

PEACE BOAT

Annual Report 2014-2015

DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER CENTER



Four Years Since The Great East Japan Earthquake And Tsunami

Four years on from the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, reconstruction is well underway, including the construction of the bridge between the urban and port areas of Ishinomaki, and the seawalls along the banks of the Kyu-Kitagawa River, which were heavily damaged by the tsunami. Along with this rebuilding of infrastructure, residents of temporary houses who were displaced by the disaster are gradually transitioning into newly built public housing facilities.

In neighbouring Onagawa, much of the land surface has been raised in order to protect the town from future tsunamis, and the long-awaited rebuilding of the railway connecting Ishinomaki and Onagawa has been completed. The newly built Onagawa train station serves as a symbol of progress and marks a significant milestone for the recovery of the area.

Despite this kind of progress, many areas still face a number of challenges, including depopulation, a rapidly ageing population, low birth rates, and a decline in industries.

Disasters Occurring on a Frequent Basis

Many important lessons were learnt from the Great East Japan Earthquake. It is crucial that these first-hand experiences and lessons are shared, so that communities can prepare themselves better for the next disaster. Rural communities struck by disasters are often disproportionately affected if they lack resources (especially people) to help one another. When disaster-related damage exceeds coping capacity, volunteers from external areas play a major role in providing vital support. This highlights the increasing importance of working together and offering mutual support in times of crises.

Sharing Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake with the World

The 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) took place in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture, in March 2015. This served as the ideal opportunity to share our experiences, knowledge and best practices from the disaster with a truly international audience. For example, the island of Hawaii, which is surrounded on all sides by the Pacific Ocean, has been investing significant resources in Disaster Risk Reduction, and expressed a strong interest in learning about Japan's experiences after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. Having the opportunity to share our experiences and learn from individuals and organisations from all corners of the world has been extremely meaningful.

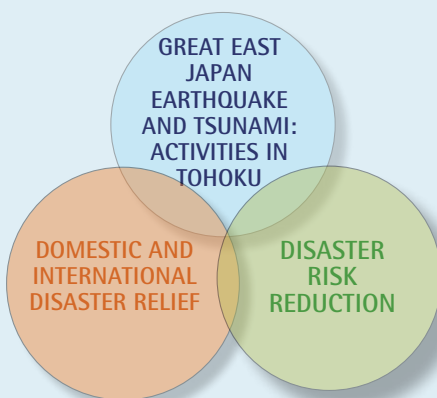
In retrospect, this year has been all about people-to-people relations. Our work has revolved around tackling incredibly complex problems and trying to find holistic solutions, whilst always ensuring that we work with a wide range of partners from all sectors.

We express our sincere gratitude to all of our generous supporters, and look forward to your continued support and cooperation going forward.

Takashi Yamamoto
President

Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV)

PBV's Activities



Peace Boat has carried out disaster relief operations on 5 continents since 1995. In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011, Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV) was established as a devoted, specialist organisation to assist disaster-affected communities and build resilience to disasters worldwide.



Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake (Kobe) (Nagata ward in Kobe City, 1995)
Peace Boat carried out emergency relief activities with approximately 1000 volunteers. This year is often cited as the "birth of volunteerism" in Japan.



Indian Ocean Earthquake and Tsunami (Sri Lanka, 2004)
Several countries were hit by the devastating tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake. Peace Boat responded by distributing water purifiers and computers to coastal villages in Sri Lanka.

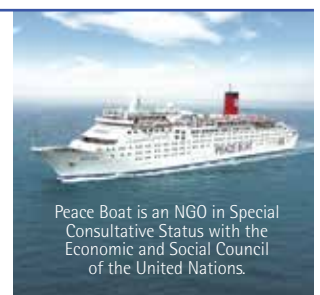


Kashmir Earthquake (Pakistan, 2005)
Peace Boat created temporary evacuation spaces, and distributed ground sheets and thermal equipment to survivors in remote areas of Pakistan.

