



Targeting the young people affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, the “Dream Support Project” ran for six years since 2013. The summer support programs have since been held in Miyagi, Iwate, Kumamoto, Fukuoka, and Oita prefectures, and volunteer activities were carried out in the areas hit by recent disasters. Civic Force also focuses on building networks among the disaster-affected areas.

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What We Can Do Now for the Next Generation

Eight years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011. Since then, recovery and reconstruction efforts in many of the disaster affected communities have shown steady progress. In contrast, there are challenges and emerging issues that have become apparent as time passed. Recovery of affected towns remain as a big challenge in some areas of Fukushima Prefecture. Those areas are facing depopulation and an aging population that were exacerbated because of the disaster. Additionally, there is a rise in isolation and solitary deaths, economic difficulties due to decreasing assistance, and evacuees reluctant to return. In addition, the need to assist a significant number of evacuees who are not included in official statistics, and support for children remains.

Civic Force began providing emergency assistance immediately after the onset of the disaster and has been implementing mid to long-term recovery and reconstruction assistance programs. From 2013 to March 2019, the “Dream Support Project” provided high school and university students with scholarships. Those students have overcome hard times and now they are thriving as active members of society. A survey was conducted as the project came to an end, and beneficiaries of the Dream Support Project stated, “From now on, I want to do something meaningful for other people,” “I would like to see through the reconstruction,” and “I want to share my experiences with future generations.”

In order to pass their wishes to the next generation, Civic Force conducted a survey to learn about the current situation in the Tohoku region. Based on the feedback received, Civic Force has decided to continue supporting the recovery efforts in Tohoku and fostering the younger generation through “NPO Partner Projects.” The NPO Partner Projects are implemented in collaboration with NPOs based in and outside of disaster-affected areas. Continued on page 2.



The following articles describe the emergency responses, the aid activities, and the reconstruction efforts that Civic Force has provided in various disaster-affected areas in Japan.



NPO Partner Projects x Dream Support Project

Civic Force will launch “NPO Partner Projects x Dream Support Project” in August 2019. This new project will provide funding to organizations supporting the victims of the Great East Japan Earthquake. The first-year budget is approximately 40 million yen and each organization will be provided with a grant amount from 500,000 yen up to 5 million yen (including operating expenses). We will have external experts participate in the partner organization screening process and provide us with feedback. Once chosen, the funded activities will be managed by our staff members and monitoring will be regularly conducted. After the completion of the project, each activity will be assessed according to the five OECD/DAC evaluation criteria of relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. Also, we will ensure that comprehensible reports are provided to fulfill our accountability to the donors.

NPO Partner Projects was launched in April 2011 to meet the variety of needs in the disaster-affected areas. To date, it has conducted 49 projects in collaboration with 37 partners across the Tohoku region. Through partnerships with emergency response organizations and local NPOs focused on community development, Civic Force implemented NPO Partner Projects during the 2016 Kumamoto earthquake, West Japan floods, and the Hokkaido earthquake of 2018.

This project is funded by the balance brought forward from the “Dream Support Fund (Great East Japan Earthquake Scholarship Project),” which was established and supported by Lawson, Inc. (Donation for the scholarship project was closed at the end of March 2019.)



Supporting Impactful Reconstruction for Disaster-Affected Areas and the Sound Growth of Youth

“Supporting reconstruction of the affected areas and community development for the younger generation” is our new project for the Tohoku region and it will be implemented through the following three components:

1. Supporting the Sound Growth of Youth and Community Development
 - Scholarships for students who were affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, activities for youth and children, and assistance for reconstruction and new community development in the disaster-affected areas.
2. Supporting the Areas and Residents Affected by the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Disaster
 - Activities to promote children’s health and growth and support the evacuees living across the country.
3. Passing Down the Memory of the Disaster to the Next Generation
 - Activities to pass down the experiences of the disaster to the next generation and realize a society better prepared for future disasters.



“Tohoku CB Leap Fund” Established Utilizing Repaid Loans

Common Benefit Investment Fund JAPAN website <http://kyoueki.jp/>

“Common Benefit Investment Fund JAPAN” (formerly Tohoku Common Benefit Investment Fund) was established with funds donated to Civic Force. In June 2019, the fund started a program to promote “the second round of fund circulation.” To date, the fund invested 170 million yen for 14 projects in the Tohoku region. The fund helped local businesses affected by the disaster to resume operations and to secure and increase local employment.

The accumulated repaid principals with interest since 2017 reached 10 million yen. The “Tohoku CB (Common Benefit) Leap Fund,” with the Sanaburi Foundation, was established to address new issues in the Tohoku region. Civic Force will take part in fundraising and support the advancement and continuation of the solution-focused activities carried out by local NPOs in the three disaster-affected prefectures

Reconstruction Efforts in the Disaster-Affected Areas through the Mid to Long-Term Perspective

NPO Partner Projects was launched in August 2018 to support the reconstruction efforts of the areas affected by the West Japan floods. Projects has so far supported seven partner organizations in three prefectures.

The NGO Collaboration Center “Reconstruction Cram School” for Aid Workers and Local People

The NGO Collaboration Center operated bus services for volunteers in Saka Town, Hiroshima Prefecture immediately after the onset of the disaster. The Center also organized volunteers to provide footbaths for the affected people once a month. Utilizing the experience and network of the past disaster support projects, the Center organized the “Reconstruction Cram School” for aid workers and local people to provide them with an opportunity to study cases of disasters and reconstruction efforts in other areas. Although the collaborative projects with Civic Force was completed at the end of April, the NGO Collaboration Center is steadily continuing its assistance efforts.



