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TOTO Water Environment Fund

**Report on Activities of Sponsored
Organizations in 2024**

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TOTO Water Environment Fund

The TOTO Group aims to contribute to the development of society by creating an enriched and more comfortable lifestyle and culture built on its plumbing products.

We believe that in order to realize a sustainable society, it is essential not only for companies to contribute through their business activities, but also for organizations to act in support of the community. We established the TOTO Water Environment Fund in fiscal 2005 with the goal of working with the organizations that support local communities to resolve social issues, and we offer ongoing support for activities that reexamine relationships between water and daily life in the community.

The TOTO Water Environment Fund Circle



Ideas incorporated into the TOTO Water Environment Fund logo

A drop symbolizing the origin of a water source is used as a motif to highlight the importance of water. Geometric triangle patterns in blue and green are designed to represent the close connection between water and the environment and how this initiative will spread worldwide.

This logo incorporates an intention to communicate the inherent beauty of water and the importance of the global environment.

Determines the amount to be donated according to the passion of stakeholders

The amount of money to be donated to the fund is determined by converting the following three into the amounts of money, combining them, and further adding the same amount as the combined total (as a TOTO complement): (1) the volume of water saved with the water-saving products purchased by customers, (2) the shareholders' endorsements for the donation by choosing the donation option in the preferential system for shareholders, and (3) the number of TOTO Group employees participating in volunteer activities and donation. The greater the stakeholders' involvement in the water-environment initiatives, the more money is allocated to the TOTO Water Environment Fund.

Aids organizations that support regions

With a passion to solve the water-environment challenge with the organizations, the screening committee elected from among the TOTO Group employees select the organizations to support, based on whether their activities can be deeply rooted in the regions and are designed to be long-lasting rather than temporary. The TOTO Group has been organizing the TOTO WEF-Supported Organization Meetup events every year to establish a network of the supported organizations.



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Collaboration between TOTO and local communities

The local residents and the TOTO Group employees participate in the activities of the supported organizations. Even after the end of the funding period, they have been continuing exchanges with people in the local communities including the supported organizations, spreading the circle of participants in the activities for solving water environment challenges year by year.



Raises awareness of social issues

The internal and external stakeholders' involvement in the TOTO Water Environment Fund raises their awareness of the social issues, spreading the circle of participants in the activities for solving water-environment challenges.

TOTO Water Environment Fund Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

Greeting

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many people who continue to support and cooperate with the activities of the TOTO Water Environment Fund.

The fund was established in 2005 with the hope of working together with local organizations to solve social issues that cannot be solved by corporations alone, providing support to organizations that carry out activities rooted in their local community. Thanks to your support, the fund has now reached its 20th anniversary.

The TOTO Group aims to contribute to the development of society by creating an enriched and more comfortable lifestyle and culture built on its plumbing products and to be a reliable company to the people of the world.

To this end, we believe it is important not only to contribute to the environment through our business activities, including the promotion of water-saving products, but also to promote social contribution activities that are needed in countries and regions around the world as a member of local communities.

In order to realize a sustainable society, it is essential not only for us, as a company, to contribute, but also for organizations that support the community to be active.

Over the past 20 years, we have supported the activities of a diverse range of organizations working to protect the water environment both in Japan and abroad.

These activities have ranged from ecosystem conservation and environmental beautification activities in Japan to water resource conservation and hygiene awareness activities overseas. I would like to once again express the deep respect and admiration I have for everyone who is working hard across various fields.

What the TOTO Water Environment Fund values is the cooperation of TOTO Group members. We don't just provide grants; Group members also participate in activities together with the community. Some organizations have continued to maintain ties even after the grant period has ended, and Group members and recipient organizations work together with the common goal of solving social issues.

As a company that has been deeply involved in water since our founding, we believe it is the mission of the TOTO Group to conserve our limited water resources and pass them on to future generations.

