

# Summary of Annual Report 2022 - 2023



人間を救うのは、人間だ。

## MISSION STATEMENT

### Mission of the Japanese Red Cross Society

Aiming to save people who are suffering,  
we will protect human life,  
health and dignity under any circumstances.

### Our Fundamental Principles

Our work is guided by the seven fundamental principles of the  
International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Humanity:	Under any circumstances, we will strive to prevent and reduce people's suffering.
Impartiality:	We will give priority to those most in need, without any discrimination.
Neutrality:	To obtain the trust from everyone, we will not take sides in any conflict.
Independence:	We will work in accordance with the laws of each country and cooperate with other humanitarian organizations but we will always follow the fundamental principles of the Red Cross to maintain our independence.
Voluntary service:	We will voluntarily act to save people without seeking profits.
Unity:	As a sole organization of the Red Cross in a country, we will conduct activities that are open to everyone.
Universality:	Utilizing the worldwide Red Cross network, we will cooperate and take actions among ourselves.

### Our Determination

We, as a component of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,  
will fight against self-interest, and indifference,  
pay attention to people's plight or agony and act always with  
imagination in order to realize humanity.



"The Revelation of Solferino" Togo Seiji  
(owned by the Japanese Red Cross Society)

### The Birth of the Red Cross

In 1859, a Swiss man named Henry Dunant encountered about 40 thousand soldiers killed or wounded and left behind in Solferino, the bloodiest battlefield in the Austro-Sardinian War.

Henry Dunant devoted himself to providing aid to such soldiers with the cooperation of villagers on the basis of his belief, "Those wounded soldiers are no longer soldiers anymore; they are humans. We must save their precious lives as humans." He wrote about this experience in a book entitled "A Memory of Solferino" and stressed the following needs;

- ① Give aid to those wounded and ill at battlefields irrespective of friend or foe.
- ② Establish relief organizations to this end in each country, even in times of peace.
- ③ Formulate an international treaty to this end.

This philosophy reverberated in European countries. It led to the signing of the Geneva Conventions, designed to protect and save the victims of war and the founding of the Red Cross in 1864.

The Japanese Red Cross Society, as a component of the Red Cross, carries out activities in partnership with other Red Cross societies in 191 countries/territories around the world, all operating under the same shared philosophies and principles.

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#### Reporting Period

This report is prepared on the basis of the results of the activities conducted in FY 2022 (April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023).

Special Feature also reflects the results before March 31, 2022 and after April 1, 2023.

Cover Photo: Experiencing First Aid at the Junior Red Cross Leadership Training Center (Fukuoka Prefecture)

# Realizing the Philosophy of the Red Cross in a Changing Society

## Atsushi Seike

President, Japanese Red Cross Society



The Red Cross Movement has been making its progress, encouraged by a wide range of support and cooperation daily. Thank you very much once again for this.

Last year was literally a time of upheaval for the world. The outbreak of armed conflict in Ukraine and the related food crisis in Africa and elsewhere has been also deepening. In February, large-scale earthquakes occurred in Turkey and Syria. In response to the humanitarian crisis caused by these conflicts and disasters, the Japanese Red Cross Society, together with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies worldwide, has been doing its best to provide relief, aid, and recovery assistance by collecting relief funds and dispatching staff.

Natural disasters, such as torrential rains and heavy snowfall at the end of last year, have never ceased in Japan. In order to provide relief, aid, recovery assistance, and disaster prevention awareness to the victims of such repeated natural disasters, not only the staff of the Japanese Red Cross Society but also many volunteers of the Japanese Red Cross Society have made great efforts. Furthermore, the fight against COVID-19 since the beginning of 2020 is still ongoing, and the staff of Red Cross hospitals, blood centers, social welfare facilities, and chapters across the country has been doing their utmost to protect local people's lives, health, and livelihoods.

Our work is supported by members, volunteers, and blood donors who resonate the principles of the Red Cross. These principles are symbolized by the words of Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross, "Save those who are in pain, friend or foe," and the words of Tsunetami Sano, the founder of Hakuaisha, the predecessor of the Japanese Red Cross Society, who celebrated the 200th anniversary of his birth last year, "Fraternity (Hakuai) is called benevolence(Jin), and benevolence means to be kind to others."

Our mission is to realize these founding principles of the Red Cross today. We must achieve this in the face of significant structural changes in Japan and the world, such as the declining birthrate and aging population, technological innovations known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution, increasing geopolitical risks in the international community, and climate change such as global warming.

In order to do so, it is necessary to firmly uphold the principles of the Red Cross while at the same time flexibly reviewing the organization and operations. The Japanese Red Cross Society believes that as we approach 2027, the 150th anniversary of its foundation, we must also firmly advance necessary reforms to fulfill our mission of "protect human life, health, and dignity." We look forward to your continued support and guidance.

The Long-term Vision of the Japanese Red Cross Society Vision and Long-term Strategy toward the 150th anniversary

Creating societies where people are protected from disasters and conflicts

Developing communities which support people's health and welfare

Creating a society where people care, help, and respect each other

— Our Vision —

**The Red Cross being the pivot of humanitarian action both in Japan and world-wide, forming a core for community health service and blood service in the country**

— Operational Strategies —

- To upgrade support and assistance for victims of disasters and conflicts in Japan and beyond and strengthen the resilience
- To pursue healthy and safe living at a community level in the fast-aging society with an extremely low birth rate
- To expand the humanitarian network in a diversified society

— Strategies to strengthen Movement Platform —

- To promote the member participation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement
- To promote the volunteer-centered activities
- To promote the collaboration with other Movement partners

# Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis



ICRC staff providing first aid to the injured people in Irpin city ©ICRC

## Main activities and achievements of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement \*

(From February 2022 to December 2022)

\*A collective term for the 3 organizations of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in each country including the Japanese Red Cross Society, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.



Internally displaced people in Ukraine

5.1 million

Refugee arrivals from Ukraine

8.2 million

※As of May 9, 2023



58 Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies involved in the response to the humanitarian crisis.



125,000 volunteers participate in support activities.

The armed conflict in Ukraine has intensified since February 24, 2022. Casualties, including children, and damage to buildings are reported daily, and a severe humanitarian crisis has occurred, with many people evacuating not only to western Ukraine and neighboring countries (Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Russia, etc.) but also to other countries.

Due to the seemingly endless conflict, civilian lives are still at risk and infrastructure and economy are disrupted. Even in areas that accept displaced people, the shortage of medical systems and deterioration in food security conditions have been reported, and the need for humanitarian assistance continues to grow as armed conflict continues to escalate over the medium to long term.

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has appealed to all those involved in the conflict to respect the international humanitarian law and has been conducting a wide range of activities in Ukraine and neighboring countries, standing close to those suffering from the effects of armed conflict. These activities are supported by 58 National Societies, including the Japanese Red Cross Society. In addition, there are National Societies in neighboring countries such as Ukraine, Russia, Poland and Romania, and approximately 125,000 Red Cross volunteers in these and other Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies around the world are involved in humanitarian crisis response.



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Basic support such as relief items

14.55 million people

Many people evacuate inside and outside of the country, separated from their families with only their personal belongings. We provide displaced people with relief items, food, water, clothing, blankets, and SIM cards for smartphones that can be used abroad to help them stay connected to family and friends even at a distance.



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Providing Safe Water

10.6 million people

We distribute water tanks, water purifiers and hygiene supplies because the water supply facilities were destroyed. We also help people use water safely by repairing damaged water infrastructure and working with local water authorities to restore water supplies.



©URCS



Residential support

1.89 million people

At its peak, more than 14 million people, one third of Ukraine's population, were displaced. We provide shelter, transitional housing, and shelters, helping to repair shelters and securing homes. In addition, we distribute generators and stoves to create a living environment that can withstand harsh winters.



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Cash assistance

1.2 million people  
(approximately JPY 29.9 billion)

Many displaced people have lost their income and need money to meet their immediate needs. We provide cash and vouchers that can be used with no strings attached to support recipients' livelihoods while protecting their dignity. In some areas, debit card payments provide a monthly living allowance to meet individual needs.



©Tamara Vukov



Health and Medical Support

1.19 million people

Evacuation to unfamiliar places can take a toll on the body and mind. We provide medical services through on-site medical care and home-visit nursing services for displaced people, supporting areas with difficult access to health care. We also provide medical supplies and equipment to medical facilities (including those in combat zones) to reach as many people as possible.



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Evacuation and mobility assistance

805,000 people

As the battle lines shift back and forth due to the prolonged fighting, we assist citizens in guiding their evacuation through safe routes and the movement of displaced people in and out of the country. In order to assist displaced people who have landed in an unfamiliar city, we have set up "Humanitarian Service Points" at stations which are key to their movement and in areas where many displaced people gather. We distribute relief items and providing local information.



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Protection activities

245,000 people

Protecting vulnerable women, children, the elderly and the disabled is one of our most important tasks. Child-Friendly Spaces are set up to give children and parents who are stressed in conflict situations a good place to relax. We also provide unique support under the international humanitarian law, including assistance in reuniting separated families, raising awareness of care and prevention of sexual violence, and visits to prisoner of war facilities.

## Response of the Japanese Red Cross Society

In addition to providing financial support to the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Japanese Red Cross Society has responded to this humanitarian crisis by dispatching a wide range of human resources, including pharmacists, mental health care workers, and radiology technicians of its own. From a medium- to long-term perspective, we will continue to provide support, particularly in health care, which is a strength of the Japanese Red Cross Society, such as support for mobile clinic in mountainous areas and reconstruction of rehabilitation centers.



Japanese Red Cross physiotherapist working at a rehabilitation center in Lviv.

### Relief Activities and Achievements by the Japanese Red Cross Society

(From February 2022 to March 2023)

#### ► Fundraising and Financial Support for Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Relief Fund

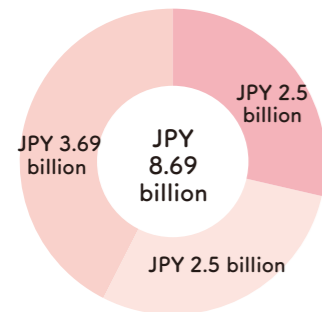
On March 2, 2022, we launched a fundraising campaign in response to the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis.

Based on the relief funds, we have provided a total of JPY 5 billion in financial assistance to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in response to their requests for emergency financial support.

In the future, we, in consultation with the Ukrainian Red Cross Society (URCS), will provide direct assistance throughout Ukraine.

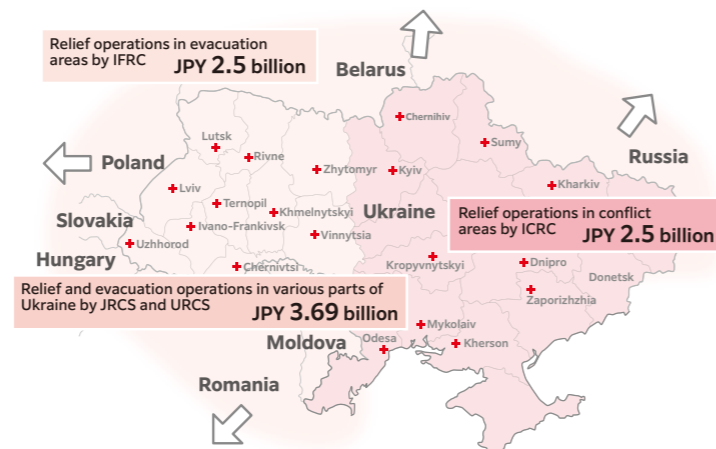
Amount accepted (as of March 31, 2023)

JPY 8,696,169,312



- Relief operations in conflict areas
- Relief operations in evacuation areas
- Relief and recovery activities in various parts of Ukraine

\*Including administrative expenses for activities



\*This map shows the area where the Red Cross works.

#### ► Personnel support from the Japanese Red Cross Society

We have provided not only financial but also physical support for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

In the western Ukrainian town of Uzhhorod, where many displaced people gathered, the Ukrainian Red Cross Society runs a temporary clinic to provide medical care. We dispatched pharmacists to advise and guide local staff on drug management and pharmacy operations. In addition, we donated our own equipment in response to requests from local staff for assistance with portable X-ray diagnostic equipment and dispatched a radiologic technologist to train how to use it. We also dispatched a logistics staff to Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, and a psychological support staff to Poland. In Budapest, Hungary, where the IFRC's regional office is located, and Kyiv, the Ukrainian capital, we have continuously dispatched staff from the international department of the headquarters for coordination. We will continue to dispatch staff for medium- to long-term support.



## Mid and long-term support for Ukraine by the Japanese Red Cross Society

In direct consultation with the local Ukrainian Red Cross Society, we provide equipment and technical support that take advantage of the Japanese Red Cross Society's strength in the field of health and medical care, as well as the following support (as of May 2023). We will continue to provide relief and recovery assistance from a mid and long-term perspective.

\*The contents of the support may change to meet local needs in the future.



#### Support for Lviv Rehabilitation Center

We provide technical support and assistance for the expansion and renovation of the Rehabilitation Center, a referral hospital of Lviv Emergency Hospital.



#### Support for the Ivano-Frankivsk Mobile Clinic

The Ukrainian Red Cross Society, in collaboration with the Department of Health, conducts mobile clinics. We provide funds and support project management to Ivano-Frankivsk Province, where internally displaced people are concentrated in mountainous areas.



#### Support for the Ukrainian Red Cross Society Service Center

We will provide financial support for the construction of the service center that serves as bases for services such as clinics, ambulances, mobile clinics, and home nursing, as well as funds for the operation of clinic services and technical support.



#### Support for the severe winter season

We provided 3,000 domestic wood stoves, generators, and other daily necessities to survive a harsh winter in the face of a limited energy supply.



#### Cash programme

Financial support for cash programme implemented by the Ukrainian Red Cross Society. We provide support, especially for host families accepting internally displaced persons.



#### Support for the Emergency Response Fund

We provide financial support to the Emergency Response Fund, which has been established to respond flexibly and quickly to humanitarian needs in response to the fluid circumstances of armed conflict.



#### Ambulance Support

We provide support for 10 ambulances (5 ambulances for rescue teams + 5 ambulances for mobile clinic). Because they are difficult to procure in Ukraine, we procure them and provide financial support through IFRC.

# Turkey-Syria Earthquake



Syrian Arab Red Crescent staffs conducting search and rescue activities in the disaster area ©SARC

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Turkey's south-eastern border close to Syria's northern border on February 6th, 2023, with several aftershocks which also recorded around magnitude 7.0. Around 60,000 people lost their lives in Turkey and Syria, as well as dozens of buildings damaged by the disaster (as of May 5, 2023). Many have lost their homes and still displaced.

Sub-zero temperatures in the devastated areas caused the harsh humanitarian condition in addition to the impacts of protracted crisis and economic sanctions in Syria. Both the Turkish Red Crescent\* Society and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent mobilized their emergency response teams right after the disaster on February 6th and provided various kinds of assistance to the affected populations. We, as the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, support the affected who have been suffering from the severe earthquake in coordination with the Turkish Red Crescent Society and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent.

\* Red Cross Societies in Islamic countries

## International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Response (IFRC, ICRC, each National Society)

The Turkish Red Crescent Society and the Syrian Arab Red Crescent have been providing a wide range of support such as search and rescue, food and water distribution, shelter, medical services, and psychosocial support in order to protect the lives, health, and dignity of those affected.

 <p><b>Turkish Red Crescent</b></p>  <p>Preparing hot meals ©TRCS</p>	<p><b>Shelter:</b> distributing tents and blankets</p> <p><b>Food security:</b> food truck, distribution of hot meals and ready-to-eat packages</p> <p><b>Health and medical services:</b> providing health and medical care for remote areas by Mobile Health Unit (MHU)</p> <p><b>Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH):</b> distribution of bottled water and hygiene kits such as diapers</p> <p><b>Cash assistance:</b> establishment of multi-purpose cash assistance program</p> <p><b>Blood:</b> provision of blood products, implementation of blood donation campaign</p>	 <p><b>Syrian Arab Red Crescent</b></p>  <p>Volunteers providing first aid @SARC</p>	<p><b>Basic Assistance:</b> distribution of food, nutritious supplements, hygiene kits, blankets, sleeping bags and mattresses</p> <p><b>Search and Rescue:</b> rescue from the collapsed buildings and provide first aid services, and transfer to hospital</p> <p><b>Health and medical services:</b> mobilization of MHU, maternal and child health services, distribution of medications, and psychosocial support</p> <p><b>Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH):</b> distribution of bottled water and hygiene kits, and instalment of water purification tanks</p> <p><b>Restoring family links:</b> assist reunion of separated families by providing information and such</p> <p><b>Protection, gender and inclusion:</b> implementation of prevention and awareness-rising projects against gender-based violence</p>
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<p><b>International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)</b></p> <p>International cooperation is being coordinated through the launching of emergency appeals (requests for assistance).</p>	<p><b>IFRC-Emergency Appeal</b></p> <p>Funding requirements for Turkey: 450million CHF (approx. JPY 65billion)</p> <p>Funding requirements for Syria: 200million CHF (approx. JPY 29billion)</p>	<p><b>ICRC-Budget Extension Appeal</b></p> <p>Funding requirements for Turkey: 2.6million CHF (approx. JPY 370million)</p> <p>Funding requirements for Syria: 29million CHF (approx. JPY 4.2billion)</p>
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## Response of the Japanese Red Cross Society

### ► Fundraising for Overseas Relief

In response to a large-scale appeal for financial assistance from the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Japanese Red Cross Society has set up the "2023 Turkey-Syria Earthquake Relief Fund" from February 9, 2023. Based on this relief funds received, the Japanese Red Cross Society has provided financial, material, and human resources to the Movement in a sequential manner.

Amount received: **JPY 4,464,393,163** (as of March 31, 2023)

### ► Support plan for Turkey and Syria (as of April 17, 2023)

Support Plan for Turkey (JPY)		Support Plan for Syria (JPY)	
Details of support	Amount	Details of Support	Amount
Emergency cash contribution to the Appeals of the International Red Cross (IFRC)	1.11billion (700 million for food aid)	Emergency cash contribution to the Appeals of the International Red Cross (IFRC/ICRC)	510 million (30 million for material support)
Health and medical support (Mobile Health Unit etc.)	700 million	Emergency Financial Support to the Palestine Red Crescent Society	10 million
Donation for relief vehicles	200 million	Support for the strengthening Mobile Clinic	20 million
Donation for relief goods	55 million	Health and medical support (Mobile Health Unit etc.)	400 million
WASH trailers	150 million	Joint pharmaceutical support	60 million
Long-term support (reconstruction support)	335 million	Long-term support (reconstruction support)	250 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.55 billion</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1.25 billion</b>

\*Details and amounts are subject to change depending on the circumstances. \*The other plan includes administrative expenses of JPY 200 million (5% of the total budget).