About Peace Boat

Peace Boat is a Japan-based non-governmental and non-profit organisation established in 1983 working to promote peace, human rights, equal and sustainable development, and respect for the environment. Peace Boat carries out its main activities through a chartered passenger ship that travels the world on peace voyages. In Peace Boat's thirty-two year history, the NGO has completed 90 voyages, visiting more than 200 countries/regions with over 60,000 participants.

Homepage: <http://www.peaceboat.org/>



Peace Boat is an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Sharing Experiences of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami with the World

104 Japanese civil society organisations work together at the WCDRR

The 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) took place in Sendai from 14th - 18th March, 2015. This conference brought together more than 6,500 representatives from 187 countries, and the public events were attended by approximately 150,000 people. The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) was adopted by global governments, with implementation spanning from 2015 to 2030. The SFDRR highlights the growing threat of climate change, as well as the importance of multi-sector partnerships between DRR specialists, governments, private sector entities, academia and civil society.

PBV served on the Secretariat of the Japan CSO Coalition for 2015 WCDRR (JCC2015), a coalition of 104 Japanese civil society organisations working towards the WCDRR (see page 5).

JCC2015 at a glance:

- Civil society network of 104 Japanese Organisations
- Official partnership with United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in preparation for WCDRR
- Collaboration with Japanese government and municipalities, including WCDRR host city Sendai
- Advocacy for civil society's input and participation in the establishment of the SFDRR
- Providing opportunities for Tohoku disaster survivors to speak and participate in the conference
- Organised the "Global Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction for Civil Society"
- Publication of "10 Lessons from Fukushima" booklet in multiple languages

3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)



Performance of "Date no Kurofune Daiko" (traditional Japanese drums from Ogatsu Town, Ishinomaki) for guests from all over the world.



Margareta Wahlstrom, Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction. Wahlstrom attended JCC2015's forum to share her message with civil society.



Introducing PBV's youth training programs focusing on DRR at the WCDRR's "Ignite Stage".

3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR)



Learning with the World: Conference for Civil Society Global Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction for Civil Society

More than 400 public events took place at various venues in Sendai city, as part of the WCDRR's "Public Forum". One of these events, organized by JCC2015, was the "Global Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction for Civil Society", attended by a global audience of over 1500 people. JCC2015 arranged nine thematic sessions and the conference culminated with a main event on the last day, where the "Global Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction for Civil Society", consisting of individual messages from the public, was announced.

Immediately after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, global media covered the after-effects and impacts from the tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster. With the passage of time, there has been a severe decline in media coverage on the Tohoku region's recovery. As part of JCC2015's mission to inform the world about the situation in post-disaster Tohoku, the coalition organised a number of study trips to the area for WCDRR participants and other stakeholders.

People's Pavilion A public space managed by volunteers for people to come together



The People's Pavilion was created as a multi-purpose public space for Japanese and international guests to gather, interact, and collaborate. Working spaces with computers and free Wi-Fi were made available for anyone to use. Over the course of 5 days, more than 2500 people used this space.



Thematic Sessions:

Session 1: Orientation: Global Conference on DRR for Civil Society

Session 2: 2015 - Development, Environment and DRR Come Together

Session 3: Shifting of DRR - Climate Change and Altering of Social Structures

Session 4: Disaster Recovery with Survivor Storytellers from Japan and the World

Session 5: Disaster Recovery in Japan, Part 1: Large-Scale Disasters in Japan

Session 6: Disaster Recovery in Japan, Part 2: Tohoku Recovery and DRR

Session 7: Community Resilience - Mutual Learning from Good Practices

Session 8: Coordination to Strengthen Social Capital in the Community

Session 9: Diversity and Disaster Response - People with disabilities, LGBT, Gender, and Non-Japanese nationals

* JCC2015 also held regular report sessions to share updates from WCDRR's Main Conference.