We will continue to work toward realizing a prosperous and comfortable future for people around the world, further promoting the activities of the fund while also further deepening our cooperation with everyone for the next 10 and 20 years.







We appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation.

TOTO LTD.

President and Representative Director

Shinya Tamura

20 Years of Progress

Year	Event	
2005	TOTO Water Environment Fund established	
2007	As part of TOTO's 90th anniversary, the total amount of grants were increased, the grant period was extended, and the area of activity was expanded to Asia	
2009	Expanded the area of activity to all overseas countries	
2013	Introduced a system to calculate the total amount of aid based on the environmental contribution performance of stakeholders	
2016	As part of TOTO's 100th anniversary, the total amount of grants were increased, the grant period was extended, and calls were put out for grant recipients	
	Received the "Water and Creation Corporate Citizenship Award" at the 14th Philanthropy Awards	
	Received certification as a "Water Cycle ACTIVE Company" in recognition of our contribution to the establishment of a sustainable water cycle	
2024	To mark the fund's 20th anniversary, we created a logo that expresses our desire to make more people aware of our activities and to continue to grow	

Past Funding Results

Round	Period	Amount of money	Number of organizations	Round	Period	Amount of money	Number of organizations
1st	October 2005 to September 2006	10.9 million yen	12	11th	April 2016 to March 2017	15.56 million yen	24
2nd	October 2006 to September 2007	15.6 million yen	12	12th	April 2017 to March 2020	95.31 million yen	35
3rd	October 2007 to September 2010	80.51 million yen	29	13th	April 2018 to March 2021	17.52 million yen	10
4th	October 2008 to September 2009	12 million yen	16	14th	April 2019 to March 2022	24.65 million yen	10
5th	October 2009 to September 2010	11.02 million yen	18	15th	April 2020 to March 2023	26.56 million yen	10
6th	October 2010 to September 2011	7.51 million yen	10	16th	April 2021 to March 2024	27.47 million yen	12
7th	April 2012 to March 2013	9.8 million yen	16	17th	April 2022 to March 2025	24.78 million yen	11
8th	April 2013 to March 2014	10.07 million yen	20	18th	April 2023 to March 2026	27.33 million yen	13
9th	April 2014 to March 2015	13 million yen	25	19th	April 2024 to March 2027	27.6 million yen	11
10th	April 2015 to March 2016	14.3 million yen	22	20th	April 2025 to March 2028	27.59 million yen	16

*For the 3rd and 12th rounds, grant amounts were increased to commemorate the anniversaries of the founding of TOTO.

Cumulative total 499.08 million yen across 332 organizations

Previous Grant Project Locations

Within Japan Grant recipients | Practical activities that lead to conservation and restoration of the region's water environment and biodiversity



Overseas Grant recipients | Practical activities to conserve water resources or create a sanitary and comfortable living environment in each country or area



Results of activities implemented by organizations with grant funding (2012 to 2024)



Message from the Executive Officer

The TOTO Water Environment Fund has celebrated its 20th anniversary. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many people who have supported our activities to date. The first time I was personally involved with the Water Environment Fund was in 2013. I am now an Executive Officer, but at the time I was a sales representative at one of our sales offices, and it all started when I participated in an activity held by a supported organization in the neighborhood. I am ashamed to admit that I did not fully understand the purpose of the Water Environment Fund, and I was more motivated to participate because I thought I could enjoy some local delicacies and let my children play. However, by actually participating and hearing

the thoughts and feelings of those in the supported organization directly, I was able to deepen my understanding of water environment conservation and realize the importance of taking action. One of the major features of the Water Environment Fund is the participation of TOTO Group employees in the activities of the supported organizations. As secretariat, we hope to expand the reach of the Water Environment Fund by spreading the word regarding the activities of the supported organizations throughout the entire Group so that more employees will understand the fund and participate in its activities. I appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation.