Transporting and donating relief items to be stored in Kuala Lumpur ©IFRC



Contribution relief vehicles to be used by the Turkish Red Crescent Society in disaster areas



Financial support for the Syrian Arab Red Crescent Society mobile clinic services @SARC



Financial support for the Syrian branch of the Palestine Red Crescent Society working in the disaster areas ©PRCS

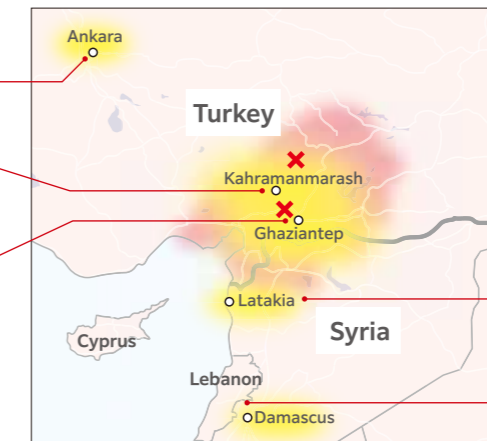
### ► Deployment of the delegate



The delegate sent as liaison and coordinator to participate mental health care activities for children of Turkish Red Crescent Society



Medical Survey Team to assess local health needs



\* X : the epicenter



Pharmacist prepares medicines with local nurses in mobile clinic



Deployment of JRCs nurse to the IFRC Syria office to manage and support the general health activities of the Syrian Red Crescent Society

### Voice from the response site

Mr. Nobuhiro KOMIYA, Doctor, Japanese Red Cross Wakayama Medical Center



I visited the disaster-hit area to explore the Japanese Red Cross Society's support in health and medical care, focusing on the support for mobile clinic provided by the Turkish Red Crescent Society. From a medical perspective, while surgical treatment of injuries and fractures has decreased one month after the disaster, diarrhea and scabies have been reported due to the deterioration of the sanitary conditions. In addition, there are concerns that chronic diseases such as diabetes will worsen due to continued harsh evacuation and inadequate access to medical services. This time earthquake also caused severe damage in rural areas. I visited villages in mountainous and rural areas and saw that they are still less well served than urban areas. On the other hand, I could understand the strong ties among the community members. There is a need to provide adequate and continuous medical support to these mountain communities.



With children in Kahramanmaraş village

# 100th Anniversary of the Junior Red Cross

Connecting children's ties and feelings, continuing activities, and creating new history  
 — Progress from Birth and Wish for the Future —



“Junior Red Cross” is an initiative of the Japanese Red Cross Society to promote kindness and compassion in children in cooperation with schools. Based on the spirit of the Red Cross, which has remained unchanged since its foundation, we look back on 100 years of activities with the hope that children will grow up to be people who can contribute to world peace and human welfare.

## 100 Years of Progress of the Junior Red Cross

### ► Birth of the Junior Red Cross

The Junior Red Cross was founded during World War I. When students from Canada, the United States, Australia, and Italy sent letters, bandages, and consolations through the Red Cross to comfort and encourage those suffering from the war.

In 1922 (Taisho 11), after the war, the Japanese Red Cross Society encouraged elementary schools nationwide to form the Juvenile Red Cross (now known as the Junior Red Cross), and the Juvenile Red Cross was born at the Moriyama Jinjo Senior High School (now Moriyama Municipal Moriyama Elementary School) in Shiga Prefecture is believed to be the first Junior Red Cross in Japan.

### ► After the World War II

After the end of World War II in 1945 (Showa 20th), the Japanese Red Cross Society, in cooperation with the General Headquarters of the Allied Forces (GHQ) and the American Red Cross, started to rebuild its stagnant organisation. The Juvenile Red Cross also changed its system to include high school students as the Junior Red Cross. In 1948 (Showa 23rd), its activities expanded greatly, holding the first training centers (a place to learn through group living) in Kanagawa and Okayama prefectures.



The Japan's first Juvenile Red Cross Group Ceremony at Moriyama Jinjo High School



The first issue of “Juvenile Red Cross” magazine in 1926 (Taisho 15) introduced the activities of the Juvenile Red Cross in Japan and abroad.



Training Center in 1950 (Showa 25)

### ► Progress of International Exchange Projects

The first major international event for the Junior Red Cross was the International Junior Red Cross Seminar “KONNICHIIWA '70” in 1970 (Showa 45th). Sixty-nine delegates from 18 Southeast Asia and the Pacific countries exchanged their views on the challenges facing the Junior Red Cross and made outstanding achievements in promoting mutual understanding. The number of international Junior Red Cross exchange programs increased steadily. In 1984 (Showa 59th), we began to support the Nepal Red Cross Drinking Water Supply Program, which aimed to solve water and sanitation problems through the “One Yen coin donation” in which Junior Red Cross members throughout the country took the lead. In 1999 (Heisei 11th), we conducted international exchanges with 27 branches.



“KONNICHIIWA '70” was held in 1970 (Showa 45th).



Nepalese and Japanese children around the well

### ► Changing Social Issues

Decades after its birth, the world has changed rapidly, and the activities of the Junior Red Cross have evolved. In the 2000s, we promoted the dissemination of International Humanitarian Law in school education through educational materials such as “the Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL)” education program, mainly in schools affiliated with the Junior Red Cross. The Great East Japan Earthquake occurred in March 2011 (Heisei 23rd). In response to the growing need for practical disaster prevention education in schools, in 2015 (Heisei 27th) we created a disaster prevention education program for elementary, junior high, and high school students called “Momoru Inochi Hiromeru bosai.” This educational material has been widely used in classes, training sessions and workshops. Despite the spread of the novel coronavirus in 2020 (Reiwa 2nd), we have continued our activities through creative means such as the use of online technology.



Materials for responding to the novel coronavirus infection



Children participating in a disaster prevention education program (Yamaguchi Prefecture)

## Japanese Red Cross Society 100 years of the Junior Red Cross

- **Around 1914** The Junior Red Cross was founded in Canada, the United States, Australia, and Italy after World War I.
- **1920** At the first General Assembly of the Federation of Red Cross Societies, a resolution was passed that set the direction for Red Cross Societies. “All Red Cross Societies should train local youth for Red Cross projects.”
- **1922** Moriyama Jinjo Higher Elementary School (now Moriyama Municipal Moriyama Elementary School) in Shiga Prefecture, Japan, established the country's first Juvenile Red Cross Society.
- **1926** The “Juvenile Red Cross” magazine was launched.
- **1948** First Leadership Training Center held in Kanagawa and Okayama prefectures.
- **1954** Held Japan-U.S. Training Center with youth members of American Schools in Japan.
- **1957** First Junior Red Cross Training Center held.
- **1964** Established the Junior Red Cross Support group (now National Council of Junior Red Cross Support Groups)
- **1965** Held the High School Students Training Center



Participants at the time

- **1970** Held the Southeast Asia and Pacific Regional Junior Red Cross International Seminar “KONNICHIIWA '70” in Japan.
- **1984** Started Nepal support through “One Yen coin donation.”
- **1993** Held “First Step” which National Junior Red Cross and Red Cross Volunteer Groups Exchange Meeting.
- **1995** National Junior Red Cross member schools held fundraising activities for the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake
- **1998** 75th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Junior Red Cross and 50th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Red Cross Volunteer Group
- **2015** Published the Junior Red Cross Disaster Prevention Education Program “Momoru Inochi Hiromeru Bosai” (for elementary, junior high and high school students)
- **2017** Started Junior Red Cross Overseas Support Program in Vanuatu and Nepal through “One Yen coin donation”



2019 Study Tour held in Vanuatu

- **2020** Held “Let's get to know the 3 faces of COVID-19” International Meetings and Study Programs on online
- **2022** 100th Anniversary of the Junior Red Cross

# The 100th Anniversary of Foundation of the Junior Red Cross “Kindness for Your Future.”

The Junior Red Cross celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022. The work of Junior Red Cross members, leaders, and Red Cross volunteers across the country has expanded the humanitarian circle of the Junior Red Cross. It is hoped that this 100th anniversary inspires as many members as possible to realize, think, and implement what they can do now for the future and create the next 100 years. Here one the 100th-anniversary activities developed in 3 ways: “Connect,” “Continue,” and “Create.”

Connect

## Opening Event

The opening event was held on May 5, 2022. On behalf of the Junior Red Cross members, 3rd grade Minobusan High School student Ms. Yui OKADA opened the event with a declaration of activities. In three parts, Past, Present, and Future, we looked back at 100 years of history, reflected on the challenges and approaches we face today, discussed the future over the next 100 years with the Junior Red Cross members and their leaders.



Declaration,  
I hereby declare that I will develop a rich imagination, accept the opinions of others, connect the hearts of humanity, create a future with full of kindness, and expand the circle of compassion.

Connect

## Connecting Dance Projects

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Junior Red Cross, we conducted a connecting dance project. In this project, Junior Red Cross members from all over Japan and overseas danced with their friends to the song “YOUR SONG feat. MISIA” by GLAY, the official theme song of Special Olympics Japan, which is provided to various sports opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities and promotes social inclusion. Members from 37 prefectures and 28 overseas sister affiliates were connected.



Members of the Saitama Chapter



Members of Myanmar Chapter

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## Shiga Junior Red Cross Convention to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Foundation of the Junior Red Cross

On July 29, 2022, the Shiga Chapter of the Japanese Red Cross Society and the Shiga Junior Red Cross Leadership Council held the Shiga Junior Red Cross Convention to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Junior Red Cross at Moriyama Municipal Moriyama Elementary School. More than 500 people attended the event, which included awards for outstanding service, reports on activities, and a special lecture by former professional table tennis player Jun Mizutani. Participants reviewed the past 100 years, realized the importance of Junior Red Cross activities for the next 100 years, and pledged to continue their activities.



The flag of the Juvenile Red Cross in 1922



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## High School Volunteer Award 2022: Towards a Sustainable Future

The “High School Volunteer Award 2022 - Towards a Sustainable Future” was held on August 16 and 17, 2022, by the Lion standing against the Wind Fund Foundation to recognize and exchange high school students who practice activities of services. The Junior Red Cross celebrated its 100th anniversary and participated as a “special supporter.” The event included a general symposium, a competition of booth presentation, and an award ceremony. Chiba Prefectural Yotsukaido High School received the award for the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Junior Red Cross.



Presentation at symposium by youth member of Vanuatu Red Cross



Students attending the award ceremony©

Create

## 100th Anniversary Book “The Secret of the Junior Red Cross”

We have made the 100th Anniversary Book “The Secret of the Junior Red Cross.” This book explains the origins of the Red Cross, the importance of caring for others, and the meaning of the word “humanity,” which we have heard more and more recently.



We distributed the Anniversary Book to member schools especially to elementary schools and public libraries nationwide.



You can read the book from here ▶



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Connect

We will connect our thoughts and activities with the friends and leaders of the Junior Red Cross members in Japan and around the world.

## Tokyo Chapter

Connect



## Online Exchange with Elementary School Students in Rwanda, Africa

On September 22, 2022, sixth graders from Adachi Ward Kitashikahama Elementary School and Kodaira Third Elementary School in Kodaira City interacted online with elementary school students in Rwanda, Africa. As part of an educational support project for Rwandan children by the Tokyo Chapter of JRCs, children from both countries introduced each other to school life and play and asked each other questions to deepen their understanding.

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Continue

We have been working for the Junior Red Cross for 100 years. We will continue to do so based on our practical goals.

## Fukushima Chapter

Continue



## Realizing the Importance of Training in a group format

The Fukushima High School Leadership Training Center was held in a group format (3 days/2 nights) for the first time in 3 years. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we spent three productive days with many nonverbal activities and efforts to keep distance between members. Many people said, “I learned many things I couldn't have learned in school.” We have worked hard to keep our business going.

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Create

In the spirit of the Red Cross, we will expand the circle of humanity and create a new history of the Junior Red Cross.

## Aomori Chapter

Create



## Using the 100th anniversary as an opportunity to further support the development of our activities

In Aomori Prefecture, as part of our 100th anniversary activities, we created mosaic art using photos of the activities of members and leaders of our Red Cross Youth member schools. The artwork is our 100th anniversary logo.

## Mie Chapter

Connect



## Spreading the Junior Red Cross activities with joy

On October 23, 2022, the Mie Prefectural Junior Red Cross Festival was held to refresh the content of the “Junior Red Cross Society” that high school students participate in every year. High school students played a central role in organizing the festival, which featured Junior Red Cross Society activities, providing experience booths, Red Cross service team booths, commemorative performances, and an internship corner. The event was attended by more than 4,000 people and brought together high school students from the prefecture with local people.

## Saga Chapter

Continue



## The spirit of charity that cares for people and the spirit of love for local communities

The Saga Chapter organized a “Hakuai Mirai Bus” to visit “Tsunetami Sano and the Historic Museum of the Miezu Naval Office.” This project was a bus for young Red Cross members in Saga Prefecture, giving them with an opportunity to learn about the life and achievements of Tsunetami Sano, a local great, who is celebrating his 200th birthday. We continue our activities to further promote the spirit of charity and love for people and the local community.

## Hiroshima Chapter

Create



## Orizuru for Equal Education Opportunities Around the World

“The 1 million Orizuru Project” was launched in January 2022. About 120,000 people, including 312 schools and 39 companies in the prefecture, participated in the project, “creating” more than 1.2 million birds. The orizuru that was connected for 3 days, was certified as a Guinness World Record with about 580,000 birds at 15,579.7 meters. Through this challenge, I experienced that even if I cannot do it alone, many people can do it together.



# FY 2022 Activity Report

Activity Report / 2022-2023

## 1. Domestic Disaster Response

In the event of disasters such as earthquake, typhoon, or other major accident, relief team is to be dispatched to provide medical relief, distribute relief items, provide mental health care, and engage in volunteer activities.



## 2. Social Activities

We offer five training courses, including First Aid which provides first-aid treatment for injuries etc, according to the diverse needs of society and life stages. We are also promoting community comprehensive care activities to realize a society in harmony with the local community.

## 3. Junior Red Cross

Based on the spirit of the Red Cross, we conduct a variety of activities at educational sites throughout the country, from kindergartens to high schools, with the practical goals of "health and safety," "service," and "international understanding and goodwill."



## 4. International Activities

In order to provide assistance to people in conflict, disaster, disease and other humanitarian crises around the world, we utilize the Red Cross network in 191 countries and regions to provide support.



## 5. Strengthening the Movement

We are working to increase the number of members who support the purpose of the Red Cross activities then participate in its operation, and to strengthen the support system for the Red Cross volunteers.

## 6. Social Welfare Services

We provide support at welfare facilities so that elderly people, children, and people with disabilities who need a variety of support in their daily lives can live independently and with individual dignity. By collaborating with various Red Cross programs, we are operating facilities by taking advantage of the unique characteristics of the Red Cross.



## 7. Medical Services

As the public medical institutions, the 91 Red Cross hospitals nationwide respond to the diverse needs of local medical care. They also provide emergency medical care, advanced medical care such as cancer treatment, remote medical care, and home-visit nursing services.

## 8. Training of Nurses

Learning about healthcare, disaster response, international relief and other fields, they acquire the spirit and skills of the Red Cross as nurses and other professionals, and demonstrate their abilities not only in clinical practice in Japan but also during disasters overseas, embodying the humanitarian philosophy of the Red Cross.



## 9. Blood Services

This program is a series of services that recruit blood donors and deliver blood products to medical institutions. Blood Donation Rooms and Blood Donation Buses are used to recruit people for blood donations. After blood is taken, it is processed into safe blood products through advanced testing and delivered to medical institutions around the country 24 hours a day.

# Domestic Disaster Response



Relief teams provide mobile healthcare in Sekikawa village in response to the disaster caused by heavy rain since August 3, 2022 (Niigata Prefecture)

## Relief Activities in FY 2022

In FY 2022, we continued our efforts to provide relief activities by preventing the spread of COVID-19 and to ensuring safety of the victims and our relief delegates with full attention.

In August, due to heavy rain caused by a stagnant frontal rainfall, Heavy Rain emergency Warning was issued mainly in northern Japan and the Hokuriku region, and river flooding and landslide occurred. Immediately after these disasters, the Japanese Red Cross Society deployed medical relief teams to the affected area to observe the residents' health by mobile health care and assess shelters. In addition, we deployed relief teams to clinics where there was a shortage of medical personnel and provided support to maintain the medical care in the affected area. Moreover, we actively provided close support to disaster victims through a wide range of activities, such as distributing hot meals, cleaning up damaged houses, distributing drinks and cold paper towels to prevent heatstroke, and supporting the operation of disaster volunteer centers.



Red Cross volunteers clean up victims' houses damaged by heavy rain on August 3, 2022. (Ishikawa Prefecture)

## Consider establishing a new training system for relief teams and conduct disaster response drills

Natural disasters in Japan are becoming more frequent, more severe, and more widespread. In recent years, disaster response has required the strengthening of various aspects of relief activities, such as the strengthening of disaster medical coordination systems, measures against infectious diseases and the promotion of mental health care activities, and a flexible response to the diversifying needs of disaster victims.

Against this background, it is necessary to further improve the environment of the relief teams' training, for example, conducting training and drills based on the nationally unified system for the training relief teams to respond in a timely and appropriate manner to large-scale disasters that are likely to occur in the future. In FY2022, to establish a new training system for relief teams we explored the content of new training programs in each training process, and also created standard training materials and considered specifics such as course management for relief delegates. In addition, the spread of COVID-19 infection was closely monitored, and various methods were adopted, such as the use of e-learning. By continuously conducting disaster response drills and training, efforts were made to further improve the quality of relief teams and to secure new delegates.



4th block joint disaster response drill (Nara Prefecture)

## Promotion of Disaster Prevention Education Projects in Local Communities

The JRCS Disaster Prevention Education Project (Red Cross Disaster Prevention Seminar) is based on the lessons learned from past disasters, such as the Great East Japan Earthquake. One aim of the project is to promote the dissemination of knowledge, awareness, and technology related to disaster prevention and mitigation among residents to protect themselves from disaster and to reduce the physical and mental pain caused by disasters. Another aim is to develop leaders who can take responsibility for emergency response in the event of a disaster in the local community.

In FY2022, while keeping a close eye on the spread of new coronavirus infections, a 'Disaster Imagination Game (DIG)' was resumed to do in group work format and leadership training in several Chapters was revitalized. As a result, a total of 526 seminars could be organized nationwide, with a total of 19,971 participants.

In addition, based on research into the curriculum required to further increase demand for seminars, a new curriculum was introduced in FY2023, and a new training system for existing instructors will be expanded and improved.



Disaster prevention maps created by athletes, companies and local residents (Ishikawa Prefecture)

## Promotion of Red Cross disaster education for youth

The Junior Red Cross takes advantage of its activities in school education, so they continue their dissemination activities using disaster prevention materials "Mamoru Inochi Hiromeru Bosai (まもるいのち ひろめるぼうさい)" for elementary, junior high and high school students and "Bosai Machigaisagashi Kiken Hakken (ぼうさいまちがいがし きけんはっけん)!" for kindergartens and nursery schools.

"Bosai Machigaisagashi Kiken Hakken!", its feature is very easy for anybody to teach, Yamaguchi chapter worked on the disaster prevention education at the Junior Red Cross member kindergartens in the prefecture where Junior Red Cross Volunteers taught disaster education together with the teachers.

In addition, the Miyagi chapter held the JRC Online Storytelling Live event, which was distributed to member schools of the Red Cross for Youth nationwide via the web. This was distributed via the web to member schools of the Japanese Red Cross Society for Youth nationwide. This initiative was organized in collaboration with NPOs that are continuing to pass on the lessons of the Great East Japan Earthquake and engage in disaster prevention and mitigation activities. Storytellers shared their experiences of the earthquake and tsunami damage while presenting materials. The children's awareness and thoughts on disaster prevention were deepened. The event was also linked to the spread of disaster education in schools, homes, and communities.



Disaster Prevention Education for Children (Yamaguchi Prefecture)

## Voices of volunteers : Connecting thoughts, self-help, mutual help, and public assistance

Ms. Naomi TAJIMA, a disaster prevention education program leader at the Kagoshima branch of the Japanese Red Cross Society, and a training instructor for emergency, child safety, and healthy life support

We have been running training activities in Kagoshima for more than 20 years. We hold four training courses a year.

When we held a Disaster Imagination Game (DIG) for elementary school children, some elderly people helped us and talked about past disasters such as wind and flood disasters with the children. At the end of the training, each table was given a disaster prevention map with lots of colorful information written on it.

The presentation by all the elementary school children was very impressive, with the residents smiling kindly at them. The nuclear family has tended to dilute relations with the elderly. We would like to continue our Red Cross activities in the future, in the hope that the feelings of the participants will connect with each other and spread throughout the local community.