Main Event

Special Guests:

- Margareta Wahlstrom (Special Representative of the UN Secretary General for Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Kenjiro Kikuchi (Mayor of Tagajo City, Miyagi Prefecture)
- Katsunobu Sakurai (Mayor of Minamisoma City, Fukushima Prefecture)

Symposium:

- Post-Hyogo Framework for Action and DRR for Civil Society
- 20 Years From the Beginning of Volunteerism: Resilience of the Community and the People

Performances (From Tohoku to the World):

- Date no Kurofune Daiko (traditional Japanese drums from Ogatsu Town, Ishinomaki)
- Usuzawa Shishidori (traditional Japanese dance from Uzuchi Town, Iwate)
- Art Inclusion (Singing and Dance Group)

Global Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction for Civil Society
Dream for a Thousand years

List of Members, Supporters, and Sponsors of the Global Conference on DRR for Civil Society

Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NGO Research Group) / Executive Committee for Sustainable and Disaster Resilient Community Development

Partners: Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (ADRRN) / Shinnyo-en Relief Volunteers / Sendai Jiyu University / Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) / Peace Winds Japan / Huairou Commission

Sponsors: Act Alliance / UMCOR / CWS Japan / Shinnyo-en / GFDRR / SEN Corporation / Soka Gakkai / NichirenShu Annon Fund / Rissho Kosei-Kai Donate-a-Meal Fund for Peace.

Building Disaster-Resilient Communities Globally

PBV, in partnership with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), has carried out the "Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building Program for Young Leaders" program in Africa, Central and South America onboard Peace Boat. These programs aim to build capacity of young professionals, and strengthen regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction to reduce the impacts of disasters and enhance community resilience. Peace Boat, as an official campaign partner of the UNISDR's "Making Cities Resilient" campaign, promotes the campaign and DRR in cities and countries visited through these programs, whilst simultaneously sharing lessons learnt from Japan's extensive experiences with disasters. At the WCDRR, PBV announced that it would implement the campaign in Asia and other regions going forward.

"Making Cities Resilient: My City Is Getting Ready!" Campaign



Promoters of the campaign in Latin America onboard Peace Boat



Young Leaders in Central America: Meeting UN representatives in Panama



Young leaders program in Africa

"10 Lessons from Fukushima: Reducing risks and protecting communities from nuclear disasters"



*Since the WCDRR, the booklet has been translated into French, and will be made available in more languages in the future.

Sharing Fukushima's experiences with the world

PBV, as part of JCC2015's activities, published the "10 Lessons from Fukushima" booklet, a compilation of lessons learnt from the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster from civil society's perspective. The booklet, which aims to protect communities from future nuclear disasters by sharing first-hand experiences and best practices, was made available in Japanese, English, Korean and Mandarin, to ensure a global reach. At the WCDRR, booklets were distributed to the public as well as DRR specialists from all corners of the world.

Member Organisations of Japan CSO Coalition for 2015 WCDRR (JCC2015)

Secretariat Organisations: Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC)/ CWS Japan/ Sendai-Miyagi NPO Center/ Fukushima Beacon for Global Citizens Network (FUKUDEN)/ Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV)

Committee Organisations: Ayus Network of Buddhist Volunteers on International Cooperation/ Iwate Fukkou Collaboration Center/ Utsukushima NPO Network/ Oxfam Japan/ Caritas Japan/ Kansai NGO Council/ CSO Network/ Shaplaneer Citizens' Committee in Japan for Overseas Support/ Save the Children Japan/ Training Center for Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction/ Japan National Assembly of Disabled Peoples' International (DPI Japan)/ Nagoya NPO Center/ Pal System Consumers' Cooperative Union/ Japan Civil Network for Disaster Relief in East Japan/ Fukushima Cooperative Reconstruction Center/ Fukushima NPO Network Center/ Buddhist NGO Network/ Morinodengenban Yururu