Hiroshi Isagawa
Executive Officer
(Executive Officer and Chief Director of General Affairs, TOTO LTD.)



Activities supported by TOTO in 2024

Total amount of grants
 **29.18** million yen


Results of activities implemented by organizations with grant funding

Number of supported organizations **18**  Number of activities **1,372**  Number of participants in the activities **14,211** 
 Of which, number of TOTO Group participants **130**




 Amount of waste collected **28,695 kg**




 Area preserved and developed **40,320 m²**



 Number of participants in environment, hygiene, and sanitation education **20,922**



 Number of units installed overseas (Toilets, hand-washing equipment, feed water tanks, etc.) **98**

19th round: List of supported organizations

No.	Organization	Project	Main region of activity	Page
1	Koizumi Universal Beach Unit	Community Development to Improve the Water Environment and Preserve Nature — a town with ocean, mountains, rivers, and biotopes —	Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture	10
2	UMI×TECH PROJECT	"Holding a Next-generation Environmental Learning Event Using Technology to Provide Opportunities to Learn About and Cultivate Marine Ecosystems While Experiencing the Gifts of the Sea"	Zushi City, Kanagawa Prefecture	11
3	The Foundation for Environmental Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Mizushima (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)	Seto Inland Sea "Umi-Bozu" Guardian Development Project	Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture	12
4	ON THE ROAD (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	5R Awareness Raising Activities through Beach Cleanups and Up-cycling Experiences in Okinawa	Kunigami District, Okinawa	13
5	WaterAid Japan (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Water and Sanitation Improvement Project at Bihar Health Center, Bihar, India	Madhubani district, Bihar, India	14
6	Japan Asian Association & Asian Friendship Society (JAFS) (Public Interest Incorporated Association)	Resident-led Waste Management: For a Clean and Green Region, Schools, and Water Environment	Province of Sorsogon, Philippines	15
7	OISCA JAPAN (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)	Improvement of Water Environment and Environmental Education in the Central Dry Zone of Myanmar	Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region, Myanmar	16
8	Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Support for School Sanitation in Uganda	Kikuube District, Uganda	17
9	HOPE International Development Agency, Japan (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Protect your health by learning about hygiene & sanitation!	Southern Ethiopia Region, Ethiopia	18
10	STAND ALIVE (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Project for the dissemination of environmentally hygienic toilets to preserve water and sanitation	Kisumu County, Kenya	19
11	Team NAKUSCO (Team Nagasaki-Kenya Ultimate Schistosomiasis Control Operation)	NAKUSCO Kichocho Project Creating the Future of Water, Toilets, and Villages Together	Kwale County Region, Kenya	20

18th round (2nd year): List of supported organizations

No.	Organization	Project	Main region of activity	Page
12	Sazanami (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Narashino Ocean Conservation Association: "Bring Back Our Ocean!"	Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture	21
13	Everlasting Nature of Asia (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Marine Waste Ingestion Study and Awareness Raising Events for the Endangered Sea Turtle	Ogasawara Islands, Kanto area	22
14	ABC Outdoor Education Center (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Changing the Water Environment of Beppu City with Children's Rag-making Activities!	Within Oita Prefecture	23
15	Oita Environmental Conservation Forum (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Beppu Bay Eco Coast Project for a Rich Water Environment	Oita City, Beppu City, Hiji Town, Kitsuki City, Usuki City, and Tsukumi City, Oita Prefecture	24