Ms. Tajima watches over the participants' work (Kagoshima)

# 100 years after the Great Kanto Earthquake

~ “Get ready!” Can you hear voice from 100 years ago? ~

The Japanese Red Cross Society has conducted relief activities in various disasters for more than 100 years, and lessons learned from those experiences have been applied to current activities. 2023 marked the centenary of the Great Kanto Earthquake that occurred on September 1, 1923. We look back on the relief activities at the time of the Great Kanto Earthquake which caused unprecedented damage.



Horyu Goseda II, “Special Relief Stations of the Tokyo Chapter at the Kyujo-mae during the Great Kanto Earthquake” (owned by the Tokyo Chapter of the Japanese Red Cross Society)

On September 1, 1923 (Taisho 12), a major earthquake of magnitude 7.9 occurred at 11:58 AM, resulting in an unprecedented disaster with fires, tsunamis, and debris flows. The Japanese Red Cross Society has developed relief teams and relief equipment for natural disasters since peacetime, utilizing its wartime relief experience. There were also Red Cross volunteers from all over the country who supported the activities. These preparations and a nationwide network formed the basis for the Japanese Red Cross's relief activities after the Great Kanto Earthquake.

### ■ Activities immediately after the disaster

In the evening of September 1, the Japanese Red Cross Society set up a relief tent of more than 100 tsubo (around 330m<sup>2</sup>) in front of the Imperial Palace. The organization immediately began providing care for the sick and wounded.



Inside the relief tent in the square in front of the Imperial Palace

### ■ Relief teams rally from all over the country

Relief teams from all over the country gathered in the affected areas. The Japanese Red Cross Society established a total of 193 relief facilities, including 51 temporary relief stations in the Tokyo area and 36 in Kanagawa Prefecture, as well as relief stations and temporary hospitals for those who fled to rural areas. A total of 4,466 people were engaged in temporary relief work after the Great Kanto Earthquake. A total of 2,067,500 people were provided relief work.



The relief station in Asakusa (the relief team of Ishikawa Prefecture branch)

### ■ Protection of infants and Pregnant Women

Pregnant women who were burned out gave birth on the streets or in the forests, as it was customary to give birth at home at that time. The Japanese Red Cross accepted 2,151 pregnant women and 1,991 babies were born. The outpatient clinic treated approximately 3,700 pregnant women (actual number) and protected 387 babies.



Baby bathing at Hongo temporary maternity hospital

### ■ Prevention of Infectious Diseases

In early September, the relief team of the Japanese Red Cross Society, which quickly detected signs of the spread of infectious diseases, established temporary infectious disease hospitals in Suzaki and Itabashi in cooperation with Tokyo Prefecture and other organizations to prepare for the reception of patients. They distributed 300,000 safety manuals containing the 6 points of precautions related to hand washing, drinking water, and toilets to prevent and detect cholera, dysentery, and typhus.



A Leaflet on prevention of diseases

### ■ Power of Volunteer

In addition to holding fundraising activities, the volunteer organization of the Red Cross, the Volunteer Nurses' Association (Tokushi Kango Fujin Kai), which had expanded nationwide, and the Members contributed to the provision of winter clothing and other items, as well as sorting and distributing many relief items. The fledgling Juvenile Red Cross also provided fundraising activities and relief assistance.



Red Cross volunteers who take care of babies and toddlers in their care

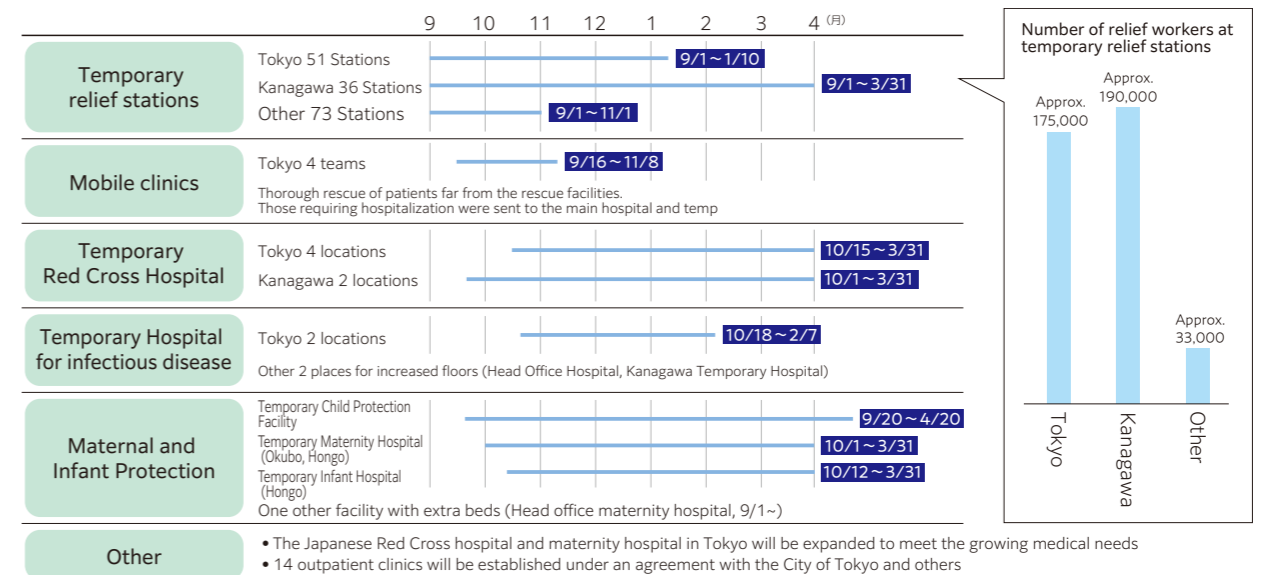
### ■ Support from around the world

Support came from fellow members of the Red Cross around the world. The American Red Cross, which sent medical teams, many tents and other materials, was based at the Imperial Hotel. The Italian Red Cross sent architects to begin construction of the barracks, and medical teams arrived from the Red Cross societies in Shanghai and Beijing to support the Red Cross hospitals. In addition, donations from the Red Cross from about 30 countries, including Switzerland, the Soviet Union, Chile, Guatemala supported the Japanese Red Cross Society's relief efforts.



Welcoming the medical team of the Red Cross Society of Shanghai at Shibaura Port

### ■ Major relief activities of the Japanese Red Cross Society in the Great Kanto Earthquake



\*This figure was prepared by referring to "The History of the Japanese Red Cross Society, Volume 4" and "The 1923 Great Kanto Earthquake and Relief Magazine of the Japanese Red Cross Society"

### Planned exhibition "The Great Kanto Earthquake 100: Study the past and prepare for tomorrow"

Period April 4, 2023 to March 28, 2024

pre-booking required TEL 03-3437-7580

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# 2

## Social Activities

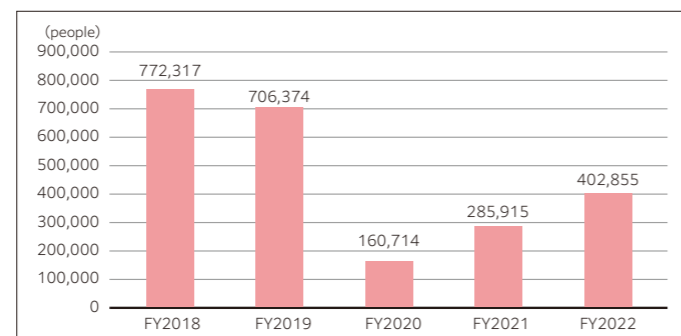


Training using plastic bottles “Online First Aid for Parents and Children,” Participants who are serious about the training (Ibaraki Prefecture)

### Strengthening cooperation with other organizations and the development of volunteer-led courses

The Japanese Red Cross Society provides 5 courses in response to the diverse needs of society and various life stages: the First Aid, the Water Safety, the Snow Safety, the Healthy Life Support, and the Child Safety. In fiscal 2022, approximately 400,000 people attended these courses annually.

In recent years, in order to build a system that supports each other in the community in a society where the birthrate is very low and the population is aging, we have been working to strengthen cooperation with other organizations through these courses. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been contributing to the health and safety of the people by serving on the Review Committee on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation of the Japan Foundation for Emergency Medicine, etc.



Changes in the number of participants in training courses

### Promotion of new training courses using ICT

The Japanese Red Cross Society has been working on the development of new training courses using ICT, including online courses that were launched in response to the growing need for such courses during the COVID-19 pandemic. In FY 2022, we conducted a trial of on-demand learning for a part of the basic training course of the Red Cross First Aid at multiple chapters and worked to introduce new training courses to meet the diverse needs. In the future, we will further enhance the convenience of the training and promote more comprehensible training.

### Contributing to community-based integrated care in various fields

In FY 2022, initiatives were undertaken in various regions that led to a rethinking of community ties. Kuriyama Red Cross Hospital continued its community activities as a core entity of the community. In cooperation with the Hokkaido branch of the Japanese Red Cross Society, Kuriyama Red Cross Hospital cooperated with town halls, community comprehensive support centers, and social welfare councils, and participated in an event held at “Wakuwaku Square”, a salon hosted by local residents' associations. Under the theme of “Connecting Lives,” the Japanese Red Cross Society held a disaster prevention seminar, explained emergency food, and provided a handwashing experience with an explanation from a certified hospital infection control nurse.

In addition, the Ishikawa Prefectural Chapter of the Japanese Red Cross Society started a health promotion project “ACTION! be in good health” with community service teams. This year, the Kahoku City Red Cross Community Service Team has partnered with a local agricultural corporation to produce vegetables using recreational farmland to promote health through their work. Members of the group say that they can feel the joy of growing crops, and this has led to stronger cooperation among members.

At the 2nd Regional Community-based Integrated Care Salon held in February 2023 under the auspices of the head office, we introduced these initiatives across the country, bringing together internal and external stakeholders to deepen our learning.



Kahoku City Red Cross Community Service Team (Ishikawa Prefecture) engaged in the activities of “ACTION! be in good health”

### Community development in cooperation with other organizations

The Japanese Red Cross Society participates in community activities in order to contribute to the realization of a community symbiotic society based on the philosophy of humanity that protects life, health and dignity through community-based integrated care.

In a collaborative project with the Urban Renaissance Agency (UR Urban Organization), several chapters began working on a trial project to hold a blood donation event and a training session at the UR housing complex in Tokyo at the same time and concluded a comprehensive agreement in December 2022 with the aim of building disaster-resilient communities and working in partnership with each other to address the challenges of a super-aged society.

We will continue to work together to contribute to local health, safe and secure living, and the revitalization of local communities.



Comprehensive Agreement Ceremony with UR Urban Organization

### Voices of volunteers Always with the spirit when I started

Mr. Ryoichi YASUDA, Instructor of Healthy Life Support Course, Child Safety Law and Emergency Law, Tokyo Chapter

The first time I obtained a qualification as an instructor was at the Healthy Life Support Course. With the words of the instructor who raised me, “Let’s do a good course together,” we teach the course under the motto “Make the course easy to understand and fun for the participants.”

Now that I have obtained a qualification as an instructor in the Child Safety and the First Aid, I am engaging in the field of various courses. When I see the participants who take the course happily and leave with a cheerful expression, I realize that it was a good course and feel motivated to participate in the course instruction. We will continue to work on course instruction while thinking about what a good course for students is, not forgetting the spirit when I started with.



# 3

## Junior Red Cross



Community study conducted at a member school of the Junior Red Cross (Kagawa Prefecture) to examine the charms and challenges of the town.

### Overview of the Junior Red Cross activities

Currently, it is important to incorporate a profound learning opportunity in school education to identify and resolve any issues in a proactive and interactive way based on the curriculum guidelines.

Throughout its 100-year history, the Junior Red Cross has set a behavioral goal: “Be aware, think and act” and raised children who can act upon their own initiative for the importance of life and for others. There are more than 14,400 member schools with about 3.49 million Junior Red Cross members and about 240,000 leaders. The Junior Red Cross celebrated its 100th anniversary in FY 2022 and implemented various initiatives in various regions. Details are in the “Special Feature” (p. 11-14).



Workshop to express gratitude by letter. (Gifu Prefecture)

### Expanding the Circle of Humanity by thinking about humanitarian crisis

The Junior Red Cross provides useful programs that are highly compatible with the purpose of “Special Subject: Morality.” In FY 2022, we learned about the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine and carried out the programs to deepen our understanding of the concept of “humanity.”

In May 2022, in the opening event for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Junior Red Cross, junior and senior high school students learned that the origin of the Junior Red Cross is to realize and imagine the suffering of people around them by looking at the world's humanitarian crises and their surroundings in the wake of humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Community study conducted at a member school of the Junior Red Cross (Kagawa Prefecture) to examine the charms and challenges of the town.

Members who participated said, “I would like to be aware of the existence of any sufferer, put myself in their shoes and think about what I can do, and do it.” and “I would like to continue to expand the circle of humanity.”



Junior Red Cross leader talking about the heart of humanity

### Holding the International Exchange Projects: Climate Change -Action for saving the future & the world together

Due to the spread of COVID-19, international travel was restricted, and in-person opportunities for international understanding and goodwill were limited. In FY 2022, we conducted an online exchange with our sister Red Cross societies on the theme of climate change.

More than 450 people from 25 Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, including Japan, attended lectures by youth volunteers from the Red Cross Climate Center and the Vanuatu Red Cross Society. After the lecture, they learned about climate change cases and countermeasures happening around them and actively exchanged opinions. They also held workshops on the topics of typhoons, floods, and heatwaves (extreme heat) to consider what they can do to adapt to climate change. Participants declared their future activities, such as “Practicing activities, for example, planting trees and sorting garbage” and “Setting a goal of effectively reducing carbon dioxide emissions and encourage a sense of ownership.”



International Exchange Projects: Exchange event of sister Red Cross Societies organized by Chapter Japanese members wear kimono and make rice balls (Yamaguchi Prefecture)

### Voices of volunteers: “Exchange of Minds” that values the connection among people

Members of the Junior Red Cross Club at Chiba Prefectural Yotsukaido High School (Chiba Prefecture)

We value the exchange of minds in our activities, and we are focusing on contactless volunteer activities that can be continued even during the COVID-19 pandemic. To help people feel the exchange of minds even during the COVID-19 pandemic, we created bulletin boards with heartwarming messages and posted them at local stations.

By creating message cards and allowing people using the station to write freely, we were able to interact with local people.

We also act as a foodbank and deliver food collected on campus to people in financial need in the area where the school is located.

Through these activities we were able to receive the Junior Red Cross 100th Anniversary Award at the “High School Volunteer Award 2022: Toward a Sustainable Future” sponsored by the Lion Standing Against the Wind Fund Foundation, in which 144 organizations participated.

We would like to reach out to 3 high schools in the city to expand the circle of activities and contribute to the creation of communities filled with kindness and compassion.



Chiba Prefectural Yotsukaido High School (Chiba Prefecture) won the Junior Red Cross 100th Anniversary Award.

# 4

## International activities



Red Cross volunteers check child malnutrition in Somalia © IFRC

### African food crisis relief

In Africa, 146 million people, more than the entire population of Japan, suffer from severe food shortage (as of August 26, 2022). Amidst a sharp decline in crop yields, due to the worst drought in 40 years caused by climate change, unseasonably heavy rains, massive flooding, and outbreaks of grasshoppers, food prices soared due to the spread of COVID-19 and the armed conflict in Ukraine, further distressing the food situation in Africa.

To strengthen humanitarian assistance to the problem, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement sent representatives from supporting National Societies to various African missions in September 2022. The Japanese Red Cross Society sent Director General of the International Department to Nigeria to hold consultations with representatives of National Societies and confirmed that the urgent and long-term response to Africa's food crisis is a priority for the Red Cross. Subsequently, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) issued a large-scale appeal for assistance totaling approximately 30 billion JPY, and the Japanese Red Cross Society also picked it up as the theme at the NHK International Helping Hand Campaign in December of the same year, providing financial assistance of 125 million JPY. Despite the food crisis in Africa, which has not received much public attention, the Red Cross continues to provide comprehensive assistance to help people suffering from hunger by providing food, cash, safe water, sanitation, and guidance for health and hygiene.

### Assistance to victims of the Middle East humanitarian crisis

The Middle East region is facing the 11th year of the conflicts including in Syria in 2022, Palestinian refugees, and the armed conflicts in Iraq and Yemen. The Japanese Red Cross Society is now in its 8th year of support. In response to the sudden humanitarian crisis, we provided 5 million JPY each to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Lebanese Red Cross Society to deal with the armed conflict between Israel and Palestine in August 2022 and the cholera infection confirmed in Lebanon in October 2022.

In addition, as long-term support for Palestinian refugees who have fled to various parts of the Middle East, we have provided technical support by dispatching Japanese Red Cross physicians and nurses to the hospital operated by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in refugee camps in Lebanon. We have continuously provided remote guidance using online tools to the hospital in Gaza Strip, thereby contributing to the improvement of local medical standards.

In other Middle Eastern countries, we worked with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent to provide food and safe water, activities related to improvement of sanitary environment to conflict zones and provided financial assistance of approximately 1 billion JPY (including relief from the earthquake in Syria and Turkey in February 2023) throughout the Middle East region.



Japanese Red Cross nurse conducts cardiopulmonary resuscitation training at the Palestinian Red Crescent Hospital.

### Health Care Project in Cox's Bazar

In August 2017, 700,000 people fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State. Some 900,000 people, including those who had previously been displaced, continue to live in harsh conditions. The Japanese Red Cross Society began providing emergency relief in September of the same year, and in May 2018, it began assistance at the clinic in the camp with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.

In FY 2022, the first year of the second phase of mid to long-term assistance, we continued medical services, maternal and child health services, community health activities, and psychosocial support (mental care). The clinic was used by an average of 2,400 people per month, up 18% from the previous year, and was accepted by the displaced people as a reliable medical facility. In response to new challenges, such as the increase in the number of people with chronic illnesses and mental health concerns in prolonged evacuation periods, medical facilities and community health and psychosocial support volunteers work together to provide appropriate support. In addition, from October, support for local communities hosting displaced people began. Local volunteers visit households to deliver awareness-raising messages on health and maternal and child health.



Activities in community safe spaces. Fun time for children living in camps with few playgrounds.

### Indonesia Disaster Prevention Enhancement Project

Since FY 2020, the Japanese Red Cross Society has been working with the Indonesian Red Cross Society to build disaster-resilient communities and develop human resources. Indonesia is one of the countries with many natural disasters. While disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and heavy rains occur frequently, the development of public infrastructure in the countryside has been significantly delayed. Even in 2022, the central and eastern parts of Java Island, where we operate, were hit by large-scale floods and volcanic eruptions.

In this project, disaster prevention activities are promoted mainly by Red Cross community volunteers based in villages and schools. To date, we have put signs in all villages that we operate to show areas with high risk of landslides and tsunamis, evacuation routes, and places to gather.

We also conduct training on early warning systems in case of disasters, and water rescue training for floods. At schools, hazard maps for students to understand dangerous places in case of disasters were created and poster competitions were held to raise awareness of disaster prevention. In addition, we have formulated a curriculum for disaster prevention education so that students can evacuate appropriately. We have utilized the knowledge of the Junior Red Cross Disaster Prevention Education Program, "MAMORU INOCHI HIROMERU BOSAI (Protecting Life, Spreading Disaster Prevention)" and have received cooperation from teachers at Japanese Red Cross member schools.



