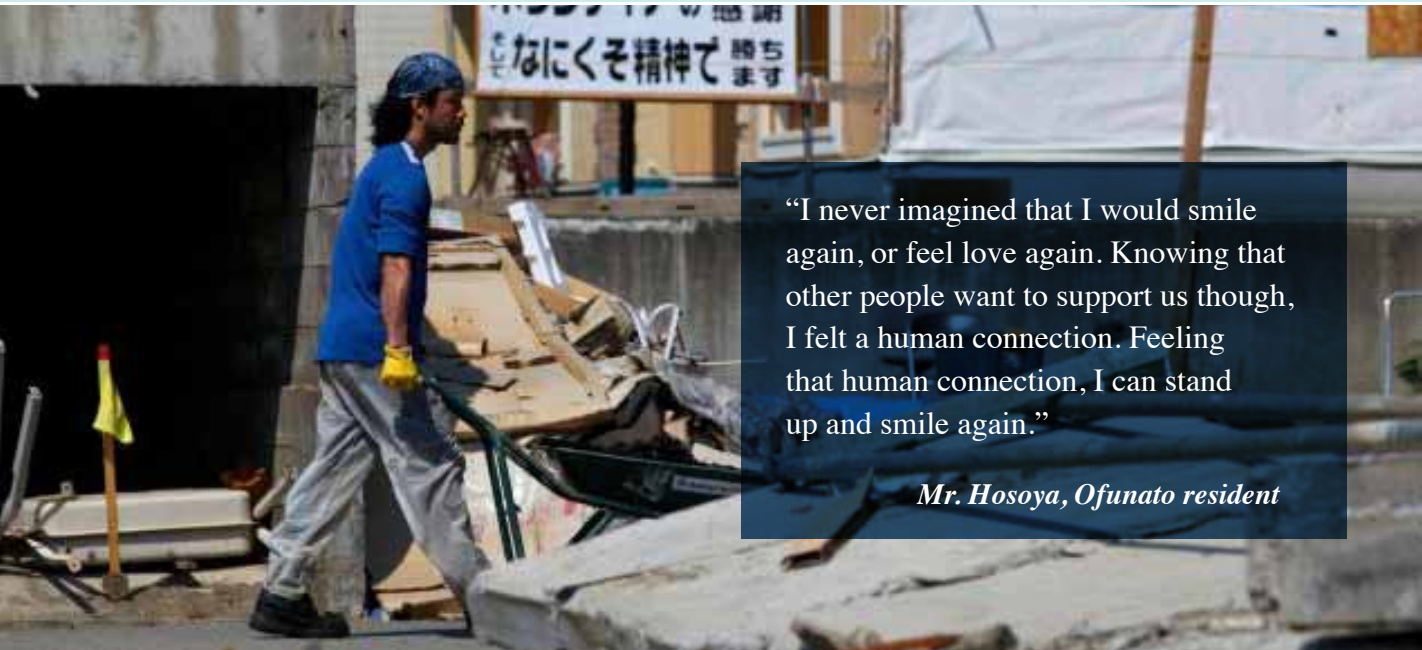


心を一つに、がんばろう日本

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“I never imagined that I would smile again, or feel love again. Knowing that other people want to support us though, I felt a human connection. Feeling that human connection, I can stand up and smile again.”

Mr. Hosoya, Ofunato resident

Through your generous support, Habitat for Humanity has made good progress in designing and delivering its ‘Rebuilding Japan’ disaster response project, to help those affected by the devastating tsunami and earthquake of 11 March 2011.

Nearly 200 Habitat for Humanity Japan volunteers have travelled to Ofunato and Rikuzentakata, in northern Iwate Prefecture, and many more volunteers from partner organizations have been supported by Habitat for Humanity, to clear mud, debris, remove wet flooring insulation and drywall – doing everything necessary so that families can return to clean and healthy homes.

Volunteers have also been helping to clean community areas and buildings – schools, halls, parks – to help local residents regain a sense of normalcy. Habitat for Humanity will soon be escalating its activity and undertaking similar work in Ishinomaki, Miyagi Prefecture, as well.

Many of the areas worst affected by the earthquake and tsunami, like Iwate and Miyagi Prefectures, were home to large elderly populations. The Japanese government’s preliminary focus, quite rightly, is to clear the vast areas that were completely ruined by the tsunami, in order to secure land for rebuilding and temporary shelters. The personalized, hands-on, manual labor of clearing and

cleaning houses, so that elderly residents can return home, is the need that Habitat for Humanity’s taskforce of volunteers is addressing.

To date, Habitat for Humanity has cleared nearly 100 homes or community buildings. An assessment to determine families most in need of assistance with damaged homes has been completed and Habitat for Humanity will be supporting partners to employ local carpenters to start with repair activity, having the added benefit of boosting the local economy.