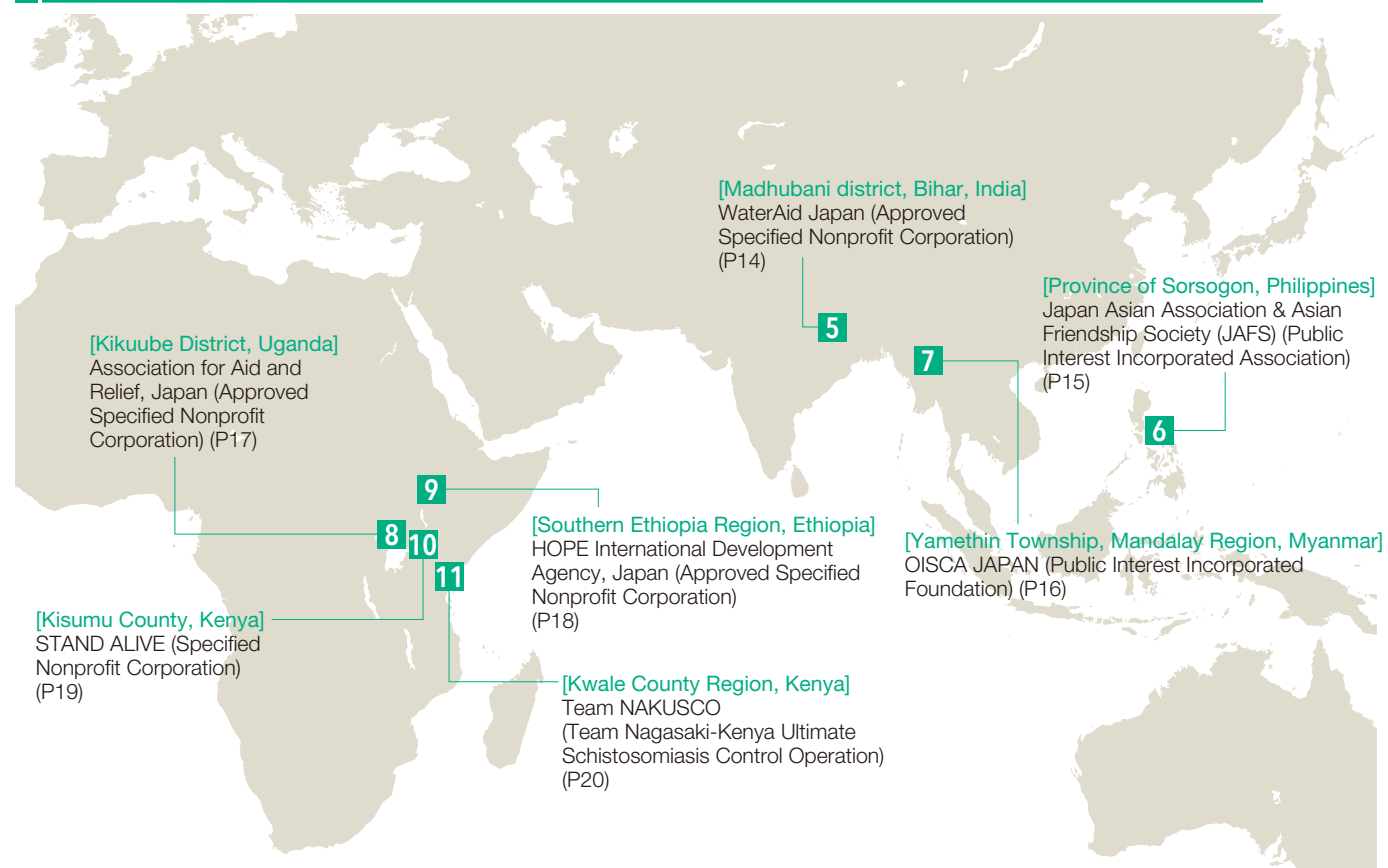
17th round (3rd year): List of supported organizations

No.	Organization	Project	Main region of activity	Page
16	The Society of Defend KARAKANEITOTOMBO (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Let's Enrich the Water Environments in Ainosato Using Pygmy Damselflies as Indicators!	Sapporo City, Hokkaido	25
17	Kaikaku Project (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)	Developing Environmental Education Programs for Motivating Children	Munakata City, Fukuoka Prefecture	26
18	Fukuoka-FUN (General Incorporated Association)	Project for Restoring and Creating Eelgrass Beds, Seagrass That Revitalizes Marine Ecosystems	Hakata Bay and adjacent waters, Fukuoka Prefecture	27