Community volunteers and government participants engaged in water rescue training ©Indonesian Red Cross

### Voices of volunteers

Participating in the 23rd session of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies General Assembly during the COVID-19 pandemic  
"Provision of humanitarian assistance beyond one's position and the Japanese Red Cross Society"

Ms. Yumino TANAKA, Kanagawa Red Cross Volunteers for International Activities

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) General Assembly, which brings together Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies from countries and regions around the world, was held in Switzerland in June 2022. The number of participants was limited to three from each society, one of whom had to be a youth volunteer, so I attended.

At the General Assembly, we discussed the current humanitarian crises and social issues from the perspective of the "Red Cross" organization and discussed "what to do" and "how to do it". When facing these challenges, people from various positions (staff/volunteers) and generations try to save lives and solve problems together. I felt that this is the stance the Red Cross is trying to take.

The Japanese Red Cross Society is also expected to take a leadership role, as the Japanese Red Cross Society was elected as the member of IFRC Governing Board in the election at this year's General Assembly.

While going back and forth between the local field and the global network of the Red Cross, I would also like to challenge expanding and strengthening the humanitarian circle.



At the venue (From the left: Dr. Tanaka, Director General, International Department, Mr. Hori, Special Representative of the President for International Affairs, and Ms. Tanaka)

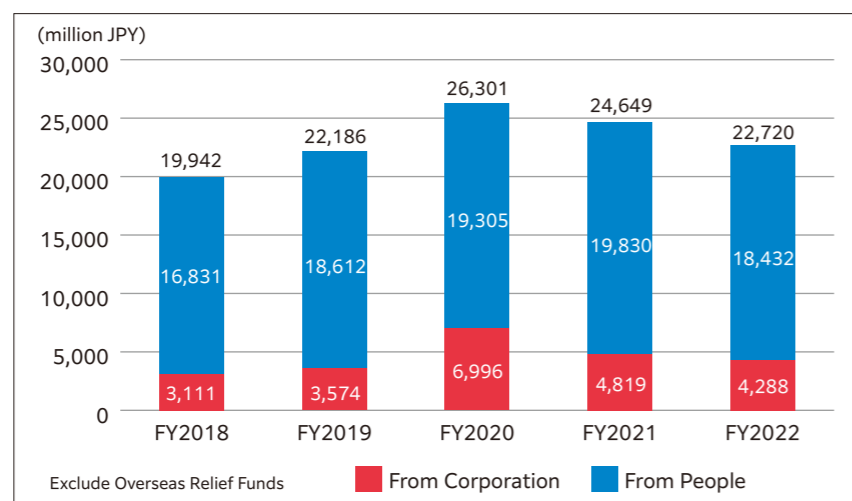
## Strengthening the Movement's Foundation: Membership Fee and Donations



Members of the Red Cross Volunteer Corps (Aomori Prefecture) engaged in membership recruiting activities while taking infection control measures.

### Changes in Membership Fee and Contributions

Although there are fluctuations every year in membership fee and donations revenue, due to the large-scale disasters recently frequent earthquakes, torrential rain as well as COVID-19, the Red Cross activities is more expected to keep on working. In order to continue fulfilling our missions, we will secure the stable revenue of membership fee and donations which are the source of our activities.



Total amount of membership fee and donations over the past 5 years (FY 2018 - FY 2022)

### Efforts to recruit members and secure financial sustainability

#### Red Cross month for membership drive

May 8, the day Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross was born, is known as the World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, and there is a worldwide movement to disseminate the missions and the activities of the Red Cross. In Japan, May is designated as Red Cross Month for membership drive but activities were carried out throughout the year depending on the condition of COVID-19.

To steadily fulfill the mission of the Red Cross, we will continue to seek the understanding and cooperation of as many people as possible to develop activities that meet the changing needs of society and the expectations from local communities.

#### Various Methods of Financial Cooperation

Our major way of receiving funds is through communities such as town councils and neighborhood organizations. However, to expand the base of our supporters we are also promoting a contactless donation method that considers the convenience of donors such as automatic membership fee collection from bank accounts and credit cards, and smartphone payment applications.

#### Strengthening communication with members

In July 2021, we issued the first edition of "Cross com-BOOK", a national membership magazine, to provide information regularly to the members on how the membership fee and donations are used and what activities the Red Cross has implemented to solve social problems. We attach postcards pre-addressed to the Japanese Red Cross Society to the membership magazine and listen to the opinions of the members.

The members, approximately 280,000, are the foundation of the Japanese Red Cross Society. We aim to establish the membership magazine as a communication tool connecting members with the Japanese Red Cross Society, with the goal of introducing it in all Chapters by FY 2024, and to lead to greater understanding and cooperation among members in Red Cross activities.



Membership magazine "Cross com-BOOK" (No. 4)

### Fundraising efforts for International Activities

#### Implementation of NHK International Helping Hand Campaign

To promote the JRCS's international activities, in December of each year we run the NHK International Helping Hand Campaign in cooperation with NHK(Japan Broadcasting Corporation). In addition to NHK television and radio broadcasting, we also use direct mailing and the Internet to ask donations from a wide range of people. In FY 2022, we received 83,816 donations totaling approximately 787.8 million JPY.

#### Acceptance of Overseas Relief Funds

Overseas Relief Funds is raised when large-scale overseas disasters occur and when it is difficult for the affected Red Cross or Red Crescent alone to respond to the situation, and an appeal for emergency relief is launched by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) or the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The money is allocated for emergency relief and reconstruction support for the affected people. Overseas relief funds we received in FY 2022 are as follows.



Afghanistan Red Crescent and IFRC Staff investigating affected areas by the great earthquake (Afghanistan)  
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Relief Fund for Middle East Humanitarian Crisis	JPY 19,313,865
Relief Fund for Displaced Persons in Southern Bangladesh	JPY 21,199,408
Relief Fund for Afghanistan Humanitarian Crisis	JPY 26,092,536
Relief Fund for Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis	JPY 5,296,775,267
Relief Fund for 2022 earthquake in Afghanistan	JPY 29,264,071
Relief Fund for 2022 Pakistan Flood	JPY 84,768,759
Relief Fund for 2023 Turkey-Syria earthquake	JPY 4,464,393,163

We will continue to actively provide information, ensure transparency in our activities, and call for continued support.



Turkish Red Crescent Staff taking hands and caring for flood victims (Pakistan) © TRCS

## Partnerships with companies and organizations

“Together with our customers and society”

### JRA Japan Racing Association



#### Support for measures against COVID-19

The Japan Racing Association donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society to support its activities including measures against COVID-19.

The donation to the Japanese Red Cross Society started in 2020 to support its activities in general, including measures against COVID-19 carried out in a wide range of fields such as medical and educational facilities, amid the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is the third year that the donation has been made.

We have been engaged in social contribution activities for many years, such as support to the affected areas, when a large-scale disaster strikes.

#### “JRA’s Contribution to Society during the Protracted COVID-19 Crisis”

Through the holding of the Central Horse Racing, JRA has donated to highly public organizations, such as the Japanese Red Cross Society providing nationwide support to people who are significantly affected by the spread of COVID-19, and has donated medical equipment to medical institutions in the vicinity where JRA offices are located.

We will continue to actively engage in social contribution activities through the holding of horse races with the understanding by our customers and aim to continue to be a racing association that is loved and trusted by our society.

Mr. Tomomi ABE, Director, Sustainability Promotion Department, JRA Japan Racing Association



The Japanese Red Cross Society seeks companies and organizations who are sympathetic to its mission to “protect human life, health and dignity.” and who are committed to realizing it through partnerships. As examples, we will introduce the conclusion of partnership agreements, the sale of products with donations, and donations through shareholder benefits and loyalty programs that utilize corporate resources.

Contributing to our society through community-based practical activities

### Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company



#### Development of the Support Project for “Community Development and Future Generations”

In April 2022, Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company and the Japanese Red Cross Society concluded a comprehensive partnership agreement to jointly develop the Support Project for “Community Development and Future Generations,” an initiative to support people’s health and welfare and create a sustainable, hopeful and prosperous society.

As specific initiatives, the company donates to medical professionals through each Chapter of the Japanese Red Cross nationwide, conducts group blood donations at the head office building of Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company, and promotes blood donation and awareness activities at its branch offices nationwide. In addition, the company holds financial and insurance education programs at member schools of the Junior Red Cross, and collaborates with the Junior Red Cross, Blood Services, and Red Cross Volunteer Corps to revitalize communities and resolve issues.

#### Thoughts on the Conclusion of a Comprehensive Partnership Agreement with the Japanese Red Cross Society

Under the slogan, “Promoting people’s health, and revitalizing communities”, Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance is implementing various initiatives to promote the physical and mental health of its customers and local communities, as well as to create rich communities where people can feel connected with each other. The mission of the Japanese Red Cross Society is “Protecting human life, health and dignity”, and one of its key initiatives is to contribute to local communities in the fields of medical care, welfare, and nursing care.

Through this initiative, we will combine our know-how and promote community contribution activities that support the health and welfare in the local communities.

Mr. Takuji Hoshino, General Manager, Regional Relations Promotion Department, Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company





Contributing to our Society by Putting our Thoughts on our Products  
Fiskars Japan Co., Ltd.



Product with donations

Fiskars Japan Co., Ltd. is the Japanese branch of Fiskars group, a leading lifestyle company in Finland that has many Western tableware brands including Iittala, Royal Copenhagen and Wedgwood. The collaboration is entirely based on Moomin creator Tove Jansson's original painting for the Finnish Red Cross in 1963, which expresses the belief that "small acts of compassion to another lead to a better world." On Moomin Day, the collaboration products were released all over the world, and a portion of the sales was donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society in addition to the Red Cross Societies in the Nordic countries. Today, our world needs kindness and unity, and the Moomin family has become a model for the power of compassion and kindness.

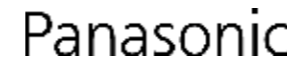


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Contributing to our Society Together with our Customers  
Panasonic Corporation



Donation program through "CLUB Panasonic" Coins

Panasonic Corporation has established a system in which donations can be made to the Japanese Red Cross Society using "CLUB Panasonic Coins," a service run by "CLUB Panasonic," a member site that supports the lives of members. Each Coin is exchanged into one JPY and the money is donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society, when the member wants to donate.



Achieving Health Promotion and Social Contribution at the Same Time

Sumitomo Life Insurance Company



Donation through Sumitomo Life's Vitality

Since March 2022, SUMITOMO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY has donated the amount of money corresponding to the points selected by "Vitality" members to the Japanese Red Cross Society through its health promotion insurance "Vitality". It is a new form of insurance based on behavioral economics that incorporates a "Wellness Program" into life insurance. It focuses on health promotion initiatives such as health checks and exercise, and provides incentives to encourage behavior change, with the aim of improving the health status of its members and, beyond that, achieving a healthy, long-lived society. The "Wellness Program" includes an "Active Challenge Rewards" that allows the members to receive rewards for achieving exercise point goals set in a weekly cycle. Though they can earn various types of tickets according to their goals, many members chose the donation instead of the tickets. The Wellness Program enables them to contribute to society through their weekly health promotion efforts. We are continuing our efforts to make society brighter in various ways.



Contributing to our society by donating a portion of book sales  
Sekaibunka Holdings



Product with donations

Sekaibunka Holdings has donated a portion of the sales of "Diary of 16-years-old girl Zlata from Ukraine" (released October 1, 2022), a 140-day diary of a young girl who risked her fate to evacuate to Japan from Ukraine with her total assets of 160,000 JPY. The donation has been used for international activities operated by the Japanese Red Cross Society, including humanitarian assistance to the Ukraine humanitarian crisis.



Voluntary social contribution activities by each employee  
Morinaga Milk Co., Ltd.



Donation from the Morinaga Milk Smile Club, which is managed and run by employees

Morinaga Milk Smile Club was established in 2006 with the aim of "To solicit donations from employees at their own initiative and to support social contribution activities in various fields." The club donates to the Japanese Red Cross Society and other organizations, and participates in charity events, using a fraction of less than 100 JPY of salary and a voluntary reserve of 100 JPY per unit as contributions. The recipients were selected based on the results of a survey by the club members, and the company agreed with the idea and donated the same amount as a matching gift. Respecting our employees' wishes to make people smile more, we are working to realize a sustainable society.



Contributing to our Society through Electronic Payment Services  
Mercari, Inc.



Donation using balance of electronic payment service

In September 2020, Mercari, Inc. launched "Mercari Donation", a system that allows "Mercari" users to contribute to a recycling-oriented society where people don't waste goods easily, as well as to donate the proceeds from sales of products obtained through listing on the "Mercari" flea market app to a designated recipient.

The Japanese Red Cross Society has been designated as one of the recipients in the Mercari Donation, and the Mercari users can donate the balance of Merpay, including proceeds from sales, to the Japanese Red Cross Society through the "Mercari Donation" system.



Contributing to our Society Together with our Shareholders  
Iino Kaiun Kaisha, Ltd.



Shareholder benefit program

Iino Kaiun Kaisha, Ltd., whose business is centered on the shipping and real estate industries, enables shareholders to choose the donation to social contribution activities as part of its shareholder benefit program, and one of the recipients is the Japanese Red Cross Society. In addition, we have started an initiative to donate an amount equal to the amount received from shareholders as a matching gift.



# 5-2

## Strengthening the Movement's Foundation: Red Cross Volunteers



Handmade lunch boxes were distributed to residents in the areas hit severely by heavy rain in August 2022 (Murakami City Red Cross Volunteer Corps and Murakami City Kanbayashi District Red Cross Volunteer Corps: Niigata Prefecture)

### Volunteer activities in partnership with other organizations

In FY 2022, Red Cross volunteers carried out activities while taking measures against the spread of COVID-19.

During the heavy rain disaster that occurred in August 2022, more than 340 Red Cross volunteers from 5 Chapters in Niigata, Ishikawa, and Yamagata Prefectures cooperated with Social Welfare Councils and other organizations to support running the disaster volunteer centers, preparing meals, raising awareness about the prevention of heatstroke and infectious diseases, and cleaning up damaged houses.

Gosen City Sub-branch of Niigata Red Cross Safety Volunteer Corps carried out activities unique to the Red Cross, such as noticing and responding to elderly victims whose injuries worsened because they could not tell their families about their injuries, while patrolling the disaster area to take measures against heatstroke and monitor the health of volunteers.

In addition, in cooperation with other organizations, such as Social Welfare Council, the volunteers worked on activities to make local residents support each other in the community, for example, providing a gathering place for the elderly.

Kakunodate Town Red Cross Volunteer Corps in Senboku City, Akita Prefecture, holds a salon called Nodoka(peaceful) Salon once a month for elderly people who spend a lot of time at home. In the salon, the volunteers took care of the participants by incorporating hand care and relaxation methods that they had learned in the Red Cross healthy life support course. In this way, they devised the contents of their activities.



Participants enjoying the usual bocchia game after light exercises. (Kakunodate Town Red Cross Volunteer Corps in Senboku City, Akita Prefecture)

### Strengthening the system for supporting volunteers and holding trainings by Chapter Instructors

Each Chapter appoints instructors from among the people who have extensive experience as Red Cross volunteers or leading those activities. They are called "Chapter Instructors". The Japanese Red Cross Society is promoting the establishment of a system to support volunteers so that they can take initiative in their activities, such as coordinating volunteer activities and planning and holding trainings.

For example, The Japanese Red Cross Society Kagoshima Chapter has established a liaison committee for Chapter instructors, and worked to enhance leadership training because of the urgent need to develop leaders serving as instructors for basic training and leadership training held at the Chapter, in order to revitalize the volunteer corps and make the volunteers take initiatives.



A chapter guidance instructor advising each of groups in the Red Cross Volunteer Leadership Training (4th from the right: Kagoshima Prefecture)

### Continued Implementation of Red Cross Volunteer Trainings

We conduct basic training and leadership training for Red Cross volunteers throughout the country. Because of the spread of COVID-19, some Chapters had to stop the group training like before, however, we managed to continue the training by reducing the number of participants, shortening the time of the training, or offering training DVDs.

In FY 2022, we held a seminar on "the seven fundamental principles of the Red Cross (YABC training)" for the first time in 5 years. This is a training program developed by the International Red Cross for young people. Under the themes of "deterrence of violence" and "social inclusion," we will positively change our thoughts and behaviors and encourage others to change, while improving society. Participants can apply the methods learned in the seminar to their own volunteering activities. The seminar also provides educational materials for volunteers.



The volunteer making a presentation at the YABC training

In addition, we created educational materials for volunteers called "Volunteers, be safe! ", to learn about precautions and preparations before and after volunteering. The contents are available on the website or as a booklet, and have been used in Chapter trainings and disaster prevention events.

### Voices of volunteers: Do new initiatives seem difficult? Let's start by exploring!

Ms. Kazuko AKAGAWA, Kakunodate Town Red Cross Volunteer Corps, Senboku City, Akita Prefecture

We carry out activities that are needed at every moment in the mind of "We want to help the community!" In measures against COVID-19, we conducted support activities at vaccination sites. Our monthly elderly salon, "Nodoka(peaceful) Salon," was launched in response to the need to create a space where elderly people in the community can interact. It seems difficult to start something new, but I think it's important to be willing to try something. I would like to spread salon activities more widely, with the understanding of others.



Ms. Akagawa (center) working at a salon for the elderly

# 6

## Social Welfare Services



100th birthday celebration for a resident of a special nursing home for the elderly (Saitama Prefecture)

### Safe and Secure Operation of Social Welfare Facilities

Since the main source of funding for social welfare facilities of the Japanese Red Cross Society is public funds, proper and stable operation is required. However, as welfare needs increase due to the aging population, social welfare facilities remain in a difficult business environment, with a nationwide shortage of human resources for welfare and improvements of working conditions becoming social issues.

We have taken measures to continue safe and secure operations even in such environments.

### Provision of Quality Services

In order to continue stable operations in the future, we will need to strengthen our management foundation and improve the quality of our services. In FY 2022, we actively participated in various training programs aimed at improving management awareness among facility staff and enhancing opportunities to improve skills for providing high-quality services.



Online Long-Term Care Support Specialist Training (Fukuoka Prefecture)



Employees learning about child rights advocacy (Tokyo Prefecture)

### Volunteer Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Many Red Cross volunteer groups and volunteers are engaged in activities to support the lives of facility users. In FY 2022, due to the impact of COVID-19, we continued to accept volunteers for activities that do not contact users such as online communication and gymnastics, and environmental improvements such as mowing and snow removal. In addition, in some facilities, we took measures against infection, and conducted activities such as hot meal distribution drills and hairdressing.



Members of the Red Cross volunteer group handing a handmade apron (Tokushima Prefecture)

### Strengthening Community Contribution Activities

Given that social welfare facilities are required to serve as local welfare bases in the Integrated Community Care System promoted by the Japanese government, social welfare facilities carry out various community contribution activities for local residents.

### Initiatives at Child Welfare Facilities

Child welfare facilities, such as infant homes, have continued to host childcare circles as a gathering place for parents and children in the neighborhood even during the COVID-19 pandemic by reducing the scale and using online services. The facilities have worked on public awareness activities of foster care as well as child-care support. In addition, we actively provided opportunities to learn professional knowledge for students studying preschool education, such as lectures on the foster care system.



Promotion of Foster Care System • Awareness Activities (Akita Prefecture)

### Initiatives at Care Facilities for the Elderly and the Disabilities

The elderly welfare facilities, such as special nursing homes for the elderly, hold dementia supporter training courses and implement lectures at neighboring schools to create a community friendly environment to the elderly with dementia and their families. We also work to develop human resources for future social welfare by providing practical training for university students and people who wish to become welfare workers and will play a leading role in social welfare in the future.

At care facilities for persons with disabilities, we are also working to ensure support system for persons with disabilities to live their own lives with peace of mind in the community and to promote self-reliance.

Through these activities, we endeavored to alleviate social problems such as the isolation of the elderly and persons with disabilities. We contribute to the creation of a community in which everyone can lead comfortable life.



