Acknowledgement

With your generous support, Japan Platform accomplished the emergency aid immediately after the earthquake. Here I would like to express our gratitude. The truly crucial stage of the reconstruction is yet to come. As well as keeping the good old spirit of Tohoku, we would like to make its future more vibrant and disaster proof. We will stay close to the thoughts of the victims and continue our support.

What is Japan Platform?

Activity in Tohoku

Japan Platform has supported a total of over 200 projects with your donation. “Stand by Together Fund” was established after the earthquake to support local NGOs in Tohoku.

In order to deliver the support to the afflicted areas more efficiently, we have established offices in Sendai and Tono. Our staffs ensure that the fund is spent appropriately by monitoring the NPOs. Also we give them advice on their activities and fund management to enhance their capabilities.

Each region and field has established various networks at the afflicted areas. We would like to keep close ties with them and pursue the assistance truly required to support the self-reliance of the victims, and connect them with the individuals, organizations and firms who are willing to support them.

Activity Abroad

Japan Platform is an emergency humanitarian organization which has conducted various emergency aids in post-natural and man-made disasters around the world. In November 2012, we have launched the project for the refugees in Syria The number of the refugees is expected to burgeon as the conflict prolongs. Please visit our website for more detail.

The experience from such activities abroad made it possible for us to conduct the immediate action after the Great East Japan Earthquake. We will continue to deliver the high standard support where humanitarian aid is needed by cooperation of NGOs.

Areas in Action

Syria (Conflict), Horn of Africa (Drought), Haiti (Earthquake), Sri Lanka (Conflict), Afghanistan-Pakistan (Conflict), Southern Sudan (Conflict), Vietnam (Flood)

As of November 2012
Tohoku is now....

**story 1** People in Namie Town, Fukushima say

“Even though we scatter”

“wanna see my grandchild” “wanna see the face of my daughter”
“wanna have a cuppa with my neighbor, Yoe-chan” “wanna do gardening” “wanna have cows” “wanna run my business” “wanna go fishing in Takase River” “wanna see sunrise at Ukedo port”
“wanna see my classmates”

These are the voices of the people of Namie Town, who had to scatter all over Japan due to the radioactive contamination. Even now the entire population of the town, over 20,000, are forced to live away from home.

The town locals founded “Machidukuri NPO Shinmachi Namie” and they have been holding social events for Namie locals in various locations such as Sapporo, Nagoya, and Hakata. Living apart from each other they felt as if the home town abandoned them. However, after sharing their concerns with others, they gained back smiles and encouraged to go on to the next step.

“To ‘connect’ person to person is the power of resilience and this is the task only achieved by the civil society. We will reflect the voices of the people to the reconstruction of the town in corporation with the Welfare Council, the Volunteer Center and NPOs. The director Mr. Kanakura said.

This is a story from “Machidukuri NPO Shinmachi Namie” funded by JPF 8th and 9th round of “Stand by Together Fund”

**story 2** At the north of Sanriku Coast in Iwate

“I would like to create jobs and smiles where the support is not enough”

Mr. Terai has been active to invigorate the local area. After the disaster on March 11th, he witnessed the people in the afflicted areas were suffering from the loss of jobs and incomes. Then using his experience of gathering walnuts, he created series of employment from collecting the walnuts in north Sanriku Coast to processing them to develop into new industrial products. Workers there said, “If we have nothing to do, we think too much but working with others makes us optimistic.”

Mr. Terai is willing to build more factories where the support has not reached and create more employment and smile.

This is a story of Yoshio Terai, the director of “SAVE IWATE” funded by JPF 8th and 9th round of “Stand by Together Fund”

**story 3** In Kesen’numa, Miyagi

“Not only being given a building, we need to make it our place by own hands”

said the chairperson of the reconstruction committee of “Maehama Community Center(local resilience hall)”, which was washed away by the tsunami. The construction process involves everyone in the community from the elderly to children. The cooperation of the local people will lead the reconstruction of the community. “We would like to assist the people to be able to rebuild their town by themselves”, said the staff at SVA who is supporting the construction.

Reconstruction of the “building” is necessary but that of the “community” takes much longer and more effort.

This is a story of “Shanti Volunteer Association” funded by JPF 7th round of “Stand by Together Fund”

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The center of the reconstruction is the victims. To stand by them, there is something you can do.

JPF is aiming to deliver the support where the public service cannot reach and assist the victims to be the center of the reconstruction process. To achieve these aims, we approach the afflicted area in various ways. We provide financial support to both JPF member and non-member NPOs. As many of non-member NPOs are newly founded after the disaster, we give them advice to enhance their organizational capability. We coordinate activities of different parties to provide the assistance efficiently. Also JPF is acting as a “bridge” between the needs of the affected areas and the offer of those who willing to support. We would not like to deliver the support provided but think together what is needed for the victims to be self-reliant. Your assistance will be crucial for the reconstruction of Tohoku.

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