Areas of supported organization activities in 2024 (within Japan)



Areas of supported organization activities in 2024 (overseas)



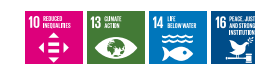
The organization was established by local volunteers after Koizumi Beach reopened for the first time in nine years since the Great East Japan Earthquake, with the aim of helping to resolve issues such as residents having moved away from the sea after experiencing the tsunami caused by the earthquake, vacant land left untouched after buildings were completely destroyed, and effectively using the largest seawall in the prefecture. With the goal of creating a town where people can continue to live for a long time to come, they are involved in various initiatives, such as intergenerational exchange, protecting and preserving the natural environment, water conservation, passing on traditions, and disaster prevention and mitigation.



Birdwatching

Community Development to Improve the Water Environment and Preserve Nature — a town with ocean, mountains, rivers, and biotopes —

- Region of activity | Motoyoshi Town, Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture
- Funding period | 2nd year



Project details

The Koizumi area is a rare land rich in nature, where the ocean, mountains, rivers, and biotopes are all present in a small town. In order for all residents to think about the future of the Koizumi area, we are aiming to increase the number of participants in activities such as trash pick-ups in various areas, restoring the landscape, trash surveys, and bird-watching walks, developing ties among residents and revitalizing the community through environmental protection activities.

Results of implementation

Proactive PR from the 18th TOTO Water Environment Fund to publicize these activities is gradually reaching residents and the government. In addition to an increase in new participants, this year we were also invited to teach an integrated learning program at Tsuya Elementary School and Tsuya Junior High School (Starting in third grade, students decide on a theme they want to explore and then present their activities twice, once in sixth grade and once in the third grade of junior high school) and to represent the community at presentations. We think this is proof that our organization has become well known for its cleanup activities focusing on marine debris in the Koizumi and Tsuya areas. We believe we have surpassed the success threshold each fiscal year.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	14	14
Number of participants in the activities	470	420
Amount of waste collected	500 kg	516 kg
Area preserved and developed	—	29,700 m ²
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	—	52
Number of birds observed	70	80

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<First-grader participating in a treasure hunt beach cleanup>>
I joined after seeing a flyer given to me by a teacher at school. I was able to pick up a lot of trash together with my parents. It was fun because we were able to exchange a lot of treasure. I hope to participate with everyone again.

<<Parent of fourth-grader who participated in a birdwatching event>>
My child had been wanting to go for a while and we were finally able to attend. Over the past few years, I've gotten used to seeing my daughter always watching videos at home, so I was surprised to see her become so absorbed in bird watching with an illustrated guide. I want to participate with her next time too.

<<Participant in the Tsuya River river cleanup (60s)>>
I've been working in the government, so I knew that everyone was cleaning up various areas. This was my first time participating, and while I thought it looked clean and free of trash from the top of the seawall, when I climbed down I found that there was a lot of garbage. I'm grateful for all the hard work everyone has put in up to now.



Treasure hunt beach cleanup



Sodeo River cleanup

The organization was established in 2023 with the aim of creating a rich marine environment where people and nature are in harmony through the cooperation of skilled fishermen and young engineers in the region.

We provide the results of our research and development, such as the “automatic detection of sea desertification urchins,” “AI models for measuring the amount of blue carbon,” and “underwater robots” in a format that even children can easily handle, and hold hands-on environmental learning events where children can experience the changes and blessings of the ocean.