Facility Tour for Working-Level Training (Okinawa Prefecture)

### Voices of volunteers Wearing two hats as a facility user and a volunteer.

Mr. Kyohei YAMADA, Japanese Red Cross Welfare Center Recross Hiroo Volunteer

When I was looking for activities to do at the time of my retirement, I found a "Social Contribution; Listening Volunteer Workshop" in Nagano Prefecture, where I lived at the time. After attending the workshop, I and my fellow participants volunteered as conversation partners at a local facility for the elderly.

After moving to Shibuya Ward, I applied to be a listening volunteer at Recross Hiroo. I remember visiting a 107-year-old woman who asked me to sit there. After my chronic neurological disease worsened, I started going to Recross Hiroo as an user of the outpatient rehabilitation.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I continue to serve as a listening volunteer online. I am happy to work at Recross Hiroo wearing two hats as a user and a volunteer.



# 7

## Medical Services



A pregnant woman, infected with COVID-19, gives birth at the Japanese Red Cross Aichi Medical Center Nagoya Daini Hospital.  
\* See pages 39-40 for details of the response to COVID-19

### Promoting Hospital Management that can Contribute to Regional Medical Care

#### Responding to Community Health Care Initiatives

Due to future population decline, declining birthrate and aging demography, the elderly population is expected to increase rapidly and the working-age population is expected to decrease. Therefore, each prefecture has established a “regional medical care vision” in its medical care plan in order to establish an efficient medical care provision system in accordance with local circumstances. The Red Cross Hospital Group, which is the public medical institution, is also working to establish a medical care provision system based on the regional medical care vision in each of these areas. In FY 2022, as part of this effort, the Japanese Red Cross Mihara Hospital in Mihara City, Hiroshima Prefecture, and Mitsubishi Mihara Hospital in the same city integrated their functions into the Japanese Red Cross Mihara Hospital.

#### Initiatives to Realize a Community-based Integrated Care System

We are implementing various initiatives to create a community-based integrated care system that provides housing, medical care, nursing care, prevention, and life support in an integrated manner so that people can continue to live their own lives in familiar areas until the end of their lives. As one of these initiatives, we are holding specific activities training\* to train nurses who can support patients who receive inpatient medical care, emergency room medical care, and home medical care after their discharge from a hospital. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we also held training programs online, etc. In FY 2022, a total of 200 people completed these programs.

\*Nurses trained in specific activities can assist medical services by following documented procedures without waiting for a doctor or dentist's order.

### Building Disaster-resistant Hospitals (Organizational Structure)

The Red Cross Hospital Group, as a public medical institution, has the responsibility to minimize damage to buildings and continue providing medical care even in the event of a disaster. In order to fulfill this responsibility, all Red Cross medical facilities have a BCP (Business Continuity Plan) in place to deal with disasters. In the future, in order to improve the effectiveness of BCPs, third-party evaluations of BCPs, and education/training sessions with relevant organizations will be held at each Red Cross medical facility.

### Provision of High Quality and Safe Healthcare and Improvement of the Quality of Healthcare Service

#### Evaluation of Medical Quality and Clinical Evaluation Indicators

The Red Cross Hospital Group introduced the “Medical Quality Evaluation System” in FY2014 in response to growing public interest in the quality of medical care. As a group as a whole, we are promoting the visualization of medical quality. In the future, we will review and expand the current 48 evaluation indicators. We will strive to further improve the transparency and quality of medical care.

#### Implementation of Medical DX to Improve Patient Services

Medical DX is the externalization, dissemination, and standardization of medical operations, systems, and data storage through the use of ICT (information and communication technology). The idea is to change society and the way people live their lives so that they can receive better quality medical care. In order to actively utilize the medical DX-related measures promoted by the government, the Red Cross Hospital Group held the “Japanese Red Cross Medical DX Web Seminar” in FY2022. We are working to further promote medical DX at each Red Cross medical facility, such as by sharing good examples of medical DX.

### Building a Sound Financial Foundation and Strengthening Group Management

#### Management Situation in the COVID-19 Pandemic

In 2022, COVID-19 also had a significant impact on hospital management. Due to the securing of beds exclusively for patients with COVID-19 and the temporary suspension of accepting new inpatients as a result of the spread of infection, the balance of medical income and expenditure in FY2022 was a loss of JPY 56.8 billion. However, the receipt of subsidies from the national and prefectural governments to deal with COVID-19 resulted in an ordinary income and expenditure surplus of JPY 72.5 billion. Even with the COVID-19 pandemic, targets were set for KGI (Key Goal Indicators: ordinary income and expenditure) and KPI (Key Performance Indicators: number of new inpatients, personnel cost load ratio), the monthly budgets of each medical facility were monitored, and measures to improve management were implemented for facilities with large deviations between target and actual values. In addition, individual support was strengthened for supported hospitals, priority supported hospitals and HQ-managed hospitals that require medium-to long-term management improvement, based on the management soundness plan.

#### Strengthening Group Management

The Red Cross Hospital Group faces risks such as a further deterioration in management due to a decline in medical revenues, and difficulties in continuing to provide healthcare due to the uneven distribution of doctors and a shortage of healthcare professionals. In order to continue to provide the healthcare required by the community, it is necessary to address these issues not only at individual medical facilities, but also as a group as a whole.

In order to address these challenges, the Group as a whole will further utilize its medical management resources to improve the quality of medical care and its financial situation. At the same time, we are working to strengthen group management by enhancing support for each Red Cross medical facility. In FY2022, efforts were made to standardize and streamline operations through computerization and to promote participation in joint bidding for large-scale medical equipment.

### Voices of volunteers Bringing of the pleasure reading to inpatients!

Ms. Aki NAGAREDA, Japanese Red Cross Osaka Hospital Service Corps

We, the Japanese Red Cross Osaka Hospital Service Corps, were established 55 years ago when the wife of the Consul General of the United States donated books to the hospital. Since then, we have continued to lend books to inpatients. In 2020, however, we had to stop the activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. From December 2022, we resumed our activities by changing the method to reduce the risk of infection, where inpatients in the ward select their favorite books from a “book catalog file” and volunteers deliver the books to them. We hope to continue our activities in the future in the hope of providing a small moment of healing for our patients who are in hospital for their mental and physical recovery.

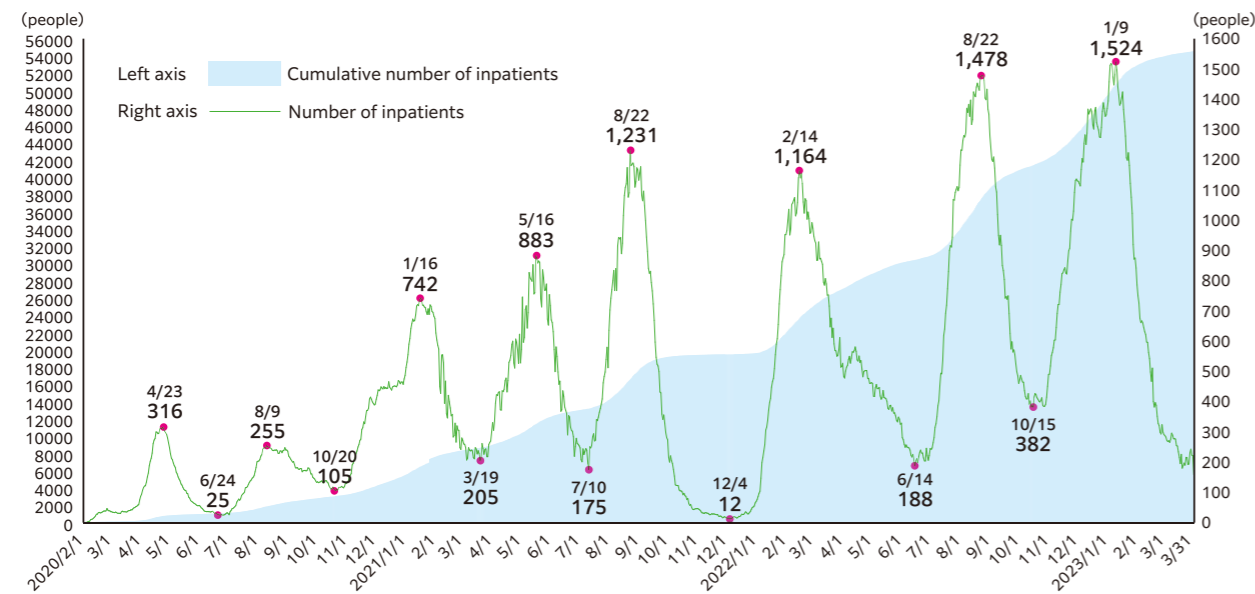


# Response to COVID-19 at the Red Cross Hospitals

## Admission of Inpatients

As of March 31, 2023, Red Cross Hospital had admitted a total of 54,479 inpatients in response to COVID-19 since the country's first case was confirmed in 2020.

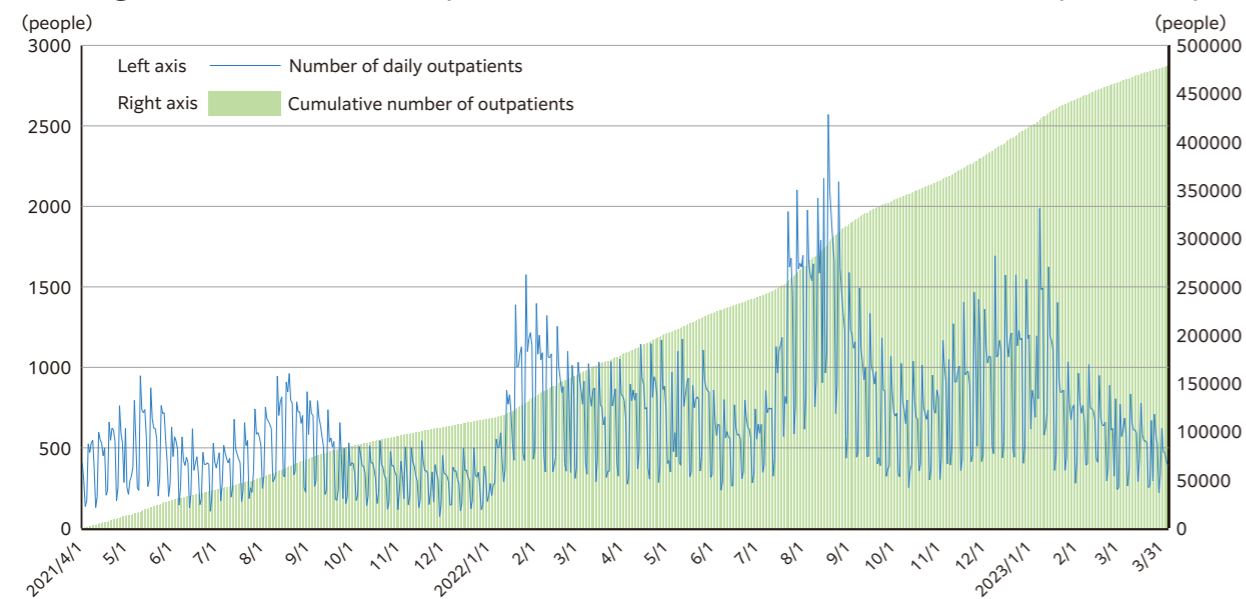
### Changes in the number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the Red Cross Hospital Group



## Outpatient Acceptance

The Red Cross Hospital established a returnee/contact outpatient clinic or a fever outpatient clinic and accepted a total of 563,241 outpatients by March 31, 2023.

### Changes in the number of outpatients with COVID-19 in the Red Cross Hospital Group



Changes in the Cumulative Number of Outpatients Accepted

## Efforts at Red Cross Hospitals

During the seventh and eighth waves of COVID-19, the shortage of manpower in hospitals became more severe than before the sixth wave, due to the significant increase in the number of infected patients and the increase in the number of staff who were forced to stay at home due to their family members or themselves becoming infected. In such a situation, each Red Cross hospital worked diligently to treat infected patients in order to fulfill the role required by the community.

In December 2022, the Infectious Diseases Control Law was partially revised (effective on April 1, 2024), and prefectural governments and specific medical institutions agreed to secure beds and outpatient care in case of the spread of emerging infectious diseases. The Red Cross Hospital Group, which is a public medical institution, will continue to conclude agreements without omission upon request from prefectural governments so that it can respond appropriately to the revision of the Infectious Diseases Control Law, and will work to develop a medical care delivery system for the possible spread of emerging infectious diseases in the future.

## Dispatch of Staff from the Red Cross Hospital

A total of 30,301 staff, mainly doctors and nurses, were dispatched from April 2021 to the end of March 2023 in order to vaccinate healthcare workers at other medical institutions and the general public and to respond to new COVID-19 patients.

Of these, 57 nurses (876 days) were dispatched from 34 facilities to medical institutions in regions where the system of providing medical care based on requests from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare is in short supply. The dispatch destinations include temporary medical facilities in Tokyo (formerly Tokyo Women's Medical University East Medical Center), prehospitalization stations and prefectural hospitals in Okinawa Prefecture. The dispatched nurses worked on the basis of their experience in handling COVID-19 patients and infection control measures at their facilities. They contributed to the support of the client's medical care delivery support.

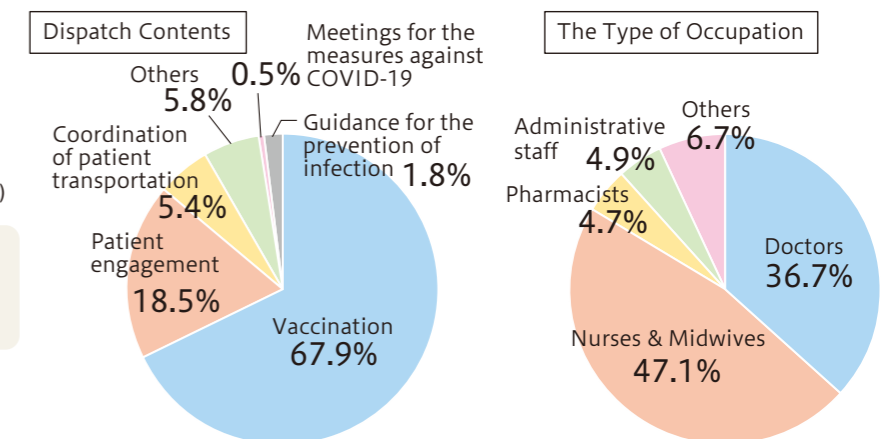


A nurse dispatched from the Japanese Red Cross Medical Center who works at the Okinawa prehospitalization station (Okinawa Prefecture)

### Dispatch Situation of Red Cross Hospital Staff

(From April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023)

Total number of persons: **30,301**



# 8

## Training of Nurses



New nurses at the Japanese Red Cross Tottori Hospital practicing intravenous drip infusion (Tottori Prefecture)

### Promotion of Career Development Ladder for Nurses at the Red Cross Facilities

In super declining birthrate and aging population society, there is a high expectation of nurses who can play an important role in the fields of community health, medical care and welfare, including response to natural disasters and the COVID-19. In order to develop advanced nursing skills based on the Red Cross philosophy, the JRCS medical facilities have been using methods called “Career Development Ladder for the Red Cross Facilities” since FY2006 as a mechanism for developing the skills of nursing staff. As of the end of August 2022, 26,442 nurses (70.4% of the total 37,532 nurses including teachers) have been certified under the Career Development Ladder, which has 4 fields (practitioners, managers, international, and teachers).

As the Red Cross nurses also play roles as members of relief teams, we have set up a “Training Program for Red Cross Nurses Working as Relief member” to continuously train our nurses and head nurses as members of relief teams and to provide disaster nursing education for the development of medical relief member. Through this program, we are working to improve nursing skills in times of disasters.

### Widely Providing Learning Opportunities to Medical Staff in the Red Cross Facilities and the Same Region

The educational institutions of the Red Cross train nurses at 11 schools of nursing and 6 colleges of nursing (1 grade capacity of 1,195 students), midwives at 1 school of midwifery school (40 students) and 1 collage of nursing (10 students) and 4 graduate schools (38 students), and public health nurses at 6 colleges of nursing (149 students).

In FY 2022, a total of 1,080 students graduated from the Red Cross educational institutions. Since the start of nurse training in 1890, the number of graduates has reached 123,349.

As the Red Cross educational institutions for nurses actively work on regional cooperation and collaboration, they provide learning opportunities as recurrent education (a place for adults to learn again) for professionals and the general public such as nurses and care workers working in the same region.

\*Schools of nursing operated by the Japanese Red Cross Academy are included in the Red Cross educational institutions.  
\* The number of graduates(capacity) is as of April 2022.

### Promotion of Trainings for Red Cross Nurse Managers

The Japanese Red Cross Training Center for Nurse Managers provides advanced education with the aim of fostering nurse managers who can cultivate a rich humanity based on the Red Cross philosophy and play an active role as promoters and reformers in the organization.

The Training Center held online workshops for the Red Cross nurse managers training program I·II·III\* and the Red Cross subjects I·II, and other practical training courses. Practical Instructor Training in an online format, in which participants from the Red Cross facilities nationwide took part. Due to the spread of COVID-19, the planned group follow-up training was held online, but 205 trainees learned from each other and completed the courses.

\*Serves as a training course for certified nurse managers of the Japanese Nursing Association

### Voices of volunteers : What We Can Do Even During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Hoping for the Recovery of Patients

Nursing Student Volunteer Corps, the Japanese Red Cross Kyoto Daini School of Nursing

We learned about the activities of the Red Cross and discussed what we could do for patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. We imagined the patients' stay in the hospital, and we would like them to feel the season and feel better as much as possible in time for Christmas, New Year, and Setsubun(last day of winter in the traditional Japanese calendar), so we suggested putting hand-drawn illustrations and message cards on the lunch table to pray for their recovery. We were able to do it three times with the support of the hospital staff, and we received many words of thanks from the patients. Through volunteer work, we felt joy that we could be involved in encouraging patients even during the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to continue sharing ideas and thinking about what we can do now.



Visited the pediatric ward with “Heartora-chan”



Christmas greeting cards for hospitalized patients

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## Blood Services



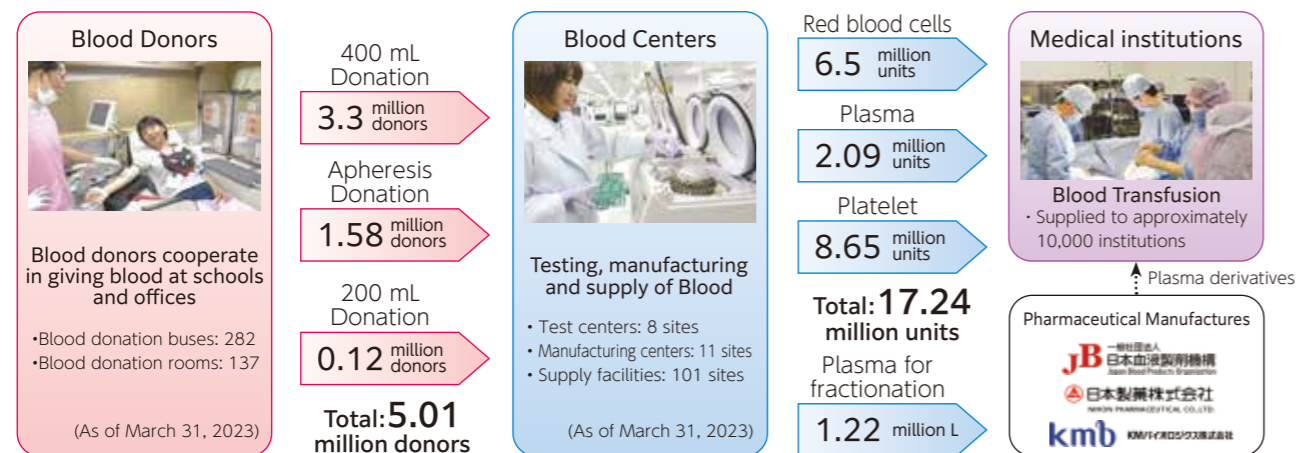
Blood donors who cooperate with blood donation in the blood donation room (Tokyo)

### To ensure stable blood supply in need

#### Acceptance of blood donation and stable supply of blood products

The Japanese Red Cross Society is engaged in the blood program with the mission of providing safe blood products to medical institutions in a stable manner for the people and their families who are suffering from illness and injury and in need of blood supply.