Member Organisations: Japan RQ Disaster Education Center/ IVY/ AmeriCares/ Arigato International/ Iwate Otento-SUN Joint Enterprise Cooperation/ International Medical Corps / Women's Eye (WE)/ Water Aid Japan/ Ugoku, Ugokasu (Global Call to Action Against Poverty Japan)/ Utsunomiya University Support Infants, Children and Pregnant Women of Fukushima Project/ Radio FMYY/ Environmental Partnership Council (EPC)/ Kiko Network/ Kitakyushu Institute on Sustainability/ Climate Youth Japan/ Care International Japan/ Training Center for Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction/ The Japan Association Charitable Organisations/ Citizens Towards Overseas Disaster Emergency/ Japan Conservation Engineers & Co., Ltd/ International Scientology Volunteer/ Public Services International Japan Council (PSI- JC)/ International Volunteer University Student Association (IVUSA)/ Japan Civil Network for the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity/ Conservation International Japan/ NPO SAKURA NET/ NPO The People/ CL Tasuketto/ JHB General



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日本CSOネットワーク
Japan CSO Coalition for 2015 WCDRR

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*JCC2015 has been widely reported in foreign media, web news, magazines and other media channels.

Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami: Activities in Tohoku

Connecting Producers and Consumers Supporting the recovery of disaster-affected businesses

In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, many companies in coastal Tohoku were devastated and experienced challenges in restarting their operations. PBV organised seminars for business owners and entrepreneurs to support their recovery. This led to the establishment of the "Nonbiru Marche de Net" online platform, an e-commerce service which links Tohoku producers with nation-wide consumers.

Sea squirt, or "hoya" in Japanese, is a famous local delicacy in Miyagi Prefecture. Hoya enthusiasts came together to create the "Hoya-Hoya Society", an association to promote the consumption of this delicacy around the country. PBV has contributed to this movement by producing new hoyo-based food products and presenting them at public events.



E-commerce site, "Nonbiru Marche de Net"

Program Details:

- Planning of "Hoya Tours"
- Organising seminars on "Popular Products, Shops, and Market Trends" (7 seminars attended by 53 local business owners/entrepreneurs)
- Organising of the "Product Development Program" (6 seminars attended by 41 local business owners/entrepreneurs)

Imacoco Project Connecting people to support fisheries

The fishing industry is one of the major industries in Miyagi Prefecture, and the fisheries are crucial to the community both in terms of their economic and societal significance. Despite this, the number of young people working in this industry has been in decline in recent years. Whilst the lack of human resources in Tohoku's fishing industry poses a major challenge, there are many people from outside the area who are interested and willing to assist. The Imacoco project connects volunteers with fishing communities who need their support. This system ensures mutual benefits: the volunteers gain the unique experience of living and working in the fisheries, whilst the fishing communities gain outside help for their work. This kind of exchange program also helps to promote long-term involvement and interest in the fishing industry.



Number of participants: 761
Number of working days: 5894
Number of fishing villages: 13 villages (39 fishermen)
Project period: November 2012 - present

Ishinomaki and Onagawa Study Tours Learning through site visits and hearing first-hand accounts

PBV conducts study tours for a wide range of groups who are interested in learning about the disaster and the situation in Tohoku post-2011. Study tours are conducted with a minimum of 5 participants, and include first-hand accounts from survivors, as well as visits to numerous iconic sites in the area which help people gain a strong understanding of the post-disaster context.

Number of participants: 532
Tour examples: Tours for schools, universities, and company orientations/training





Kizuna Newsletter Supporting temporary housing residents displaced by the disaster

Number of newspaper issues this year: No. 71 ~ No. 87
Number of places delivered: 133 housing areas in Ishinomaki

Project period: October 2011 - present

Editorial committee: Ishinomaki Temporary Housing Association / Research Center for Recovery and Co-Creation of Ishinomaki Senshu University / Cannus Tohoku / Disaster Psychosocial Care Network Miyagi / Machizukuri Manbo / Fukko University

The Kizuna Newsletter, packed with interesting and useful articles for temporary housing residents, is distributed twice a month to all of Ishinomaki's temporary houses. The newsletter is put together by a range of organisations with different areas of expertise, including community development, psychosocial care, and nursing. It provides useful information relevant to the local area, such as services, events and festivals, and helps to build a strong sense of community. PBV also organizes writing workshops for residents interested in developing their writing skills or becoming professional writers. This also provides a chance for residents to convey their feelings and ideas to the community through writing.

