



In the summer of 2021, two major disasters occurred in the Kyushu and Shizuoka areas. The recovery and reconstruction of the disaster-affected areas are still underway.



2021 Heavy Rains Our Sincere Thanks and a Report on Your Donations

As of November 2021, we received a total of 25,538,640 JPY in donations for the heavy rains that occurred in July and August 2021 [15% was deducted for operating costs]. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who donated. The closing date for donations for this project is the end of December 2021, but the recovery and reconstruction of the affected areas are still only half completed. Civic Force will continue to support the local, community-based recovery and reconstruction efforts through our NPO Partner Projects.

**2021: Two emergency deployments
and efforts during non-disaster times**

For a Disaster-Resilient Society: “Be Prepared” Again for 2022

2021 was another turbulent year for Civic Force. A landslide hit Atami City in Shizuoka Prefecture in July and heavy rain fell in Kyushu in August. The heavy rainfall in Kyushu was declared “abnormal weather” as the amount of precipitation exceeded that of the West Japan floods from three years ago.

“Disasters occur every year.” Looking back on the past year, disasters increased in both frequency and severity. In November, the 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change closed after agreeing on limiting the temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels. Nevertheless, the number of disasters increasing is inevitable.

As an organization specializing in disaster relief, Civic Force is confronting this reality, and we will further strengthen our “Emergency Preparedness Mechanism” in 2022. We will strive to meet the needs of disaster-affected areas through collaborations with companies, NPOs, local governments, and other organizations with varying resources. In addition, Civic force will strive to connect disaster-affected areas together and disseminate information and lessons that only affected people can convey.

In this issue, we present a summary report on our 2021 activities.

Emergency Relief



Members of NPO Shinsei creating a base for disseminating SDGs information at evacuation center

**【Great East Japan Earthquake】
New Projects Launched**

Ten years have passed since the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Civic Force's NPO Partner Projects highlights three themes - "Community Revitalization," "Fukushima Welfare Support," and "Passing Down Memories to Future Generations." In 2021, we launched five new projects and they are underway in cooperation with the eight organizations described below as of December 2021.

【NPO Partners】 Ishinomaki Revival Support Network, 311 Japan Nuclear Disaster Aid Association (311 Ukeire Zenkoku Kyogikai), Soma Aid and Rescue Team (Soma Kyuentai), Kokoro Smile Project, Kosodate-ship (Parenting-ship), Ohanashi Kororin, Shinsei, and Ohakozaki Citizens Council

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May

**【COVID-19】
Utilizing Disaster Assistance Network**

Leveraging our nationwide disaster assistance network, Civic Force delivered hand sanitizers, shampoos, and conditioners through 23 organizations across the country from April to June. In addition, we provided supplies to households in need due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also continuing our NPO Partner Projects with the five organizations listed below.



Hand sanitizers provided with the help of companies

【NPO Partners】 YWCA of Japan "Caro Fukushima," Ishinomaki Revival Support Network, The NGO Collaboration Center, The NPO TEDIC, and World Open Heart

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NPO Kusunoki taking care of cats

Emergency Relief for Atami Landslide Disaster

The Izusan area was heavily damaged from the Atami landslide. Civic Force ran a free transportation service and distributed free taxi vouchers to the affected people in the Hama, Nakamichi, and Kidani districts of Izusan as well as for people staying in evacuation centers. Additionally, we delivered boxed meals, school supplies, cleaning tools, and hygiene goods. We also started NPO Partner Projects in September supporting five partner organizations working on cleaning a temple, caring for affected parents and children, and protecting animals in the affected area.

【NPO Partners】 Megumi Association, Atami Kicollys, NPO Kusunoki, Shizuoka Kyoiku Network, Ten Kara Sen

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Emergency Relief for Kyushu Floods



Saga Prefecture flooded again in August

On August 14, heavy rains poured across Kyushu and western Japan, prompting evacuation orders to more than 640,000 households. Due to lessons learned from the torrential rains in Saga Prefecture two years ago, there were few human casualties, but many houses were flooded. Civic Force established a base in Saga Prefecture to distribute relief supplies to evacuation centers and provide transportation in cooperation with local taxi companies. Since September, we have been helping after-school daycare centers resume operations through NPO Partner Projects.

【NPO Partners】 NPO Galapagos

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Disaster Assistance Agreement Concluded with Takeo City, Saga Prefecture (Former A-PAD Japan)

An agreement on disaster assistance activities was concluded between Civic Force and Takeo City, Saga Prefecture, which suffered record heavy rain in 2019. This mechanism is to facilitate assistance activities that we have been implementing and to rescue as many people as possible.

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Mr. Tadashi Komatsu, City Mayor (Right) and Ms. Kaori Neki, Executive Director

Preparation in Non-Disaster Times



Evacuation Center Assistance under COVID-19 Pandemic (Former A-PAD Japan)

Civic Force contributed to raising COVID-19 prevention awareness in evacuation center operations by distributing thermo cameras and handouts in disaster-prone Saga Prefecture. Moreover, we collaborated with Saga Association of Architectural Firms and worked on modeling a layout of the Omachi Town Community Center, which was used for an evacuation center for over 200 people during the Saga Prefecture heavy rain in 2019.



Setting up partitions in evacuation center

Evacuation Center Workshop

A workshop titled "How the evacuation center has changed under COVID-19" was conducted in Omachi Town, Saga Prefecture. This program consisted of experiential activities including a reception drill practicing temperature checks and sanitization, a tour of the evacuation center, and a setup of makeshift beds and toilets. Residents and local governments employees joined this program, and they took full advantage of this experience during the August heavy rain which occurred two weeks after the program.