In FY 2022, despite the impact of the spread of COVID-19, we made efforts to ensure blood volume that met medical demand. With the great cooperation of 5.01 million blood donors (99% from the previous FY), we were able to stably supply blood products for transfusion, which are needed by medical institutions. We were also able to allocate the required amount of plasma (source plasma), which is raw materials of plasma derivatives, to domestic pharmaceutical wholesalers.



From Blood Donation to Medical Institutions (Achievements in FY 2022)

### Efforts to promote blood donation

#### Promoting blood donation in the COVID-19 pandemic and raising awareness of blood donation among young people

As part of the promotion of blood donation in the COVID-19 pandemic, we have further promoted the reservations of blood donation through the web member service "Love-lood" while having taken thorough measures against COVID-19 avoiding the crowds. The reservation ratio reached 46.8% of all blood donations.



A poster of blood donation promotion project "Going around, Blood Donation"

Furthermore, as the number of telecommuters increased and it became more difficult to dispatch mobile blood collection vehicles (blood donation buses) to their companies and organizations, we made efforts to encourage them to visit local blood donation centers, while, we, in urban areas, enhanced the blood donation acceptance system mainly at fixed blood collection facilities (blood donation rooms).

In addition, as the number of blood donations at schools has decreased due to the increase in online education, and the number of new blood donors, especially among younger generations, is declining, we promoted and raised awareness among young people in order to maintain the blood donation base and ensure sustainable cooperation in blood donation in the future, we held blood donation seminars at junior and senior high schools and launched the campaigns such as the blood donation promotion project "Going around, Blood Donation" and the "Give Blood at Twenty" campaign by TV and social networking services.



Blood donation seminar at a high school (Hokkaido)

### Review of Systems and Operations in Supply Department

#### Switching to web order of blood products

To prevent errors and improve the efficiency of ordering and receiving of blood products, the Supply Department, which provides blood products to medical institutions, modified the blood product ordering system that was newly introduced in FY 2020 by taking in requests from medical institutions, and we actively promoted the transition from ordering blood products by telephone and fax to ordering via the Internet.

### Implementation of safety measures on blood products

#### Further pursuit of safer blood products

Blood products are made from donated blood. In order to protect the health of blood transfusion recipients, it is necessary to keep improving the safety and quality of blood products made from donated blood by updating safety information and incorporating the latest science and technology. In FY 2022, in order to further improve the safety of platelet products, the preparations were made to introduce bacterial screening, including tests for application for approval, equipment and facilities, with the aim of reducing the risk of bacterial infection associated with platelet products.

In addition, to reduce transfusion adverse reactions, we have been progressing in the consideration of introducing a new platelet product in which the plasma is partially replaced with platelet additive solution (PAS).

### Voices of volunteers We want you to know how fun it is to donate blood!

Ms. Misha HAYASHI, Chair, the Executive Committee of All Japan Student Blood Donation Promotion in FY 2023

Blood donation can save lives. Many people don't know much about blood donation, and even if they do, they don't have the courage to take a step to donate blood.

The Executive Committee of All Japan Student Blood Donation Promotion is a student group that works to promote blood donation among younger people.

Through activities on social networking sites and at actual blood donation sites, the group is tackling the issue of the decrease in the number of younger blood donors with the power that only the people of the same generation can convey.

This year, we will revitalise the system which was weakened due to the difficulty in gathering during the COVID-19 pandemic and activate the group from the inside.

Through our activities, we hope that you will find the excellence of blood donation and the courage to take a step ahead.



# Enhancing Organizational Functions

## Efforts to achieve the Long-Term Vision

We promoted efforts to achieve the long-term vision to continuously cultivate staff awareness and the organizational culture by publicizing the long-term vision through seminars and other means for different levels of staff, and to strengthen specific PDCA cycles.

In particular, with regard to PDCA, we performed operations based on the progress made by monitoring the first medium-term operational plan, and formulated the second medium-term operational plan based on issues identified by the monitoring, large-scale disasters expected to occur in the future, and the social environment caused by COVID-19 and other factors. The plan sets cross-operational themes and aims to demonstrate the comprehensive capabilities of the Japanese Red Cross Society to achieve its long-term vision.

In addition, we continued to proceed with studies to enhance the functions of the corporate divisions, which support the achievement of our long-term vision, and to examine the system and framework to support operational development. In FY2022, we reorganized the authority based on the headquarters' operational execution system.

## Reinforcement of public relations

The flow of donations has five stages: “recognition,” “understanding,” “consideration,” “action,” and “continuation.” We implemented effective communication measures for each stage. We developed “Integrated Digital Marketing,” which aims to maximize the flow of donations by setting targets for each stage and improving efficiency through repeated analysis and evaluation of the effects of the measures. We promoted public relations development linked to all PR measures, including our owned Media.

During Red Cross Movement Membership Recruitment Month in May 2022, the Japanese Red Cross Society and people around the world created a new TV commercial depicting how they “stand together” against crises or disasters, which was broadcast nationwide to strengthen the brand. In addition, in the project named “ACTION! Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction,” implemented in September, we succeeded in appealing to many people to prepare for various dangers in their homes by using an easy-to-understand method of picture book video with a high storyline and contributed to the expansion of social media followers who are always connected with the Japanese Red Cross Society. Furthermore, we distribute our email newsletter, “Red Cross NEWSLETTER,” to approximately 100,000 supporters and promote understanding of our activities and continuous donations through the Japanese Red Cross Society website.



## Reinforcement of financial base

In order to further promote effective and efficient business operations, we continued to strengthen our purchasing power by taking advantage of the merit of scale, and to make appropriate and planned capital investments and financing.

In addition, to strengthen our financial base, we established a system for internal financing within the hospital group, which began operation in FY2022, and we also began to examine the establishment of a new fund management system.

## Restructuring of human resource systems

### Reinforcement of recruitment and training of human resources

In order to support the development of human resources capable of responding to diversifying social needs and risks in rapidly changing social environments, such as demographic changes, globalization, and ICT, we have established a new performance review system, etc. and made preparations for the full implementation of the new system by publicizing its contents and holding training, etc. for reviewers. We have also begun full-scale studies on human resource management mechanisms, training systems, etc.

In addition, for educational training (skills development, etc.), we have resumed some face-to-face training depending the purpose of the training while closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. We have also actively adopted online training as one of the more effective and efficient training formats.

### Promotion of work style reform, etc.

To respond appropriately to changes in the environment surrounding our operations, we continued to work actively to maintain and secure a sound working environment by, for example, optimizing working hours and promoting the acquisition of annual paid leave. We also studied how to respond to the work style reform for doctors and worked to develop an environment that makes it easy for staff members to balance between work and childcare to improve the rate of childcare leave acquisition by male staff.

## Reinforcement of organization-wide efforts to promote compliance

We have strived to raise compliance awareness so that staff abide by laws, regulations, and internal rules and can take appropriate actions. As part of this effort, we have revised the Regulations on Whistleblower Handling, etc., from the aspect of strengthening whistleblower protection. In addition, in accordance with our basic compliance policy “Reinforcement of Organization-wide Harassment Response Capabilities” from FY2020 to FY2022, we have worked to raise awareness by providing training for staff, including managers, training for counselors, holding Harassment Prevention Month (December), and providing Q&A for counselors.

## Improvement of organization-wide risk management capabilities

We have thoroughly implemented organization-wide reporting and response systems to minimize the risk of loss of credibility and other risks associated with incidents, accidents, etc. In addition, regarding risk management necessary for operational continuity, we have held a Risk Management Preparation Committee to establish a management system, evaluate and verify the risks assumed by each operation, and then determine which risks should be prioritized. Concerning these risks, we have drafted mitigation measures in advance of risk management activities that will be implemented in stages from FY2023.

## Reinforcement of information security measures

In FY2022, all facilities introduced an organization-wide integrated information system as a basic system using a wide-area LAN to heighten security, improve operational efficiency, and reduce costs. As a result, Internet connectivity was unified, enabling monitoring 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to reduce security risks.

We conducted information security training sessions from September to November 2022, participated by 291 information security personnel from all installed facilities, to raise staff awareness of information security.

In addition, we participated in joint training between police agencies and the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare to share information with police agencies and enhance our information security management system.

## Further promotion of organization-wide ICT

Taking ICT and digitalization as a means of operational reform, we formulated the “Japanese Red Cross Society 2nd Basic Concept for ICT promotion” in May 2022 with the aim of improving the management efficiency of the entire Japanese Red Cross Society.

As for the initiatives to realize the concept in FY2022, we identified the information systems that need to be examined as soon as possible. As a result, we proceeded to examine the introduction of information systems related to the administration and planning division and the human resource division.

## Reinforcement of organization-wide internal controls and auditing functions

In addition to compliance audits, which have been conducted as internal audits to confirm compliance with laws, regulations, and rules, we have newly introduced operational audits to evaluate the appropriateness of internal control by using a risk-approach.

In FY2022, we conducted an operational audit on the theme of personal information management systems to evaluate whether internal control over the risk of personal information loss and leakage is functioning properly, in light of the large number of incidents of personal information loss and leakage that have occurred at companies and other organizations in recent years.



Pickup  
The Red Cross X Myself

In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine in February 2022, the Japanese Red Cross Society has dispatched staff to Ukraine and neighboring countries to provide technical assistance in various fields. In April 2022, Mr. Yasutaro Nakazato, a pharmacist at Osaka Red Cross Hospital, was dispatched to support the opening and operation of a temporary medical clinic that the Ukrainian Red Cross Society requested for assistance to establish. The pharmacist, Mr. Nakazato, who helped set up a temporary medical clinic in Uzhhorod, western Ukraine, tells us about such field activities.

“Creating a pharmacy” from scratch in a temporary clinic



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Mr. Yasutaro  
NAKAZATO

He is affiliated with the Pharmacy Department and International Medical Relief Department of Osaka Red Cross Hospital. He has been involved in many overseas medical assistance projects, such as the relief operations for the displaced people in southern Bangladesh in 2018, the earthquake relief operations in Haiti in 2021, and the emergency relief for the Ukraine humanitarian crisis in 2022.

A clinic supported by the International Red Cross has been established in Uzhhorod, on the western edge of Ukraine, close to the border between Slovakia and Hungary. I was sent there as part of the first team to set it up, together with members of the Finnish Red Cross. Uzhhorod was originally a quiet rural town with a population of 116,000, in which many retired elderly people lived. There is a museum that houses some of Ukraine's most valuable works of art, and the clinic is set up in the courtyard of the museum.

It is said that 300,000 internally displaced persons were moved to Uzhhorod after the armed conflict escalated. Uzhhorod used to be one of the safest areas in Ukraine, with a tranquil and relaxed atmosphere in the town, which is hard to believe during the armed conflict. However, air raid alarms are now sounded daily, and helicopters pass-by overhead. At the same time as the air raid alarms sounded in the town, an app installed on my smartphone also sounded an alarm, and each time this happened, I evacuated to an air-raid shelter along with the people around me. As soon as the air raid alarm goes off, people disappear from the town, cars stop, and it becomes quiet. Next to the museum where the clinic is located, there is a distribution point for relief supplies for the evacuees, and there is always a long queue of people waiting in line.

Air raid alarms, the sound of helicopters, and queues of evacuees waiting in line at the distribution point for supplies—even it is when I encounter these situations that I realize that people are in wartime in a very peaceful and pleasant city.

Ukrainian volunteers with Red Cross symbols are working to distribute supplies, and we, the health and medical care support team, focused to prepare for the opening of the clinic. As we had to start from scratch to set up the clinic, the first thing to be done was to build tents and infrastructure. The setting up of the clinic in Uzhhorod is, from my experience in setting up clinics in other countries, quite serious foundation its function. It may be by anticipating a prolonged period of its function.

The Finnish Red Cross Society members who supervise the set-up of the clinic and instruct the local staff are technicians in all fields, including electrical work, wiring, etc. Under their direction, the sturdy construction of the clinic was steadily underway. The foundation work was carried out by two Ukrainian men, who used to be carpenters. They mentioned that their families have fled to Germany and other countries, and are now living apart from their wives and children. Even so, they were working positively.



Pharmacist Nakazato takes over the management of medicines to the Ukrainian pharmacists



Mr. Nakazato carries materials and equipment that arrived at the temporary clinic



With the Red Cross volunteers in Ukraine



Mr. Nakazato talks with the Finnish Red Cross staff

The Finnish Red Cross provides the equipment and medicines for the clinic. Once most of the infrastructure was in place, medicines and medical supplies started arriving from Finland to Ukraine. My original task of building a “pharmacy” for the displaced Ukrainian people began. Medical services (support) are not enough just to have goods and people. It is very important to be prepared for the management and operational readiness to avoid wasting valuable medical materials. In my area of responsibility, I would say it is about “setting up a pharmacy system.” I have to proceed carefully with this start-up so that the support for the displaced people here will continue to work well even after I return to Japan.

Specifically, shelves will be set up to manage the medicines, and the medicines that arrive will be checked and sorted. If anything needs refrigeration, we set up a fridge to control the temperature, and so on, starting with creating a place to manage the medicines. We have created a database and ledgers to keep track of what is where, how much is there, and how it was dispensed and received, as well as a pharmaceutical chart to record the medicines given to patients.

Our mission ended with the safe opening of the clinic and confirmation of its operation by local medical professionals. The outlook for the situation in Ukraine is still unpredictable. However, I hope that the clinic we created will be of some help to the health of the displaced people and local staff.

(This interview was conducted in May 2022.)

● Japanese Red Cross Society ●

# Deep Dive into the Activities of the Chapters

The JRCs has one chapter office in each of 47 prefectures and conducts activities rooted in local communities. In this article, we will focus on two of these chapters and introduce activities that meet the needs of each region.

"Head bandage" stockings are stretching!



Now I know how to stop the bleeding.



## Nagasaki Chapter

### Raising awareness of disaster prevention in a remote island

Tsushima City, Nagasaki Prefecture is a remote island located approximately 132 km from the mainland of Kyushu and approximately 49.5 km from the Korean Peninsula. You can only reach the island by airplane or ship, resulting in difficulties in hurrying to rescue in time of disaster. As such, we held 6 disaster prevention seminars in 5 locations, with the aim of raising awareness of disaster prevention among people in the community even in normal time and supporting to enhance the self-help and mutual help. The contents of the seminars were selected according to the needs of each community and tailored to make participants feel more familiar with disaster and disaster prevention. This time, we introduced you to the "first aid in time of disaster" workshop held in an elementary school. Imazato Elementary School run by Tsushima City has 13 pupils and 10 teachers located in a small fishing village with

173 people living. As there are no clinics in the village, you must drive 30 minutes along the narrow cliff road to a hospital located in the center of the island, when you get sick or injured.

We exchanged opinions with the students about how you should respond to a disaster in such a situation?

The children and their parents experienced first aid using handkerchiefs, furoshiki (wrapping cloth), stockings, and plastic bags so that they can use things available to deal with the situation. Some parents who participated in this workshop commented, "First aid to sudden injury will definitely be necessary in the future of life, so I'm glad to learn with my child that we can use things surrounding us." Others commented, "it was very easy to understand because I could practice on the spot as I learn." The workshop provided opportunities to reflect skills and emergency responses at home.

"Plastic bag bandage" is the assistant principal's favorite.



"Newspaper slippers," I think they are a little big for me.



I thought about the type of injuries and how to treat them.



Bandage the back of the hand with handkerchief



You're good!

## Kyoto Chapter

### Toward a society free of discrimination and prejudice related to infectious diseases

The spread of COVID-19 has invoked prejudice and discrimination against those around you out of fear and anxiety of COVID-19 infection.

The Japanese Red Cross Society made a booklet "three faces of the COVID-19 we must be alert to -a guide to breaking the negative spiral-" as a support guide for the general public on how to handle to break down a negative spiral consisting of three features "sickness", "fear and anxiety" and "hatred, prejudice, discrimination" In cooperation with volunteers, Kyoto branch has distributed about 17,000 booklets to conduct awareness activities.

In addition, advising instructors of the Red Cross Kyoto Youth and Red Cross Chapter gave lectures titled "strengthening infectious disease resilience" to a total of more than 6,500 people in schools and public lectures. They conveyed the message saying, "If we change the way we think and act, we will eliminate discrimination based on infectious disease", which resonated with many people.

Resilience means a process of adaptation and an ability to cope with challenging and threatening situations. And we wanted to tell children about it, so we created a picture book titled "Genkina kokoro to genkina karada (healthy mind and body)".

On June 29, 2022, we used this book in the second-grade class of Kyoto Municipal Kinkaku Elementary School (a member school of the Junior Red Cross) to think together about how to protect your mind and body from fear and anxiety about the spread of infection diseases and help each other without blaming someone or attacking someone. What we were told in the class was that mind and body are connected, if one of them becomes weak, you feel down, and if you feel down, you can hurt yourself and others. We received many comments from the pupils in the class saying, "I learned how to feel good," "I will ask people if they are all right, when I find those looking tired or sad."

We, together with pupils, thought about how we could help each other during the infectious disease epidemic.



I learned that the mind and body are connected.