Kobe Study Tour Learning from the 1995 Kobe Earthquake

The relocation of displaced survivors from temporary housing to more permanent forms of public housing has been happening in Ishinomaki since the end of 2014. However, many residents continue to face problems after they relocate. The editorial committee of the Kizuna Newsletter, together with leaders of Ishinomaki's neighbourhood associations, visited Kobe (which was devastated by the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995) to learn from Kobe's experiences and apply these lessons to resolve the complex challenges in post-disaster Tohoku.



Thanks to Kobe Machizukuri Research Center, the team members were able to speak with Kobe-based specialists in disaster risk reduction, psychosocial care, and community development. The team was greatly inspired by the stories from Kobe, and are determined to turn their learnings into action to help Ishinomaki's recovery.

Fukushima Youth Ambassadors: Spring 2015 Learning about Nature and History in Asia

The Fukushima Youth Ambassadors Spring 2015 project took place onboard Peace Boat's passenger ship, and marked the 5th time that this project had been carried out since its inception after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

Through this project, the participants were able to learn first-hand about the rich history of Asia, as well as the diverse natural heritage of the region. This kind of experiential learning, through field visits and exchange programs, helped the youngsters from Fukushima broaden their horizons and bring back what they had learnt to their home communities.



Program Details:

Date: 26 March 2015 ~ 3 April 2015

Participants: 12 junior-high school students from Minami Soma City.

*The project was held in cooperation with "Minami Soma Kodomo no Tsubasa".

Main Program Schedule:

- Okinawa: Visit to Churaumi Aquarium
- Hakata: Visit to Tachiarai Peace Memorial Museum and Monument for Fukuoka Air Raid
- Jeju Island: Trekking Gotjawal Forest, rice cake-making experience
- Hiroshima: Visit to Peace Memorial Museum and Hiroshima Atomic Dome

Domestic and International Disaster Relief

Hiroshima Landslide: Emergency Response



In the immediate aftermath of the landslides that struck Hiroshima in August 2014, PBV mobilized to the area and commenced emergency relief operations in Asaminami ward, Hiroshima city.

PBV's team worked closely with the Social Welfare Council and other organisations to run the Asaminami Ward Disaster Relief Volunteer Center. Through this center, PBV coordinated disaster relief volunteer operations and matched the needs of the affected community with the volunteers who came from across the country.

Additionally, PBV established the "Dandan Café", a public space for disaster-affected residents to come together. A total of 3,124 meals were served in 13 locations. PBV also helped to disseminate information about government insurance schemes, reconstruction plans and other news. Partnering with other organisations, PBV was able to offer much-needed support to many community members.

Project period: 25 August 2014 - 30 October 2014
Place: Asaminami Ward & Asakita Ward, Hiroshima City

Number of volunteer work days: 405
Activity details: Operational support at the Asaminami Ward Disaster Relief Volunteer Center, Volunteer Management & Coordination, Management of "Dandan Café"

*PBV's Hiroshima response was funded by Japan Platform.



Other Disaster Relief Operations in Japan

In addition to Hiroshima, PBV carried out the following disaster relief activities: a) Nanyo City, Yamagata Prefecture in July (flooding), b) Anan City, Tokushima Prefecture in August (typhoon), c) Tanba City, Hyogo Prefecture in August (flooding), and d) Hakuba, Nagano Prefecture in November (earthquake).

PBV contributed 378 volunteer work days to these response operations, and cooperated with NPOs, NGOs, and several Social Welfare Councils in affected areas to provide assistance to communities in need.

Support for Communities Affected by Typhoon Hagupit (Philippines) and Cyclone Pam (Vanuatu)



In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated parts of the Philippines, resulting in more than 7000 casualties. The following year, Typhoon Hagupit caused another wave of damage to the archipelago. In the wake of Typhoon Hagupit, PBV sent emergency funds to local partner organisation PDRRN, with whom we established a strong partnership after Typhoon Haiyan. These funds were used to support the recovery of fishing industries in Busali village, Biliran Islands.