Children working on AI learning

“Holding a Next-generation Environmental Learning Event Using Technology to Provide Opportunities to Learn About and Cultivate Marine Ecosystems While Experiencing the Gifts of the Sea”

Region of activity | Zushi City, Kanagawa Prefecture

Funding period | 1st year



Project details

Experiential environmental learning events for elementary school students, who will lead the next generation, are held jointly by skilled fishermen and young engineers in the region. Participants are able to witness the serious changes occurring in the oceans around them and experience and learn how to approach environmental issues through the use of underwater robots and AI technology. Furthermore, by visiting aquaculture sites and tasting local seafood, opportunities to foster a desire to protect the richness of the sea are created.

Results of implementation

Two of the environmental education events launched in 2023 were held this year, both of which were very well received by both participants and their parents. This year, we greatly expanded the content of the events and focused on improving the value of the experience for participants. As a result, we were pleased to receive positive feedback on the expanded content, with participants reporting in questionnaires that they had an increased interest in AI and that they enjoyed the wakame seeding experience. On the other hand, there were also some areas with room for improvement, such as a lack of time for each participant to enjoy the underwater robots, and the fact that some parts of the AI learning became difficult for children to understand as the content became more advanced. Moving forward, we will improve these points and provide more substantial content.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	2	▶	2
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	36	▶	30 elementary school students (approx. 30 parents)



Wakame seeding experience



Boarding a ship and observing the ocean using an underwater drone

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school students who participated in the environmental learning>>

- Now I want to know more about AI.
- The most amazing thing was to make it with AI.
- I have come to like AI. When I go home, I'm going to create an AI.

<<Parents who participated in the environmental learning>>

- My child was able to experience how AI works using an actual model, and became so enthusiastic about studying in order to create a crab × AI combination that they started raising crabs on their own. Continuing on from the previous session, it also struck me to learn that the situation of wakame seaweed being unable to be harvested is more serious than I had thought.
- Even my daughter, who does not usually eat wakame, was able to eat it. She was surprised to see how large the small seed had grown in just two months. Programming was also done in code this time, which showed the ingenuity of the organizers. It was very informative. Thank you very much.

In the Mizushima area in Kurashiki City, one of Japan's leading industrial complexes was constructed after World War II. While it supported rapid economic growth, it also caused air pollution problems. Following the settlement of a pollution lawsuit, this foundation was established to serve as a base for citizens, businesses, governments, and experts to work together to restore the local environment and develop the community. Their aim is to use the lessons learned from pollution for the future and create a sustainable community by creating and supporting learning opportunities for young people and to address issues such as ocean trash.



Educational exhibit

©The Foundation for Environmental Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Mizushima

Seto Inland Sea“Umi-Bozu”Guardian Development Project

Region of activity | Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture

Funding period | 2nd year



Project details

It is said that approximately 80% of ocean trash originates from land areas. Kurashiki City, one of the most famous irrigation canal kingdoms in Japan, is calling on citizens to take part in the Umi-Bozu Project, a regular trash cleanup activity in and around irrigation canals. We aim to reduce the amount of waste entering the Seto Inland Sea by making these efforts visible and communicating the results to society, as well as by developing personnel who will be involved in daily waste collection and waste reduction.

Results of implementation

In addition to the monthly Umi-Bozu Project that started last year, this year we were able to expand the scope of our activities by adding new developments such as setting up and calling for the installation of “land-based garbage collection boxes” and conducting “ocean trash interference workshops.” We believe that for the initiatives aimed at junior high, high school, and university students in particular, by incorporating learning components in addition to the cleanup, we have made the activities more meaningful for young people, and we have high expectations for the future. The amount of waste collected far exceeded the goal, due in part to coordination with other organizations' cleanup activities. Some of the activity sites have become fixed, and we intend to develop new sites moving forward, expanding the scope of our activities by calling for continuous and voluntary initiatives based on the activities at these new sites.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	16	▶	16
Number of participants in the activities	563	▶	412 (of which, 25 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	270 kg	▶	718.59 kg

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Second-year students at Kurashiki Municipal Minami Junior High School>>

- I was surprised to see just how much trash was picked up with only one hour of cleaning the river.
- The trash pickup taught me that there are many different kinds of trash. Even if there are people who clean up the river, it will never be clean if there are people who keep polluting it. So please don't litter in the river.