"Genkina Kokoro To Genkina Karada (healthy mind and body)"



You can freely download and use the picture book data from the QR code

# Overview of Financial Reports for FY 2022

(thousand JPY)

		Financial Results for FY2021	Actual Budget for FY2022	Financial Results for FY2022	Change from the previous fiscal year
General Account "Total of the Headquarters and Chapters"	Annual income	46,045,423	58,551,776	59,656,477	13,611,054
	Membership fees and contributions	31,233,682	33,853,957	35,838,737	4,605,055
	Income from delegated activities	156,248	115,212	115,718	△ 40,530
	Grants	921,632	1,256,411	1,012,914	91,281
	Deposit income from disaster cash grants	1,475,073	613,944	624,243	△ 850,829
	Deferred income	4,535,070	6,928,509	5,261,450	726,380
	Other income	2,922,078	12,022,971	11,997,879	9,075,801
	Carryover from the previous year	4,801,638	3,760,772	4,805,533	3,895
	Annual expenditure	41,239,890	58,551,776	54,757,638	13,517,748
	Expenses for domestic disaster relief activities	4,064,058	3,410,361	2,937,154	△ 1,126,904
	Expenses for social activities	2,624,880	3,464,136	2,867,453	242,572
	Expenses for international activities	4,218,560	8,556,454	8,541,861	4,323,301
	Expenses for specific activities of chapters	547,301	1,265,300	1,260,383	713,082
	Grants for branches	1,780,169	2,012,802	1,757,820	△ 22,348
	Expenses for organizational development	3,039,286	3,524,235	3,175,051	135,765
	Expenses for infrastructure	4,255,209	2,996,557	2,612,465	△ 1,642,744
	Reserve fund	11,510,560	12,690,043	12,521,411	1,010,851
	Expenses for general affairs management and audit	4,521,480	5,290,355	4,928,314	406,833
	Expenses for acquisition and maintenance of property	1,319,461	2,965,303	2,158,340	838,878
	Cash transferred to the headquarters	2,707,832	2,360,113	2,346,962	△ 360,870
Other expenses	651,087	9,701,715	9,650,418	8,999,330	
Contingency fund	0	314,402	0	0	
Total balance of annual income and expenditure	4,805,533	0	4,898,839	93,305	
Special Account for Medical Institutions "Total of the Headquarters and Chapters"	Revenue income	1,222,567,431	1,150,864,933	1,239,159,995	16,592,563
	Revenue from medical operations	1,046,629,630	1,087,807,105	1,074,315,654	27,686,023
	(In-patient services revenue)	694,325,556	—	713,908,085	19,582,529
	(Out-patient services revenue)	310,769,368	—	320,796,110	10,026,741
	(Other medical operations revenue)	41,534,705	—	39,611,458	△ 1,923,247
	Non-medical operations revenue	161,889,992	48,405,408	150,155,083	△ 11,734,909
	Medical social services revenue	692,525	839,699	795,904	103,378
	Incidental business revenue	12,628,007	12,883,020	12,633,505	5,497
	Extraordinary revenue	727,274	929,701	1,259,847	532,573
	Revenue Expenditure	1,103,862,126	1,194,030,309	1,169,676,544	65,814,417
	Expenses for medical operations	1,066,857,793	1,151,849,648	1,131,126,019	64,268,226
	(Material expenses)	expenses)	—	338,089,983	13,892,941
	(Payroll expenses)	513,957,691	—	554,121,475	40,163,783
	(Outsourcing expenses)	77,041,566	—	78,640,866	1,599,299
	(Equipment related expenses)	108,026,859	—	109,505,193	1,478,334
	(Research and training expenses)	2,175,036	—	2,910,342	735,305
	(Overhead costs)	41,459,597	—	47,858,158	6,398,561
	Non-medical operation expenses	10,899,181	12,471,493	11,780,002	880,820
	Medical volunteer expenses	7,571,208	9,120,480	8,564,869	993,661
	Incidental business expenses	12,872,743	14,463,917	13,871,950	999,207
	Extraordinary losses	5,516,229	5,512,767	4,229,671	△ 1,286,557
	Corporate taxes, etc.	144,970	224,716	104,030	△ 40,940
	Contingency fund	0	387,285	0	0
	Total balance of income and expenditure	118,705,304	△ 43,165,376	69,483,451	△ 49,221,853
	Capital income	96,787,949	137,135,744	85,674,727	△ 11,113,222
	Fixed liabilities	36,074,076	47,065,419	15,223,406	△ 20,850,669
	Capital gains income	3,080	39,300	39,300	36,220
Other capital income	60,710,792	90,031,024	70,412,020	9,701,227	
Capital expenditure	96,787,949	137,135,744	85,674,727	△ 11,113,222	
Fixed assets	55,002,269	103,010,677	53,240,637	△ 1,761,632	
Loan repayments, etc.	41,785,679	34,125,067	32,434,089	△ 9,351,589	

(thousand JPY)

		Financial Results for FY2021	Actual Budget for FY2022	Financial Results for FY2022	Change from the previous fiscal year
Special Account for Blood Programs	Revenue income	165,952,098	164,352,255	165,900,830	△ 51,267
	Operating revenue	160,999,083	160,447,253	160,783,097	△ 215,985
	(Revenue from supplying blood products for transfusions)	146,695,902	—	146,727,812	31,910
	(Revenue from supplying source plasma)	14,143,703	—	13,877,339	△ 266,363
	(Other operation revenue)	159,477	—	177,945	18,467
	Non-operating revenue	3,097,975	2,127,270	3,402,081	304,106
	Revenue from related businesses	1,827,376	1,777,732	1,670,727	△ 156,648
	Extraordinary revenue	27,663	0	44,923	17,260
	Revenue expenditure	154,568,098	164,310,772	163,761,693	9,193,595
	Operating expenses	151,929,306	160,883,777	160,875,986	8,946,680
	(Personnel expenses)	58,756,216	—	63,863,158	5,106,941
	(Materials expenses)	39,725,425	—	39,446,165	△ 279,260
	(Overhead costs)	53,687,840	—	57,994,814	4,306,973
	(Other supply costs)	△ 240,176	—	△ 428,151	△ 187,974
	Non-operating expenses	49,646	767,984	746,438	696,791
	Expenses for related businesses	2,296,139	2,215,212	1,930,669	△ 365,470
	Contingency fund	0	0	0	0
	Extraordinary losses	285,872	433,799	202,495	△ 83,377
	Corporate taxes, etc.	7,132	10,000	6,103	△ 1,029
	Total balance of income and expenditure	11,384,000	41,483	2,139,136	△ 9,244,863
Capital income	11,818,063	24,441,431	12,794,057	975,993	
Income from loans, etc.	817,666	956,770	1,012,344	194,677	
Capital gains income	3,289	0	94,432	91,142	
Other income	10,997,107	23,484,661	11,687,280	690,172	
Capital expenditure	11,818,063	24,441,431	12,794,057	975,993	
Fixed asset expenditure	11,481,899	24,105,252	12,457,878	975,978	
Loan repayments, etc.	336,164	336,179	336,179	15	
Other expenses	0	0	0	0	
Special Account for Social Welfare Facilities "Total of each section of base"	Annual income	19,174,122	20,053,696	19,027,304	△ 146,817
	Income from operational activities	13,462,553	14,036,038	13,514,005	51,452
	(Welfare facilities for children)	7,162,632	7,350,597	7,278,313	115,681
	(Welfare facilities for the elderly)	4,005,871	4,262,441	3,918,963	△ 86,908
	(Welfare facilities for the disabled)	621,722	655,398	626,931	5,208
	(Social welfare for complexes)	1,672,327	1,767,602	1,689,797	17,470
	(Headquarters Accounting)	0	0	0	0
	Income from facility maintenance, etc.	269,739	149,046	88,560	△ 181,178
	Income from other activities	859,542	1,504,225	940,154	80,612
	Balance of working capital at the end of the previous term	4,582,287	4,364,387	4,484,584	△ 97,703
	Annual Expenditure	14,689,537	15,816,807	14,790,008	100,470
	Expenses for operational activities	13,253,654	14,316,836	13,561,413	307,759
	(Expenses for welfare facilities for children)	6,736,221	7,227,021	6,937,821	201,599
	(Expenses for welfare facilities for the elderly)	4,027,050	4,435,644	4,129,785	102,735
	(Expenses for welfare facilities for the disabled)	616,316	708,532	666,843	50,527
	(Expenses for social welfare complexes)	1,830,656	1,906,610	1,822,849	△ 7,807
	(Headquarters Accounting)	43,410	39,029	4,114	△ 39,295
	Expenditure related to facilities maintenance, etc.	592,490	530,408	385,603	△ 206,887
	Expenditure for other activities	843,392	896,421	842,991	△ 401
	Expenditure of contingency fund	0	73,141	0	0
Total balance of Income and Expenditure	4,484,584	4,236,889	4,237,296	△ 247,287	

\* Amounts are rounded down to the nearest thousand JPY.

•Account titles used in the summary of financial results are expressed in accordance with each accounting rule, and therefore are expressed differently between accounts.

•Major Expenses Overlapped at Headquarters, Chapters, and Facilities

①Grants from HQ to Chapters and Facilities JPY 1,767,160,000

②Membership fees sent from Chapters to HQ (general accounting) JPY 2,346,962,000

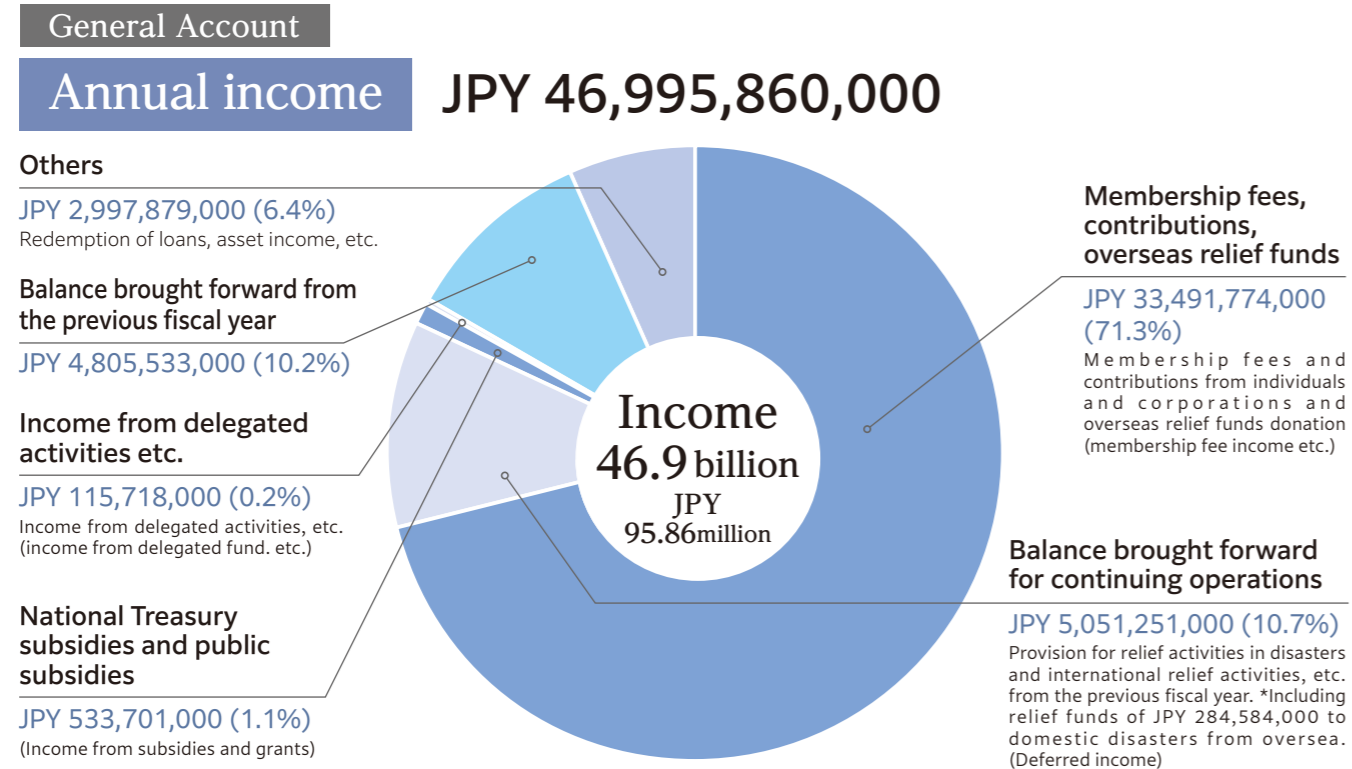
③Funds transferred from Chapters to Medical Institutions JPY 1,375,571,000

④Internal transactions between HQ and Medical Institutions (special account for medical institutions) JPY 1,064,009,000

⑤Redemption from the Special Account for Medical Institutions to the General Account JPY 9,000,000,000

# Financial Reports Highlights

In FY 2022, JRCS has developed operations with budgets totaling over JPY 1.5 trillion in the general account and 3 special accounts (medical institutions, blood programs, and social welfare facilities). Of this amount, revenues and expenditures related to activities implemented mainly using membership fees and contributions received from individuals and corporations are as follows.



\*1) Regarding the amount of JPY 2,826,175,000, which is duplicated between the Headquarters and chapter offices, it is shown after deduction of income and expenditure.  
 \*2) Regarding the redemption of JPY 9 billion from the special account for medical institutions to the general account, it is shown after deduction of income and expenditure.  
 \*3) "The balance forward to the next fiscal year" is shown as "Total balance of annual income and expenditure" in the financial result overview in the previous page.  
 \*4) As less than JPY 1,000 is rounded down, the total amount of each item of income and expenditure does not match the total amount presented.

### Disaster Cash Grants JPY 834,438,000

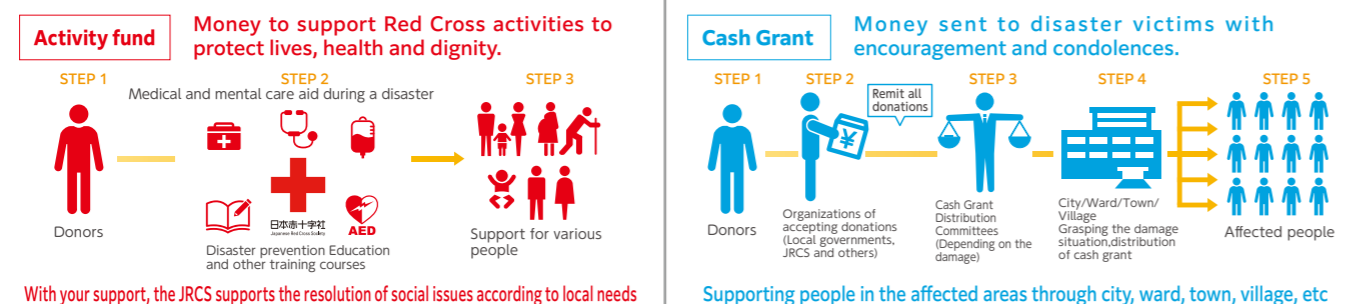
Items	Amount
Cash grant for torrential rain in July 2018	JPY 29,916,000
Cash grant for torrential rain in July 2020	JPY 10,5771,000
Cash grant for Fukushima earthquake in March 2022	JPY 92,814,000
Cash grant for heavy rain in July 2022	JPY 53,927,000

Items	Amount
Cash grant for 2022 Typhoon No. 15	JPY 123,429,000
Cash grant for heavy rain from August 3, 2022	JPY 271,347,000
Cash grant finished acceptance by the end of March 2022	JPY 157,234,000

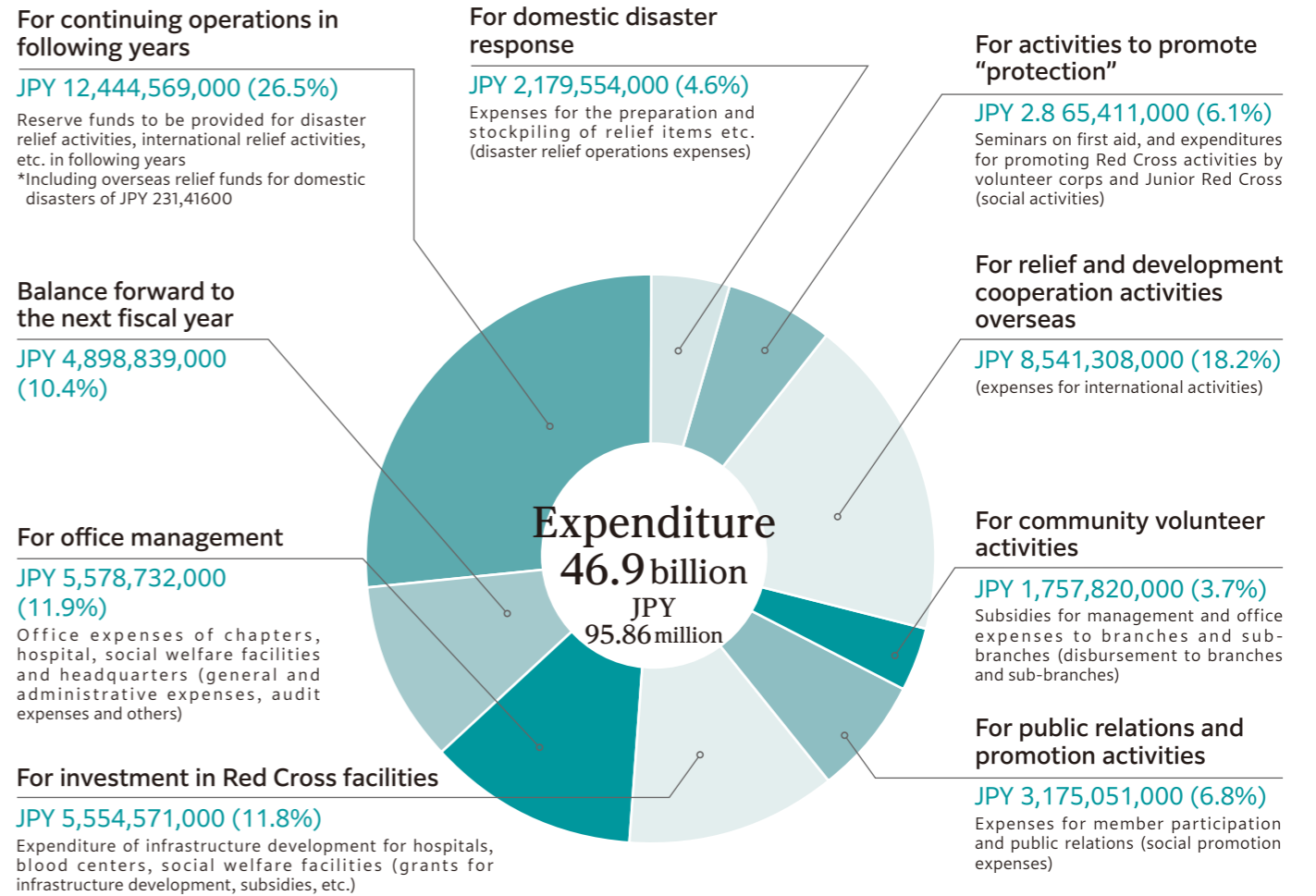
\*The amounts include cash grants from the previous fiscal year.  
 \*All cash grants finished acceptance by the end of March 2022 have already been remitted to the respective distribution committees.  
 \*Amounts of less than JPY 1,000 is rounded down. Therefore, the amounts presented do not match the actual amounts.

All disaster cash grants sent to JRCS are remitted to the disaster cash grant distribution committees in the disaster-affected prefectures and distributed to affected people for their life support through each municipality according to the criteria of distribution. \*The disaster cash grants shall not be used to finance JRCS' activities or administrative expenses.

## What's the difference between Activity fund and Cash Grant?



## General Account Annual Expenditure JPY 46,995,860,000



### Special Accounts

#### Medical Institutions

Income and expenditure from the operation of Red Cross Hospitals and other facilities mainly financed from medical treatment fees.

Income: JPY 1,239,159,995,000

Expenditure: JPY 1,169,676,544,000

Net amount: JPY 69,483,451,000

#### Blood Services

Income and expenditure from the operation of the Red Cross Blood Center, which is mainly financed from blood product supplies to medical institutions.

Income: JPY 165,900,830,000

Expenditure: JPY 163,761,693,000

Net amount: JPY 2,139,136,000

#### Social Welfare Facilities

Income and expenditure from the operation of various social welfare facilities, which are mainly financed from safeguarding and long-term care insurance services.

Income: JPY 19,027,304,000

Expenditure: JPY 14,790,008,000

Net amount: JPY 4,237,296,000

\*1) Amounts of less than JPY 1,000 is rounded down. Therefore, the amounts presented do not match the actual amounts.  
 \*2) Income means "revenue income," expenditure means "revenue expenditure"; and net income means "net revenue expenditure".

### Special factors in FY 2022 settlement of accounts

\*A subsidy was granted to medical institutions due to the measures against the COVID-19 (about JPY 110 billion).

## How the Red Cross Works

As a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Japanese Red Cross Society works to “protect life, health and dignity” in Japan and abroad.