In March 2015, PBV dispatched personnel to Vanuatu days after Cyclone Pam struck to conduct a rapid needs assessment. Working closely with affected communities, NGOs, and UN cluster members, PBV gathered information and identified key on-the-ground partners. PBV's emergency funds were used in partnership with local humanitarian organisation "Act for Peace" to support agriculture and small-sized farms, with the aim of promoting long-term food security.

Disaster Risk Reduction Training & Education Programs

PBV started the "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" program in November 2011. Since then, many organisations, companies, and institutions have taken part in this initiative. Due to the popular demand and need for this kind of training, PBV has increased the number of training programs available to suit a wide range of stakeholders, including neighbourhood associations, disaster prevention organisations, schools and companies.



Protecting Yourself and Your Family

Household Disaster Preparedness Planning Workshop (Interactive workshop, 90 minutes)

Participants explore ways to protect themselves and their family members from future disasters. The workshop includes simulating a major disaster, planning evacuation routes, securing furniture, and other emergency preparedness basics.

Main targets: Schools (high school and above), companies, community groups, etc.



Learning about Post-Disaster Tohoku

Ishinomaki and Onagawa Study Tours (Programs custom-made for groups)

Listening to first-hand accounts of survivors and visiting areas devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami are powerful tools to understand the impacts of natural disasters. PBV conducts tours around Ishinomaki and Onagawa for a wide range of groups to learn about post-disaster Tohoku and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

Main targets: First-time visitors to Tohoku, school/university students, company employees, etc.



From Beginner to Advanced Levels

Disaster Relief Volunteer Training (Seminars, Online Tests, Hands-on Training, etc.)

The "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" program, divided into four levels, focuses on disaster volunteerism. Participants learn about ways to reduce disaster risks, psychological aspects of disasters, safety management, and more. The program is split into: Disaster Relief Volunteer Training (entry level), Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification (online), Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training, and "Skill-up" advanced workshops.

Main targets: Members of the public, Social Welfare Councils, Voluntary Organisations, etc.



Raising Awareness and Promoting DRR

Events, Lectures & Talks (Custom-made depending on the audience and occasion)

PBV staff frequently deliver talks about disaster risk reduction, organize events, and implement other awareness raising initiatives. In addition, PBV also organizes events for volunteers and supporters to report on both domestic and international disaster relief activities.



Building Resilient Communities

Community Emergency Aid Capacity Building (Workshop, 3.5 hours)

This workshop and accompanying workbook are based on the experiences of Ishinomaki citizens who were involved in the post-tsunami response. Learning from real-life case studies and testimonies, this program serves to empower communities and enhance their ability to coordinate assistance in disaster time.

Main targets: People belonging to neighbourhood associations, volunteer fire-fighter corps, disaster prevention organisations, civil society organisations, etc.

Disaster Risk Reduction Programs

Disaster Risk Reduction Training & Education Programs Summary

In 2014/2015, PBV conducted several new programs, such as the "Household Disaster Preparedness Planning" workshop and "Community Emergency Aid Capacity Building" project, in addition to the "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" program. These DRR training and education programs were implemented in 29 cities across Japan.

Program Name	No. of Participants	No. of Times
Disaster Relief Volunteer Training	1371	76
Disaster Relief Volunteer Certification (online)	102	N/A
Disaster Relief Volunteer Leader Training	218	14
Skill-Up Workshops	96	3
Household Disaster Preparedness Planning Workshop	1257	31
Community Emergency Aid Capacity Building	245	7
Ishinomaki and Onagawa Study Tours	532	13
Events & Lectures	4907	53

