



①. Otsuchi Town shrouded in smoke as the fire continues to spread ②. The forest in Kirikiri district affected by wildfire ③. Conducting site damage assessment ④. Installing air purifiers at evacuation shelters in collaboration with the Disaster Welfare Assistance Team (DWAT)

Emergency Assistance for Otsuchi Town Wildfire

Quickly Delivering Assistance and Hearing the People

On April 22, 2026, a large-scale wildfire broke out in Otsuchi Town, Iwate Prefecture. The fire continued to spread mainly in the Kirikiri and Kozuchi districts, burning 1,633 hectares, approximately 8% of the town's area. Two people were injured, and eight buildings were damaged.

Civic Force swiftly dispatched staff to the site to conduct a needs assessment and initiate relief activities. Guided by local needs, we procured and distributed relief supplies and worked to improve the conditions at evacuation centers. Although the fire was declared extinguished on May 29, continued mid- to long-term support is needed for recovery and reconstruction.

Civic Force will continue to work in cooperation with local partner organizations and other groups to provide assistance tailored to the needs of the affected areas.

For details on the emergency relief activities, please see page 2.



Disaster Cooperation Agreement with Soka City and Soka-Yashio Area Amusement Industry Crime Prevention Cooperation Association

On June 26, 2026, Civic Force concluded a disaster cooperation agreement with Soka City in Saitama Prefecture, and the Soka-Yashio Area Amusement Industry Crime Prevention Cooperation Association. The agreement establishes a rapid response framework for large-scale disasters by utilizing local pachinko parlors' spacious facilities and parking lots as emergency supply hubs, power stations, and restroom facilities for residents. Under this partnership, Civic Force will collaborate with corporate sponsors to coordinate and distribute critical relief goods. Additionally, on June 19, relief supplies were delivered to a stockpile warehouse in Kainan City, Wakayama Prefecture, further expanding our regional emergency logistics network.

Emergency Assistance for Otsuchi Town Wildfire Responding to Ever-changing Needs in Affected Areas

The day after the wildfire broke out in Otsuchi Town, Civic Force was on the ground providing emergency assistance. Here we share a record of our activities in the affected areas.

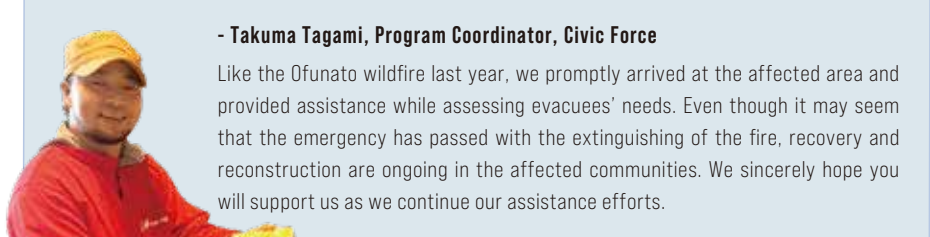
- **Apr. 22 Wildfire broke out 1**
- **Apr. 23 Civic Force dispatched staff to Otsuchi Town**
- **Apr. 24 Installed air circulators at the evacuation center 2**
Civic Force installed eight air circulators at Shiroyama Park Gym where more than 200 people from 70 households evacuated. The circulators circulated the warm air that had accumulated near the ceiling down to the floor level.
- **Apr. 25- Started distribution of relief supplies 3 4**
Working in collaboration with the town's nutritionists, Civic Force interviewed evacuees about the meal conditions at evacuation centers and distributed vegetable juice and soy milk to supplement their nutrition. We also delivered hygiene kits (containing masks, toothbrushes, foldable cups, etc.) transported from an emergency stockpile warehouse in Saga Prefecture, wet wipes, and other supplies donated by partner companies.

Soy milk is ideal for controlling increases in blood pressure and supplementing the meals served at evacuation centers, which tend to be nutritionally unbalanced. Thank you for your rapid assistance!
- Nutritionist of Otsuchi Town
- **Apr. 26 Installed air purifiers at the evacuation center 5**
Wildfire smoke had filled the town and made ventilation difficult and so Civic Force installed six air purifiers at Shiroyama Park Gym, the largest evacuation center.

We had been keeping the windows closed because of the smell of smoke, but now the air inside has improved so much thanks to the air purifiers!
- Evacuee at Shiroyama Park Gym
- **Apr. 29 Provided ingredients for hot meal service 6**
Civic Force procured and delivered vegetables, rice, and seasonings to support the local women's association, which had been preparing hot meals for evacuees at the Kozuchi District Multipurpose Community Center.

