Kyegegwa District	4,360 people
		Protection and gender, Livelihood assistance	Promoting female independence through Awareness Raising on Gender, Safety net Development, and improved knowledge and skills, Strengthening protection capabilities of Women Development Centers	Imvepi Refugee Settlement, Arua District, and Kyaka II Refugee Settlement, Kyegegwa District	14,300 people
Assistance for population affected by northern Mozambique conflict and host communities	Protection and gender, Livelihood assistance	Risk reduction of Gender-based Violence against women, and assisting improving access to public services	2 Women Development centers in Kaabong District and Isingiro District	2,400 people	
	Water and sanitation	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion assistance in areas for newly-arrived refugees, assistance to improve public health and strengthen resilience against infectious disease in refugee and host communities	Kyaka II Refugee Settlement, Kyegegwa District	10,070 people	
Mozambique	Assistance for population affected by northern Mozambique conflict and host communities	Water and sanitation, Distribution of NFIs, Agriculture	Water and sanitation improvements for resettlement areas and host communities, agriculture-focused livelihood recovery	Chiure District, Cabo Delgado Province	16,630 people
	Assistance for cyclone-affected population	Water and sanitation	Emergency humanitarian assistance for cyclone-affected population, establishment and training of anti-cholera team, distribution of sanitary kits, sanitation awareness-raising	Govuro District, Inhambane Province	39,433 people

	Purpose	Sector	Activities	Location	No. of Beneficiaries	
Sri Lanka	Assistance for returnees	Agriculture, Community development	Rehabilitation of farmland from water facility installation and diversification of agricultural income from non-rice crops and organic vegetables to generate income	Muthur Division, Kuchchaveli Division, Padavisripura Division, Kinnya Division, Verugal Division, Morawewa Division, and Gomarankadawara Division in Trincomalee District	1,345 people	
	Assistance for agricultural community		Securing sustainable livelihoods for smallholder farmers through the adoption of circular agriculture using local resources in Trincomalee District	Muthur Division, Kuchchaveli Division, Kinnya Division, Morawewa Division, Trincomalee Town & Gravets Division, and Kantalai Division in Trincomalee District	540 people	
Myanmar	Emergency humanitarian assistance	Food, NFIs	Food and NFI distribution to internally displaced persons and host communities	Within Myanmar	6,999 people	
		Food, NFIs, Health	Distribution of food and maternity support kits to vulnerable expectant and nursing mothers	Yangon Region, Nay Pyi Taw Region, Magway Area	2,110 people	
		Medical infrastructure	Ensuring continuity of medical service provision and NFI distribution to prevent spread of COVID-19 in Yangon Region	Yangon Region	10,000 people	
		Protection	Protecting the rights of vulnerable people including infants and mothers (guardians) who have fled to Thailand from Myanmar, childcare and health education, provision of Thai language learning opportunities	Kanchanaburi Province (Thailand)	200 people	
Assistance for cyclone-affected population	Food, NFIs	Emergency distribution of food and NFIs to those affected by Cyclone Mocha in May 2023 and damage assessment	Magway Area	6,340 people		
Nepal	Assistance for those affected by Nepal earthquake	Water and sanitation, Agriculture	Improving access to water and the livelihoods of smallholder farmers by introducing vegetable cultivation	Sindhupalchowk District	3,660 people	
Mongolia	Assistance for children	Child protection	Support for children of poor families	Ulaanbaatar City	50 people	
East Timor	Development assistance	Promotion of self-sustainability of coffee producers	Assistance for small scale coffee producers and expansion of support areas through strengthening coffee quality control system	Letefoho Administrative Post of Ermera Municipality, Dili city of Dili Municipality	3,304 people	
Haiti	Assistance for livelihood improvement	Livelihood improvement	Vocational training assistance (tailoring) for young villagers in Southern Haiti	Taverne village, Arniquet, Sud Department	150 people	
Bangladesh	Assistance for Rohingya refugees and host communities	Health	Medical assistance in refugee camp, training of Community Health Volunteers for supporting vulnerable people through awareness programs in Camp 14 and host communities	Ukhiya region and Teknaf Sub-district, Cox's Bazar District	55,211 people	
		Health	Mobile medical clinics and health screening on remote islands using hospital ship, promoting non-communicable diseases prevention and developing of human resources for sustainable operations	Country-wide	18,000 people	
Palau	Assistance for strengthening non-communicable diseases prevention systems	Health	Installing booths for promoting healthy diet and suggesting healthy food options through social media		60 people	
		Health	Emergency distribution of food, daily goods, and sanitary goods in Maui wildfire disaster area	Maui Island, Hawaii	2,620 people	
United States of America (Hawaii)	Emergency assistance after wildfire	Psychosocial support	Psychosocial support for community affected by Maui wildfire through events and training		—	
		Pet assistance	Relief supplies and financial assistance to protect animals affected by Maui wildfire		—	
Ukraine	Assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs) and host communities	Evacuation support, Food, NFIs	Support for evacuation from war zones, maintenance of evacuation centers, distribution of food, hygiene products, and daily necessities	Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Cherkasy Oblast, Kirovohrad Oblast, Kyiv, Poltava, Lviv Oblast, Vinnytsa Oblast, Chernivtsi Oblast	41,082 people	