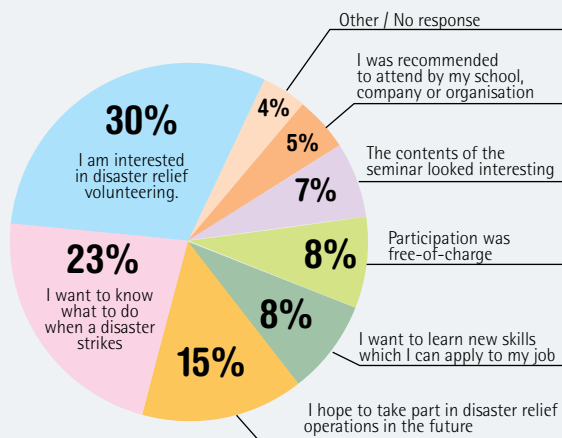


Participant Survey Responses from "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" Program

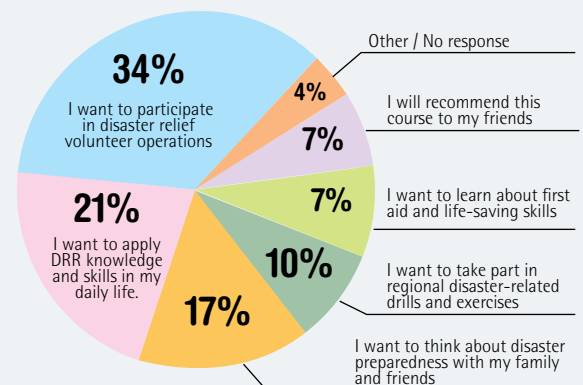
Surveys are collected consistently from participants of training programs in order to collect feedback and make improvements. Looking at the data gathered, approximately half of participants in the "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" program had no prior experience, and those with experience decided to take part because they wanted to strengthen their understanding of disaster volunteerism.

Many survey respondents felt that even though they are frequently reminded about the threat of disasters through the news, they did not know what concrete actions to take to protect themselves. Going forward, we will continue to make improvements to our programs and provide effective education programs to stakeholders both in Japan and abroad.

Reasons for participation



What kind of actions do you want to take in the future?



From Learning to Action

Training graduates making an impact in disaster-affected areas



Many volunteers who responded to severe flooding in Anyo City, Yamagata Prefecture, were graduates of PBV's "Disaster Relief Volunteer Training" program. Several other training program graduates have assumed leadership roles in other disaster response operations, including the management of volunteer centers in Tanba City (Hyogo Prefecture), Anan City (Tokushima Prefecture) and Asaminami ward (Hiroshima Prefecture). PBV actively calls on trained volunteers in emergency times to take on these much-needed roles and provide effective support to those who need it most.

BALANCE SHEET (JAPANESE YEN)

[ASSETS]

Cash Deposits	49,077,936
Commodities/Goods	44,165
Advances Paid	130,934
Temporary Advances	650,000
Prepaid Expenses	20,301
Accounts Receivable	24,137,581
Current Assets Total	74,060,917
Fixed Assets	1,403,377
Total Assets	75,464,294

[DEBTS/LIABILITIES]

Outstanding Payments	6,195,431
Advances Received	14,045,179
Deposits Received	594,137
Accrued Taxes Payable, etc.	70,000
Current Debts/Liabilities Total	20,904,747

Net Assets Total	54,559,547
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Current Income Total	108,445,572
Monetary Donations/Contributions	15,562,608
Grants	72,339,100
Volunteer Participation Fees	4,651,532
Membership Fees	1,500,000
Other Income	14,392,332

Current Expenses Total	135,344,294
Projects/Operational Expenses Total	120,650,155
Disaster Relief Projects/Operational Expenses	45,154,629
Disaster Relief Projects/Operational Support Expenses (Administration, etc.)	13,404,956
Volunteer Training Program Expenses	31,738,626
Other Project/Operational Expenses	30,351,944
Management Expenses Total	14,694,139

CHANGE IN CURRENT BALANCE

(Total Income - Total Expenses)	-26,898,722
Taxes (Corporate Taxes)	70,000
Change in Net Assets	-25,633,725

Net Assets at Beginning of Fiscal Year (April 2014)	80,193,272
Net Assets at End of Fiscal Year (March 2015)	54,559,547

Media Coverage

[Television]