Next steps also include distributing ‘home starter kits’ to families moving in to government-provided temporary shelter and those returning to damaged homes. These kits will include items like bamboo mats, bedding, linen, and kitchen equipment, like pans and utensils, to give much-needed assistance to families who lost everything.

Habitat for Humanity is working with two implementing partner organizations to deliver the ‘Rebuilding Japan’ project – All Hands Volunteers in Iwate Prefecture and Peace Boat in Miyagi Prefecture.

The scale of the task is daunting and it will be a long time before Japan is fully rebuilt, but thanks to your generous support, many lives are already on the road to recovery.



'Rebuilding Japan' project in numbers:

81

Homes / community buildings
cleared of debris

187

Habitat for Humanity Japan
volunteers have assisted with
clean-up activity so far

3,000

volunteer days funded



Hisako's story

Hisako Ishibashi, 78, was finishing her lunch and watching TV at home when the earthquake struck. As the ground shook, she held on to her TV and its stand so that they wouldn't fall. With double-pane windows and doors, she didn't hear the tsunami but water was soon coming in to house and up the stairs. She immediately rushed to the second floor.

"When the tsunami water receded, I tried to get outside to see what was

happening but my yard was full of debris blocking me in. My husband and I spent that night upstairs unable to leave.

A relative came to check on us the next day and helped us get out of our house. Since then we have been living with family or friends. Our house was badly damaged and filled with debris; definitely not a place you could live in.

Habitat for Humanity and All Hands Volunteers have helped me clear away the debris so I can enter my home. The volunteers have come three times and worked very hard for us.

I don't know how long it will take for my life to go back to the way it used be. Carpenters are scheduled to come and I hope things can be fixed so that my husband and I can live in our home again."

Mayumi's story



Mayumi (back row, left) and other volunteers, with homeowner family

Mayumi Ochsner Fujita, 25, an x-ray technician, spent a weekend in July volunteering in Ofunato.

"The scenes of devastation that I saw on the TV were unlike anything I had ever seen before. I started thinking that I should do something for those affected, but had no idea what I could do. Then I heard Habitat for Humanity were helping and I immediately decided to join in.

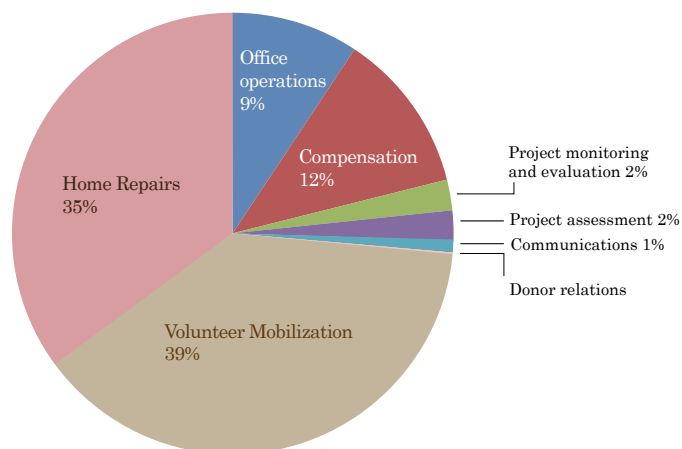
When I first arrived in Ofunato, I could not control my feelings. I saw a car inside the walls of a house. The scale of the devastation discouraged me and I was afraid of the huge impact of the tsunami. The scene around me as I volunteered reminded me that people had been living here previously and it brought me to tears.

As I worked, my feelings for those who survived the tsunami strengthened, as did my desire to help them. Clearing debris and removing mud is a simple task, but hard work, and it gave me a reason to come to the affected area and assist those living there."

'Rebuilding Japan' – Quarter 1 financial information

	APRIL-JUNE 2011*	COMMENTS
Compensation	\$16,890	Project staff and HFH project-allocated salaries and benefits
Office operations	\$13,227	Office rent, equipment, supplies, banking fees, etc.
Project assessment	\$3,166	Travel-related costs to the affected area to meet with potential partners and develop project plans
Communications	\$1,167	Fliers, banners, t-shirts, etc. for project awareness
Donor relations	\$173	Donor meetings and communications
Project monitoring and evaluation	\$3,163	Travel-related costs to monitor project implementation
Volunteer Mobilization	\$54,854	Costs for recruitment, training, transportation, insurance, etc. for mobilizing HFH volunteers as well as funding sent to partners for mobilizing volunteers
Home Repairs	\$50,000	Funding sent to partners to begin the repair project
Home Starter Kits	\$ -	
Total	\$142,639	

* minor costs associated with project assessments in second half of March are also included.



Upcoming activity (July – September 2011)

- ▶ 5,000 volunteer days spent clearing debris from homes and community buildings or areas
- ▶ 13 teams of more than 300 Habitat for Humanity Japan volunteers engaged in clean-up activities
- ▶ 30 homes repaired
- ▶ Target families identified and distribution of 'home starter kits' begun



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