Hichiku Volunteer Center (Currently called Riera) Study Tour to Disaster-Affected Areas for Aid Groups



Hichiku Volunteer Center, based in Ehime Prefecture, organized a study tour titled “Learning from the Affected Areas” in May. Around 30 people from local groups in Uwajima City participated in the tour. The group visited Asakura City and Toho Village in Fukuoka Prefecture and Hita City, Ohita Prefecture, which were affected by the Northern Kyushu torrential rain in 2017. The participants met and discussed with local residents who were involved in the reconstruction efforts for temporary housing and local businesses. One participant said, “We learned about the disaster recovery efforts in Kyushu which began one year before ours. They show me what we should do next for our own community.”

Soul Visiting Nurse Station

Providing Opportunities to Meet with Doctors

Soul Visiting Nurse Station, based in Mabi Town, Okayama Prefecture, operates more than 120 home visits a month. At the same time, they host a community café several times a month to provide a place for local people to socialize and promote visiting nurse practices. Soul is also involved in disaster prevention study. The staff members visited Joso City, Ibaraki Prefecture in June 2019, which was damaged by torrential rain in 2015, and met with local residents and medical professionals involved in the disaster reconstruction efforts.



Arts and Sports for Everyone (ASE)

Boccia Gathering in the Affected Areas of Okayama and Hiroshima Prefectures

Building upon the experience of the Kumamoto Earthquake, Arts and Sports for Everyone (ASE) aims to prevent isolation of temporary housing residents. ASE held a boccia* gathering at a reconstruction event for Mabi Town in May. ASE organized another boccia gathering at the temporary housing area in Saka Town in July and facilitated socialization between the local residents.

*Boccia is a sport designed for people with severe cerebral palsy or other severe disabilities affecting motor skills. It is an official Paralympic event.



NPO Partner Projects with Two Associations in Hokkaido

To support the restoration and reconstruction efforts of the areas affected by the Hokkaido Eastern Iburi Earthquake, Civic Force conducted search-and-rescue operations and distributed emergency relief supplies in cooperation with partner organizations. We also implemented “NPO Partner Projects” with two organizations, Iburi Natural School and Ezorok, in Hokkaido from October 2018 to March 2019. Civic Force supported the people affected by the earthquake by providing places to socialize with each other. Civic Force would like to reiterate our appreciation to our donors who provided swift and generous support. The financial report will be made available on our website at a later time.

【Support for West Japan Flood】 【Support for Hokkaido Earthquake】 Donations accepted until August 31, 2019

■ Bank name: Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation
Branch name: Aoyama
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Account number: 7027390 (savings account)
(Support for Hokkaido Earthquake)

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Account number: 00140-6-361805
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*Please specify “for the West Japan Floods” or “for the Hokkaido Earthquake” in the memo section.

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*Please note that 15% of your donation will be allocated to operating expenses.

Creating an Emergency Preparedness

We are undertaking various efforts to develop our emergency preparedness mechanism in the face of disasters. This page introduces media coverage of our activity and information associated with our partner organizations.

Emergency Preparedness Mechanism

Introduction of SEMA Activities in MLIT Handbook

In the “Handbook for Transportation of Relief Supplies and Establishment and Operation of Distribution Bases” issued by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Social Emergency Management Alliance (SEMA) and Civic Force’s activities for the West Japan floods were highlighted. As of the end of July 2019, SEMA members consisted of 52 companies and six civil society organizations.

MEDIA

Featured in The Asahi Shimbun

Civic Force’s activities were highlighted in The Asahi Shimbun on May 31, 2019 titled, “For a Better Future, Supporting SDG Activities Together.” In the newspaper’s crowdfunding website “A-port,” Civic Force was recommended by Aya Murakami, director of the Murakami Foundation, as one of the four non-profit organizations recommended for donations. Secretary General of Civic Force, Kaori Neki, participated in the roundtable discussion held for this occasion.

Emergency Preparedness Mechanism

Support Activities in an Easy Manner!

Donations are being accepted on the following company websites.

<< General Donations >>

■ Value Books “Charibon”

Please donate used books and CDs!

<https://www.charibon.jp/partner/cf/>

■ Hondana-Otasuke-Tai

“Donation by Selling Second-Hand Books”

<https://hondana.biz/second-hand-books-selling-for-charity/charity.html>

■ EC Navi “Smile Project”

https://ecnavi.jp/smile_project/

<< Western Japan Floods >>

■ Japangiving

<https://japangiving.jp/campaigns/33840>

■ GlobalGiving (US)

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/flood-and-landslide-relief-in-japan-we-need-you/>

<< Hokkaido Earthquake >>

■ Japangiving

<https://japangiving.jp/campaigns/33873>

■ GlobalGiving (US)

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/hokkaido-japan-earthquake-rescue-medical-operations/#menu>

<< Great East Japan Earthquake >>

■ Value Books “Books for Japan”

<http://www.booksforjapan.jp/action/>

Emergency Preparedness Mechanism

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. Payments can be made through bank transfers to Civic Force:

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Aoyama Branch Account No. 6953964

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Account No. 00140-6-361805
Account holder’s name of the above banks is “Civic Force”

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