Thanks to your support we were able to provide hot meals to evacuees! We have received many words of appreciation.
- Kozuchi District Women's Association
- **Apr. 30 Evacuation Order Lifted**
The evacuation order, which at its peak had been issued to 3,257 residents—about 30% of the town population—was fully lifted.
- **May 2 Fire declared under control**
- **May 29 Fire declared extinguished**

Staff Comments



Great East Japan Earthquake / Noto Peninsula Earthquake and Heavy Rain NPO Partner Projects to Assist Groups Working on Reconstruction

In areas affected by the Great East Japan and Noto Peninsula earthquakes, Civic Force partners with local organizations to support reconstruction efforts and lead "Passing Down Memories to Future Generations"—an initiative aimed at sharing disaster experiences and lessons learned.

Great East Japan Earthquake

Miyagi Team Okawa Future Opening Network Aozora Ohanashi Kai - Open-Air Storytelling Meeting



Team Okawa Future Opening Network hosted Aozora Ohanashi Kai, a storytelling meeting, on April 19 and June 28, 2026. The participants listened to the reading of books, heard locals tell stories about old Okawa, and also played with hand-made toys.

They enjoyed the event while reflecting on the memories of Okawa. To preserve these memories for future generations, the team also provides regular guided tours of the Okawa Elementary School earthquake ruins.

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Fuku shima Moyai Exhibition Executive Committee 3.11 Memories Passed Down Through Art: Oretachi no Denshokan - Our Memoriam Museum



The Moyai Exhibition Executive Committee is based in Minami-soma City, Fukushima Prefecture. Moyai, meaning strong knots used to bind straw ropes together, reflects the wish to restore the ties severed between people by the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident. Founded in 2023, Oretachi no Denshokan ("our memoriam museum") permanently displays approximately 100 works by approximately 25 artists reflecting on the nuclear accident. Through the NPO Partner Project, the committee organizes a wide variety of workshops and events to bring local residents together.

#My 3.11 - Messages in 15 Characters

Grand Prize

"Already" 15 Years, "Still" 15 Years"

Civic Force's Official Slogan for 2026

Fuku shima Okuma Future 5th Forum Discussing the Future of the Community



On June 6, 2026, Okuma Future hosted a talk event attended by 41 people, featuring two graduates of Okuma Town's Kumamachi Elementary School as guests. The two, who were elementary school students at

the time of the disaster, shared stories about their days in the town, their current lives working there as adults, and their hopes for the future. With the landscape changing due to decontamination efforts, participants engaged in discussion to have the school preserved as a memorial site and how to best utilize it.

Archived
footage here



Noto Peninsula Earthquake and Heavy Rain

Suzu Jiyu Kenkyu Archiving Local Voices - Honmachi Radio

Honmachi Radio, an online program run by the community group Jiyu Kenkyu, streams a variety of segments, including talks with local residents, stories about Suzu City's past and present, and information on recovery support services. In late February 2026, Civic Force representative Kumon joined the third edition of the program to share reflections on evolving conditions in Suzu following the earthquake. Through the radio program, Jiyu Kenkyu will continue to record and archive the voices of the local community.



Other NPO Partner
Projects here





Sanitary Products Project Supporting Women

Through the "Sanitary Products Project," Civic Force promotes dignity, comfort, and privacy for women at evacuation shelters and schools during their menstrual cycles. We extend our sincere gratitude to Natural Life Co., Ltd. for donating 25 packages of sanitary pads (pictured) and Crown Package Co., Ltd. for providing vital sponsorship funds. We sincerely appreciate their cooperation.



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Participation in Kagoshima Disaster Prevention Forum

On May 23, 2026, the Kagoshima Block of JCI Japan held the "Disaster Prevention Forum Reinforced by Regional and Family Bonding" in Kanoya City, Kagoshima Prefecture. The Forum invited Kaori Neki, Civic Force Executive Director, as an expert commentator. Together with Takeshi Tsuruno and other guests, she shared insights and experiences regarding disaster preparedness activities that families can enjoy together, as well as practical measures that can be easily implemented in daily life.

Set Up Charity Booth at Virtual Music Festival



Civic Force set up a charity booth at the Virtual Music Festival – OTONONAKADE 2026 – held on April 18, 2026, featuring photos of past disaster assistance activities and conducted fundraising activities.

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