

APR 2016 - APR 2017

# JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

COMPLETION REPORT



## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

In mid-April 2016, two earthquakes with magnitudes of 6.5 and 7.3 struck the Kumamoto prefecture in Japan, followed by more than 4,100 aftershocks. As a result, houses and structures were damaged, displacing thousands of people.

In response, Mercy Relief set up community kitchens and provided healthcare services to survivors in evacuation centres. Now, one year later, we have completed our efforts to help reconstruct social welfare centres and provide healthcare programmes for survivors, particularly vulnerable communities; the elderly and persons with disabilities.

Thanks to your support, Mercy Relief was able to respond swiftly and has since been able to continue our work to restore the physical and psychological well-being of survivors in Japan while also increasing their disaster preparedness.



Kumamoto  
Prefecture



\$333,200

Total raised in SGD

36,826

Survivors benefited

## TIMELINE





Response

## RELIEF ACTIVITIES

Together with our local partners, Mercy Relief set up community kitchens in 2 evacuation centres in Mashiki and Aso, which were among the worst-hit areas. This provided additional nutrition to daily meals and were well-received by the community. Evacuees from other centres in Mashiki also benefited from the general healthcare services provided such as health screenings, basic medical treatments and psychosocial activities.

34,246

Beneficiaries

Apr - May 2016

Duration



18,710 HOT MEALS

Distributed to survivors in evacuation centres over 47 days



15,536 SURVIVORS

Benefited from medical, healthcare and psychosocial services





## RECONSTRUCTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRES

7 centres in  
Kumamoto

Location

Jul 2016 - Mar 2017

Duration



### Project Impact



#### IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

The reconstruction efforts are done in accordance to the Building Code of Japan, ensuring they are more resilient in structure.



#### BACK TO NORMALCY

These centres are essential to the beneficiaries. The activities they host help beneficiaries reinstate a sense of normalcy in their lives, both physically and psychologically.



HEALTHCARE PROGRAMME FOR EVACUEES

2,439  
Beneficiaries

Jun 2016 - Mar 2017  
Duration



Project Impact

A project was conducted with a group of local homecare nurses to provide healthcare support, community services and assist local health authorities to conduct further needs assesments for the affected population. We are proud that our combined efforts were recognized by Japanese government bodies and complemented our other ongoing recovery efforts as well.



INCREASED COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS



MORE RESILIENT & HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Activities

1	Provide medical treatment and healthcare services for 200 survivors per day	COMPLETED	✓
2	Support the local government in conducting health needs assessment for town-level health planning	COMPLETED	✓
3	Provide medical treatment and healthcare services for 2,200 evacuees living in the transitional shelter estate	COMPLETED	✓
4	Conduct psychosocial and Disaster Risk and Reduction (DRR) activities	COMPLETED	✓





## SURVIVOR STORY

MR NOZAKI IWAO

Mr Nozaki Iwao and his wife, Mrs Nozaki Harumi, are residents at the Mashiki Techno Transitional Shelter, where they are waiting for permanent housing. The Nozakis helped with the food kitchen in the aftermath of the earthquake, even though their house had collapsed. The couple hope to be able to move back home with their children and grandchildren soon. However, they may not be able to afford the reconstruction of a new home large enough for the entire family to live in together. The road to recovery is long, but we are glad that the Nozakis retained their strong sense of family values and compassion to help others.

## MERCY RELIEF TEAM STORIES

Tingjun Zhang, Executive Director for Mercy Relief shares from her most recent trip to Japan, “We wanted to drive our focus on the psychological well-being of survivors, who were devastated by the earthquake. While infrastructure like shelter is critical, so too is establishing a sense of belonging for survivors in particular the elderly, who have been uprooted from their communities or families and are now living alone in transitional shelters.”



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# A huge thank you from Mercy Relief!

We would like to acknowledge our key partners for their contributions to this relief effort.



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