### International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

#### International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

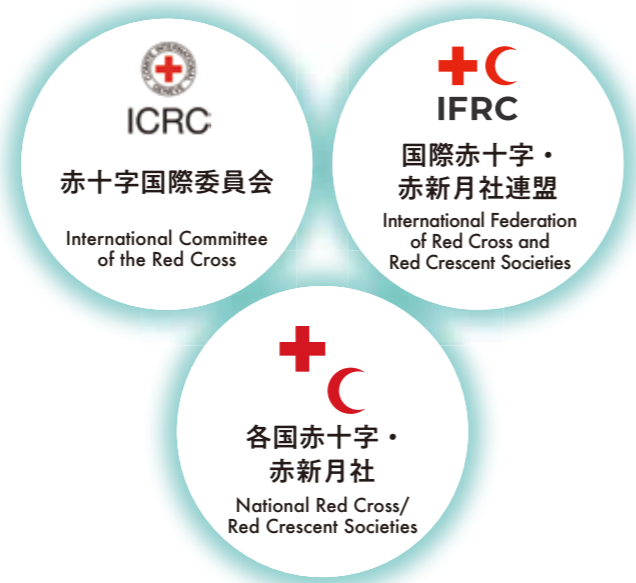
The ICRC protects the lives and dignity of victims of armed conflict and other violent situations and provides necessary assistance.

#### International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

The IFRC is a federation of 191 Red Cross and Red Crescent societies. It supports and promotes activities in various countries and coordinates international activities in times of disaster and other emergency.

#### National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

The Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 191 countries and regions around the world carry out humanitarian activities rooted in each country, including relief activities in times of conflict and disaster, medical care in times of peace, health care, blood services, and youth development.



### The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement carries out world-wide humanitarian activities on the following three characteristics.

#### Common Spirits and Principles

Our work is conducted based on common philosophies and principles that form the foundation of Red Cross activities, such as the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and international humanitarian law, and so on.

#### Power of Volunteers

The 16 million Red Cross and Red Crescent volunteers across the globe plant roots in all corners of society and work to help the most disadvantaged individuals.

#### Global Network

There are Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 191 countries/regions around the world who work together taking advantage of their different resources, know-how, and attributes.



General Meeting of the IFRC in 2019 (the JRCS presented a painting to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the IFRC)

## Overview of the Japanese Red Cross Society

### Name, Address, etc.

Name Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS)  
Address 1-1-3 Shiba Daimon, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Phone +81-3-3438-1311

### Purpose

The purpose of the Japanese Red Cross Society is to accomplish its humanitarian tasks in line with the ideals of the Red Cross, and in compliance with the spirit of the Conventions concerning the Red Cross and the principles adopted by the International Conferences of the Red Cross.

### History of JRCS

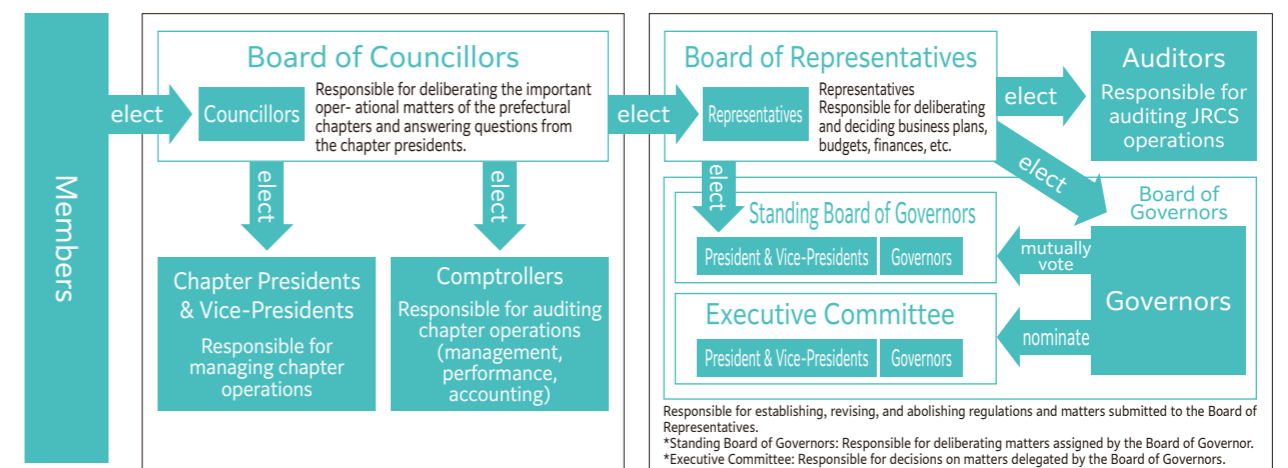
- 1877 The Philanthropic Society (Hakuaisha) was founded (to aid those wounded in the Seinan War).
- 1886 The Japanese government acceded to the Geneva Conventions.
- 1887 The Society changed its name to the Japanese Red Cross Society and was recognized as such by the International Committee of the Red Cross.
- 1901 The JRCS was approved as an incorporated association under the Civil Code. The Japanese Red Cross Society Regulation (later “Japanese Red Cross Society Law”) was issued under Imperial Edict No. 223.
- 1947 The Japanese Red Cross Society Law was abolished.
- 1952 A new Japanese Red Cross Society Act (Act No. 305) was enacted as a single ordinance based on a bill drafted by lawmakers and the Society became a special corporation established under the Act. The Act clarifies the public and international nature of the Japanese Red Cross Society, emphasizes its autonomy, and strictly guarantees the neutrality of the Red Cross.

### Honorary President & Vice-Presidents

Honorary President: Her Majesty the Empress  
Honorary Vice-Presidents: Her Imperial Highness the Crown Princess, Their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Hitachi, Her Imperial Highness Princess Mikasa, Her Imperial Highness Princess Tomohito of Mikasa, Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado

### Decision-making Bodies, etc.

The Japanese Red Cross Society Act stipulates that “The Japanese Red Cross Society is organized by members.” Members make up the foundation of the Japanese Red Cross Society organization and in paying membership fees, they have the right to elect executive officers and representatives, and to receive reports about the organization’s operations and finances. Councillors are elected from among members of the prefectural chapters to form the Board of Councillors. Representatives (223 seats) are elected by the Board of Councillors, and the elected representatives form the Board of Representatives, the highest governing body of the JRCS.



### To Be a More Trustworthy JRCS

Supported by the people who offer their understanding and cooperation, as we carry out programs and activities to achieve the mission of “protecting lives, health, and human dignity,” the Japanese Red Cross Society is both a highly public organization and one that is responsible for broadly contributing to society. By further strengthening our structure so that we can be more trustworthy, heightening our organizational capabilities so that we can execute our tasks properly, and ensuring transparency so that we can achieve accountability, we are aiming to become an organization that can obtain even greater understanding and cooperation.

# Board Members of the Japanese Red Cross Society

(As of May 20, 2023)

## President and Vice President

President <b>Atsushi Seike</b>	Vice President <b>Toshihiko Suzuki</b>	Vice President <b>Masakazu Tokura</b> Chairman, Keidanren(Japan Business Federation)
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## Governors (\*)= Member of Standing Board of Governors (※) = Executive Board of Governor, etc.

Headquarter <b>Mamoru Morohoshi</b> Former Board Member, Japan Broadcasting Corporation(*)	Headquarter <b>Kiyoko Ikegami</b> Visiting Professor, Graduate School of The Nagasaki University(*)	Headquarter <b>Hikomichi Iwasa</b> Chairman of the Board, Mitsui Fudosan Co., Ltd.(*)	Headquarter <b>Yoshiki Watanabe</b> Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Sweden(*)
Headquarter <b>Kumiko Bando</b> Former Chief, Consumer Affairs Agency(*)	Headquarter <b>Masago Minami</b> Managing Director for Research and Study, The Yomiuri Shimbun(*)	Headquarter <b>Makoto Kato</b> Honorary Director, Japanese Red Cross Narita Hospital(*)	Headquarter <b>Shuichi Nishijima</b> Executive Director General, Administration Sector, Japanese Red Cross Society(※)
Headquarter <b>Yasuo Tanaka</b> Executive Director General, Operations Sector, Japanese Red Cross Society(※)	Headquarter <b>Yoichi Watanabe</b> Chief Executive Officer, Healthcare Service Headquarters, Japanese Red Cross Society(※)	Headquarter <b>Shuichi Kino</b> Chief Executive Officer, Blood Service Headquarters, Japanese Red Cross Society(※)	Headquarter <b>Otohiko Hori</b> Former Executive Director General, Operations Sector, Japanese Red Cross Society(※)
Hokkaido <b>Hiroshi Ogasawara</b> Representative Director, Eichi Ando Ei	Aomori <b>Shoichiro Kimyo</b> Board Member, Fukushimaosato	Iwate <b>Yuji Moriya</b> Former City Council Member of Morioka City(*)	Miyagi <b>Hidero Kato</b> Chairman, Yagiyama Fukushimaikai
Akita <b>Yoshitaka Noguchi</b> Advisor, Akita City Council of Social Welfare	Yamagata <b>Nobuaki Seino</b> Chairman of the Board, Yamagata Panasonic	Fukushima <b>Akira Kozakura</b> President and Representative, Sakura Kotsu Co.,Ltd.	Ibaraki <b>Takashi Otabe</b> Chairman, Ibaraki Shimbun Bunka Fukushi Jigyodan
Tochigi <b>Tadashi Goka</b> Chairman, Personnel Commission Tochigi Prefecture	Gunma <b>Kinichiro Machida</b> Chairman, Gunmaken Kotsu Anzen Kyoukai	Saitama <b>Tadahiro Tone</b> Honorary Chairman, Saitama Employer's Association	Chiba <b>Hiroko Otsubo</b> Chairman, Board of Red Cross Volunteer Corps. (Chiba Chap.)
Tokyo <b>Norio Takano</b> Fuchu Mayor, District Chief of Fuchu City Tokyo Metropolitan Chapter Japanese Red Cross Society	Kanagawa <b>Shigeo Mogami</b> Representative, Shonan Eizen Kyoukai	Niigata <b>Kiroku Takeuchi</b> Chairman, Niigata Council of Social Welfare	Yamanashi <b>Yasunobu Kanemaru</b> President and Representative, Television Yamanashi Co.,Ltd.
Toyama <b>Susumu Kyuwa</b> Chairman of the Board, Hokuriku Electric Power Company	Ishikawa <b>Tadashi Taya</b> Chairman, Tayakai	Fukui <b>Tadashi Kiyokawa</b> Chairman, KIYOKAWA Plating Industry Co., Ltd.	Gifu <b>Koji Mizuno</b> Mayor of Mizukami city
Shizuoka <b>Yutaka Kikuchi</b> Mayor of Izu city	Aichi <b>Masaaki Katsuyama</b> Executive Chairman, SANKYO KASEI SANGYO Co.,Ltd.	Mie <b>Mieko Matsuoka</b> Chairman of the Board, MATSUOKA KENKI Co.,Ltd.	Shiga <b>Koichi Sakaguchi</b> Chairman of the Board, OHMI PRESS WORKS AND FORGING Co.,Ltd.

Kyoto <b>Masataka Kuriyama</b> Former Mayor of Kameoka City	Osaka <b>Hiroaki Nakatani</b> Chairman, Red Cross Volunteer Corps Liaison Council, JRCS Osaka Chapter Eiseitoshigunbu	Hyogo <b>Masayoshi Takeda</b> Former Advisor, Hyogo Prefecture	Nara <b>Koichiro Tanino</b> Representative Director, NIHON FUDOSAN Co.,Ltd.
Wakayama <b>Soichi Kitani</b> President and Representative, MasonKitani Co., Ltd.	Tottori <b>Kazutoshi Oda</b> Former Board Member, SUMIRE COLLEGE	Shimane <b>Satomi Nonouchi</b> Chairman, Shimane Rengou Fujinkai	Okayama <b>Hiroshi Nakashima</b> President and Representative Director, Nakashima Holdings Co., Ltd.
Hiroshima <b>Makoto Matsumura</b> Chairman, HIROSHIMA Prefectural Medical Association	Yamaguchi <b>Yukiko Hujie</b> Chairman, Yamaguchi Rengou Fujinkai	Tokushima <b>Shu Kawashima</b> Chairman, Kawashimakai	Kagawa <b>Ryohei Kagawa</b> Vice President and Director and COO, 114Bank.Ltd.
Ehime <b>Kimihiko Suzuki</b> Former Chairman, Niihama City Council of Social Welfare	Kochi <b>Yasuyoshi Odagiri</b> Managing Director, Tosa Kibonoie	Fukuoka <b>Tomoyuki Aramaki</b> President and Representative, DENKI BUILDING	Saga <b>Kazuhide Nakatomi</b> President and Representative, Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical Co.,Inc.
Nagasaki <b>Masatoshi Miyawaki</b> Advisor, The Juhachi-Shinwa Bank,Ltd.	Kumamoto <b>Saburo Aiko</b> Director, JRCS Kumamoto Yukokai	Oita <b>Masaharu Sugiwarara</b> President and Representative Director, Oita Kotsu Co.,Ltd.	Miyazaki <b>Tomoyo Tashiro</b> President, Oyodo Gakuen
Kagoshima <b>Hiroyuki Mori</b> Former Mayor of Kagoshima city	Okinawa <b>Masaru Uema</b> Senior Advisor, THE DAIDO FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE Co.,Ltd.		

## Auditor

<b>Kazuaki Kama</b> Special Advisor, IHI Corporation	<b>Nobuyuki Koga</b> Honorary Advisor, NOMURA HOLDINGS, INC.	<b>Junichi Wakimoto</b> Former Manager, Audit Office, JRCS
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The fixed number of officers is 1 president, up to 2 vice presidents, 61 directors and 3 auditors. The board members of Nagano Prefecture are scheduled to be elected at a meeting of delegates in June 2023. Currently, there are 8 full-time board members, including the president, 1 vice president, 5 board members, and 1 auditor. The other board members are part-time board member without compensation.

## Audit Report

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 23, Paragraph 4 of the Articles of Incorporation of the Japanese Red Cross, we, the auditors, have audited the operations of the Japanese Red Cross Society for the fiscal year 2022 from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. We hereby announce the methods and results of the audit as follows.

### (1) Method and details of the audit

Each auditor communicated with the president, vice president, directors and senior officials, etc., cooperated with the internal audit department and the audit corporation, and endeavored to collect information and improve the audit environment, and conducted the audit by the following methods: In addition, the Company reviewed the business report and business report, revenue and expenditure statement and other financial statements for the relevant fiscal year.

- a. The Company attended the Board of Directors, the Standing Council and other important meetings, received reports from the President, Vice President and senior officials on the status of the execution of their duties, requested explanations as necessary, and inspected important approval documents. After the end of the fiscal year, the Company received reports from the President on the status of business execution and requested explanations as necessary. In addition, the Audit Committee members of each branch reported on the results of audits regarding the management and execution of branch operations.
- b. The Audit Committee monitored and verified whether the auditing firm to which the audit of accounting was entrusted retained its independent position and conducted appropriate audits, and received reports from the auditing firm on the status of the execution of its duties and requested explanations as necessary. In addition, the Audit Committee was notified by the auditing firm that matters concerning the execution of its duties had been prepared in accordance with various laws and regulations, etc. provided for the proper execution of audit services, and requested explanations as necessary. In addition, the Audit Committee members of each branch reported on the results of audits concerning the accounts of the branches.

### (2) Results of Audits

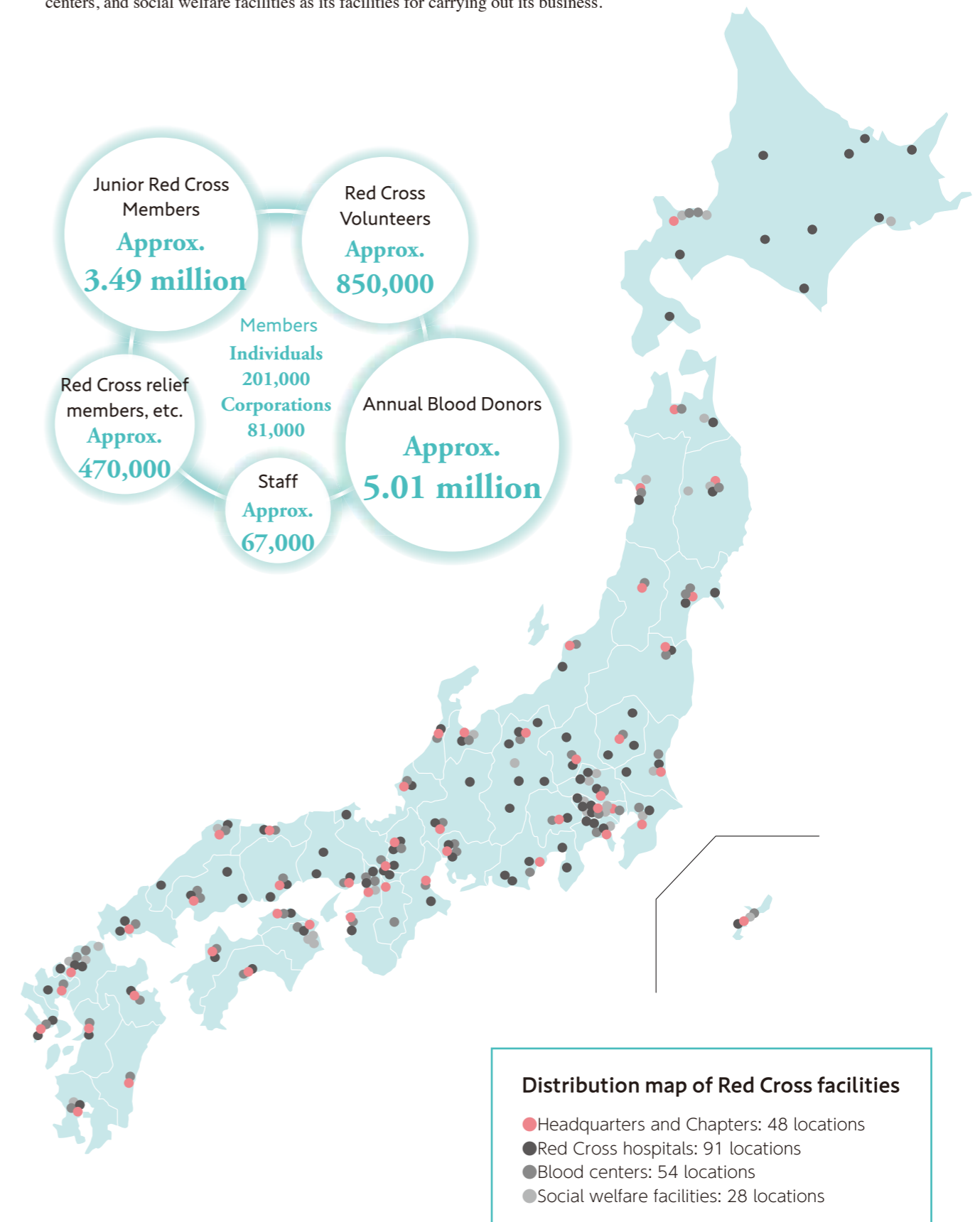
- a. Misconduct or material facts in violation of laws and regulations or the Articles of Incorporation concerning the execution of duties by the President, Vice President and Directors are not found.
- b. The Business Report and the Business Report are considered to correctly indicate the status of the Japanese Red Cross Society in accordance with laws and regulations and the Articles of Incorporation.
- c. The Revenue and Expenditure Statement and other financial statements are considered to properly indicate the status of the income and expenditure, property and profit and loss of the Japanese Red Cross Society in all important respects.

June 14, 2023

Junichi Wakimoto, Auditor, Japanese Red Cross Society  
 Kazuaki Kama, Auditor, Japanese Red Cross Society  
 Nobuyuki Koga, Auditor, Japanese Red Cross Society

## Japanese Red Cross Movement Spreading Across the Country

The Japanese Red Cross Society is supported by members who pay a certain amount of funds each year and volunteers who carry out various activities. The organization also has its headquarters and branches as its secretariat, and hospitals, blood centers, and social welfare facilities as its facilities for carrying out its business.



**Distribution map of Red Cross facilities**

- Headquarters and Chapters: 48 locations
- Red Cross hospitals: 91 locations
- Blood centers: 54 locations
- Social welfare facilities: 28 locations

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