Sendai Broadcast / Housou University

[Newspapers]

Wall Street Journal /
Asahi Newspaper (4 times) /
Ishinomaki Kahoku (4 times) /
Ishinomaki Daily Children's
Newspaper (2 times) / Kawakita
Newsletter (7 times) / Kanagawa
Newspaper / Kobe Newspaper
(2 times) / Jiji Tsuushin / Tokyo
Newspaper / Fukushima Newsletter
/ Mainichi Newspaper (4 times)
/ Yomiuri Newspaper (5 times) /
La Nation (Madagascar) / Moov
(Madagascar) / Orange (Madagascar)
/ The Japan News / Tresor Public
(Madagascar)

[Magazines/Journals]Shintoa (Korea)/Toyo Keizai Online/
Nonbiru/Bilateral Insight**[Radio]**NHK Radio/NHK Radio Sendai/Sendai
City FM/TOKYO FM/Minami Soma
Hibari FM(2 times)/Radio Ishinomaki
(6 times)/Radio Kansai

Supporting Organisations, Companies and Institutions

Asu-he-no-kibou/E-Communications/"Ishinomaki ni ita Jikan" Production Committee/Urawa Gakuin High School/Espoir Miyagi//
Osaka Volunteer Association/Oshima Social Welfare Council/On The Road/Kashiwazaki City Social Welfare Council/Great Forest Wall
Project/Camper/Kyoritsu Paint/Gooddo/Kuriraji/Training Center for Gender & Disaster Risk Reduction/JANIC/Kotori no mori Golf
Park/Common Beat/Sanofi/Service Grant/Global machizukuri Planning/Japan Grace/Shibuwa/ Japan Giving/Japan Platform/
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Association/PARCIC/Hisaichi NGO Kyodo Center/Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution/Peace Winds Japan/Fukuoka
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Reconstruction Agency/Best Larch/Bousai kara machizukuri wo kangaeru Committee/Volunteer Info/Musashino University/Miyagi
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Association/Ishinomaki Tourism Volunteer Association/Ishinomaki Children's Center/Ishinomaki City Education Committee/
Ishinomaki City Social Welfare Council/Ishinomaki Hokatsu Care Center/Ishinomaki Hospital/Ishinomaki City Office/Ishinomaki
Chamber of Commerce/Ishinomaki ZENKAI Shopping Street/Ishinomaki Senshu University/Ishinomaki Tachimachi Fukkou Fureai
Shotengai/Ishinomaki Newsee/Ishinomaki NOTE/Ishinomaki Hibishinbun/Ishinomaki Fukkou Shien Network/Ishinomaki Machinaka
Fukkou Marche/Ishinomori Manga Museum/Iwate Renkai Fukkou Center/Umi to tomoni tsunagaru kai/AP Bank/Oshima Social
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Association/Onagawa Chamber of Commerce/Kawakita Shinppo/Kame Nana Gofukuten/Kids Media Station/Kinoya Ishinomaki
Suisan/Cannus Tohoku/Kotobukicho Shotengai/Kodomo no machi Ishinomaki Committee/Kodomo Company/Kohaku Ishinomaki
Future Center/Cobalt Tourism/Comisapo Hiroshima/Compact City Ishinomaki Machinaka Sosei Kyogikai/Sarukoya/Sanriku Kawakita
Shinpo/Matsutake/Shinsai Kokoro no Care Miyagi/Suisan no machi Onagawa fukatsu project/Sweet Treat 311/Takigawa/Tanabe
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Supporting Networks

Ishinomaki NPO Center/JANIC/Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Voluntary Disaster Relief Activities/Shinsai ga
tsunagu zenkoku network/Shinjuku Saigai Fukkou Shien Platform/Japan for Sustainability/Japan Platform/Zenkoku Saigai NPO
center/Tokyo Volunteer Shimin Katsudou Center/Totsuka Chiku Saigai Fukkou Shien Network wo Kangaeru Kai/JCC 2015/Japan NPO
Center/Japan Civil Network/Corporate Volunteer Network/Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction
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