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Merger with A-PAD Japan

Civic Force merged with A-PAD Japan, a disaster assistance NPO in Saga Prefecture. This will enable us to provide quick and efficient disaster assistance in the Kyushu region, a disaster-prone area.

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Saga Prefecture "Corporate Hometown Tax Payment Project - Support for CSO Solution to Local Community Challenges"

Civic Force's "Public-Private Cooperative Project to Promote Disaster Prevention and Response in Saga Prefecture" has been adopted by Saga Prefecture for a funding program called "FY2021 Hometown Tax Payment Utilization Project - Support for CSO (Civil Society Organizations) Solution to Local Community Challenges." The program aims to build a collaborative society balancing self-help, mutual assistance and public assistance. Through this project, Civic Force will implement a system for delivering relief goods that meet the needs of disaster-affected areas.

Pick Up! "Corporate Hometown Tax Payment" Up to 90% Can be Deducted

When a company makes a donation by utilizing the corporate hometown tax payment scheme, up to 90% of the donated amount can be deducted - 60% can be deducted from corporate tax in addition to deductible expenses (roughly 30%). Please contact us for further information.

Nov

Private Sector Disaster Prevention Project "Let's Stockpile Together" Launched



A crowdfunding project "Private Sector Disaster Prevention Project - Let's Stockpile Together" (hometown tax scheme) has been launched for the purpose of stockpiling emergency relief goods that will be needed in times of disaster.

Please go to the following site for details: <https://www.furusato-tax.jp/gcf/1506>

Adoption by Toyota Foundation's Grant Program

Our project titled "Business products and services connected with support organizations - creating digital platform services" has been adopted for the Toyota Foundation's Grant Program for Community Activities in Japan 2021. This year's theme was "Fostering an Autonomous Society under the 'New Normal' Through Inventive Ideas." This project will aim to create a support system that promotes human interaction during the pandemic and distribute leftover items to people in need.

Seminar: Learning from Previous Disasters (Former A-PAD Japan)

A seminar titled "Preparing for the future by learning the history of serious disasters in Saga" was organized.



Lecture given by Mr. Gunji Aramaki, Director, Mizu Monogatari Kan

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Looking Back on 2021



Civic Force and Japan Professional Baseball Players Association Sign Disaster Assistance Partnership Agreement



On December 6, 2021, Civic Force and the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association signed a partnership agreement for disaster assistance activities and established the Japan Professional Baseball Players Association Disaster Assistance Fund (Players Fund). As disasters continue to increase, we will work together through every phase of disaster assistance including emergency response, recovery/reconstruction and disaster risk reduction with a particular focus on initial response.

Civic Force Executive Director Delivers Lecture in Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture



On October 20, Ms. Kaori Neki, Executive Director of Civic Force, delivered a lecture on "Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Assistance Activities" at the "Fiscal 2021 Exchange Meeting with Invited CSOs" held at the Community Plaza in Karatsu City, Saga Prefecture.

Media Coverage

- 21.11.23** **NEWSPAPER** **The Saga Shimbun**
"Civic Force and Tokio Marine G Nichido's Saga Branch collaborating to prepare for natural disasters"
- 21.11.04** **NEWSPAPER** **The Atami Keizai Shimbun**
"Four months after landslide disaster in Atami/Izusan area: reconstruction assistance led by regional organizations"
- 21.10.20** **WEB** **Manual on Money**
"Textbook on money: recommended destinations for fund-raising and donations"
- 21.10.07** **NEWSPAPER** **The Atami Shimbun**
"Restoring community's place of relief: reconstruction of Aizome Jizo-do underway"

Program Coordinator(s) Needed in Fukushima and Iwate Prefectures

Civic Force is seeking a program coordinator(s) to work on the Great East Japan Earthquake NPO Partner Projects based in Fukushima and Iwate prefectures. We welcome applications from people who are eager to support the disaster-affected areas.



NPO Partner Projects

Support Our Activities Easily

General Donations

Hometown tax payment program

<https://www.furusato-tax.jp/city/product/41001/107>

Value Books: "Charibon"

<http://www.charibon.jp>

Heads: "Charity Happiness Shopping Bags"

<https://www.e-heads.co.jp/products/detail2/3219>

SUNNAP (sales limited in ASKUL)

"Phase-free Certified Paper Cup with Measurement"

<https://askul.disclosure.site/ja/themes/103>

Hondana-Otasuke-Tai: "Donation by Selling Second-Hand Books"

<https://hondana.biz/charity-application/>

EC Navi: "Smile Project"

https://ecnavi.jp/smile_project/

COVID-19 Emergency Assistance

BEAMS "BEAMS Mask"

<https://www.beams.co.jp/brand/901658/>

Yahoo! Net Donation

● **NPO Partner Projects** <http://donation.yahoo.co.jp/detail/3747017>

● **Lending Trailers to Hospitals** <http://donation.yahoo.co.jp/detail/3747016>

GlobalGiving

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/coronavirus-relief-aid-distribution/>

Great East Japan Earthquake

Yahoo! Net Donation

<http://donation.yahoo.co.jp/detail/3747011>

Start Your Support with Only 33 Yen per Day

In order to be better prepared for future disasters, we need your support. Become a monthly supporter and you can donate a fixed amount each month (in 1,000 yen units) and help prepare for future large-scale disasters.

● Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation :

Aoyama Branch Account No. 6953964

● Japan Post Bank : 00140-6-361805

(Account holder's name of the above banks is "Civic Force")

● Credit card : Please check the "Donate Now!" section of the Civic Force website below

<https://bokinchan3.com/civicforce/donation/bokin/page1.php>

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