		Health and education infrastructure, Psychosocial support, Legal support	Provision of medicines to affected medical facilities, mobile health checks, repair and maintenance of kindergartens, provision of music and sports equipment to schools, provision of psychosocial, legal, and social support	Lviv Oblast, Chernihiv Oblast, Sumy Oblast, Kyiv Oblast, Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, Poltava Oblast, Mykolaiv Oblast, Kherson Oblast, Kharkiv Oblast, Luhansk Oblast, Donetsk Oblast, Zaporizhia Oblast, Cherkasy Oblast, Kirovohrad Oblast, Vinnytsa Oblast, Chernivtsi Oblast	2,079,876 people	
		Food, NFIs	Provision of food and daily goods, winter living supplies, support for temporary shelters (RAC)	Chisinau municipality, Balti city, Nisporeni district, Glodeni district, Criuleni district, Cahul district	74,072 people	
Moldova	Assistance for displaced Ukrainians in Moldova and host communities	Medical and educational support	Medical support for disabled people with chronic conditions, operating learning spaces and learning support for school-age refugees, improvements of facilities at public schools accepting refugees	Chisinau municipality, Balti city, Nisporeni district, Glodeni district, Criuleni district, Cahul district	1,471 people	
Pakistan	Assistance for those affected by Pakistan flooding	Agriculture, Food	Seed and vegetable growing tool kit distribution to vulnerable households affected by flooding, promotion of vegetable cultivation	Dadu District, Sindh Province	9,156 people	
Burkina Faso	Assistance for local residents	Medical support	Supporting hepatitis B testing framework in Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso	Ouagadougou, Bobo-Dioulasso	200 people	
Türkiye	Assistance for those affected by Southeast Türkiye earthquake	Search and rescue, Medical support	Search and rescue for people trapped under collapsed buildings and rubble, medical support for those affected by the earthquake	Hatay Province, Gaziantep Province, Adiyaman Province, Osmaniye Province	120 households	
		Food, NFIs	Distribution of food and daily necessities to cope with heat in villages cut off by the earthquake	Antakya, Hatay Province	27,835 people	
		Psychosocial support	Mental health and psychosocial support for children and guardians affected by the earthquake	İskenderun, Hatay Province	1,587 people	
Morocco	Assistance for those affected by Central Morocco earthquake	Education infrastructure	Construction of temporary school buildings at school destroyed in the earthquake		Under construction; no final tally	
		NFIs	NFI support to affected villages	Al Haouz Province	120 people + 76 households	
China	Assistance for those affected by Gansu Province earthquake	Water and sanitation	Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) support for girls affected by the earthquake	Marrakesh Prefecture, Al Haouz Province, Chichaoua Province	2,500	
		Animal support	Food, shelter, and veterinary support for affected animals	Al Haouz Province	306 animals	
Domestic Operations (Japan)	Assistance for animals affected by Central Morocco earthquake	Search and NFI assistance	Search of damaged buildings, NFI support	Gansu Province	500 households	
		Promotion of traditional crafts	Community revitalization	Product development, subsidies, information dissemination, support for sales channel development and other promotional activities for traditional crafts of Saga	Saga Prefecture	Unspecified large number
		ARROWS	Disaster response	Medical care-focused emergency disaster relief, medical and rescue disaster response training	Hiroshima Prefecture and Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture	Unspecified large number
		Assistance for Noto Peninsula earthquake victims	Disaster response	Search and rescue activities, medical support, evacuee center operation support, NFI support, pet boarding support	Suzu City, Ishikawa Prefecture	Unspecified large number
		Assistance for West Japan flood victims	Disaster response	Community rebuilding, supporting development of social welfare base	Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture	Local residents (Unspecified large number)
		Tohoku reconstruction support	Community assistance	Community assistance for evacuees and people who have relocated due to Great East Japan Earthquake and Fukushima Daiichi accident	Fukushima Prefecture	869 people
		Strengthening community DRR capabilities	Disaster response	Holding training and seminars for disaster prevention and mitigation	All over Japan	Unspecified large number
		Animal protection and adoption: dogs	Animal protection	Protection and adoption of dogs, training of search and rescue dogs and diabetic alert dogs	Hiroshima Prefecture, Okayama Prefecture, Tokyo, Kanagawa Prefecture, Nara Prefecture, Shizuoka Prefecture	Unspecified large number
		Animal Protection: racehorses	Animal protection	Rehabilitation and retraining of former racehorses, interaction activities	Fukushima Prefecture	Unspecified large number
		Art promotion, Town development	Community revitalization	Medical support at hospitals and clinics in depopulated areas	Hiroshima Prefecture	Local residents (Unspecified large number)
Study in America	Study abroad support	Community revitalization	Public display of artworks, support for the operation of tourist facilities, etc	Ehime Prefecture, Hiroshima Prefecture, Shimane Prefecture	Unspecified large number	
		Educational support	Support for short term study abroad programs for children in care facilities	Japan, USA	6 people	

*Calculation of beneficiaries: For projects which benefit an entire area (e.g. village infrastructure improvement), the total population within that service area are counted as beneficiaries