<<Kurashiki Medicoop employee (female)>>

By working on the “land-based garbage collection boxes,” my mindset changed and I started choosing areas on my commuting route where trash is piling up. I was very happy to be thanked by a passerby and will continue to do my best.



River cleanup and environmental education by junior high school students



Land-based garbage collection boxes

The organization was established in 2008 with the aim of providing education and vocational support to children living in adverse conditions in Japan, as well as those living in refugee camps and impoverished areas around the world. Through this support, we help them to realize their dreams and live their lives without being bound by caste or poverty. Starting in 2022, we launched “TRUE BLUE,” a project to collect and upcycle marine trash through beach cleanup activities in Japan.



Workshop with ocean trash

5R Awareness Raising Activities through Beach Cleanups and Up-cycling Experiences in Okinawa

Region of activity | Kouri, Nakijin Village, Kunigami District, Okinawa

Funding period | 3rd year



Project details

The “TRUE BLUE” activity project was launched in Okinawa. The aim is to establish a hands-on tourist attraction where tourists and residents of Okinawa alike can participate in “transforming trash into unique works of art.”

Workshops are also held to convey the importance of marine conservation in Okinawa and around the world, and by branding and selling the works that are created, opportunities are provided to encourage people who were previously unaware of ocean issues to learn and think about them.

Results of implementation

Since the completion of the upcycling workshop in 2023, we have been approaching local residents and tourists to conduct beach cleanups and environmental conservation workshops. In addition, as part of our public relations activities, we collaborate with other organizations to hold events and self-organized tours, set up overseas outlets, and conduct nationwide educational talk tours in order to spread interest in marine issues to a wide range of people. In this way, people both in Japan and overseas were able to focus on common interests, learn about environmental issues, and put what they learned into practice. By working together to consider each country's marine issues as if it were their own and developing projects that aim to solve problems beyond national borders, we were able to carry out activities from many different angles during this important start-up period.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	50	▶	950
Number of participants in the activities	2,200	▶	1,736 (of which, 13 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	3,500 kg	▶	1,000 kg



Beach cleanup



Upcycling to create accessories

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Man who participated in the activity (teenager)>>

It was a memorable summer vacation. The sea I went to during summer vacation was very beautiful, but it is sad to see garbage like this in the sea and creatures dying.

<<Woman who participated in the activity (20s)>>

The experience began with participation in a beach cleanup, followed by the creation of a one-of-a-kind piece of art from marine plastic. It was a very valuable experience. I was thrilled to see how my own hands transformed what I thought was garbage into a wonderful product.

<<Woman who participated in the activity (30s)>>

I was impressed by how marine plastics can be transformed into such wonderful accessories. This also sparked my child's interest in upcycling. I hope that more people will join in these activities and do whatever they can for our beloved oceans and the Earth, even if only a little.

WaterAid is an international NGO specializing in water and sanitation, founded in 1981 with the goal of bringing clean water and sanitation to the world's poorest communities. To achieve its vision of “a world where everyone, everywhere has safe and sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene,” the organization implements water and sanitation projects, advocates for policies, and raises awareness in 25 countries across Asia, Africa, and elsewhere. WaterAid Japan, a Japanese specified non-profit organization, was established in 2013.



Drawing water from a completed water supply facility

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Water and Sanitation Improvement Project at Bihar Health Center, Bihar, India

Region of activity | Madhubani district, Bihar, India

Funding period | 1st year



Project details

In rural areas of India, the lack of access to water supply facilities and toilets, as well as the inability to wash hands, is a major problem not only in the home, but also in public facilities such as health care facilities and health centers for mothers and children. In addition to providing access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities (toilets) at 20 health centers for mothers and children and one health care facility across four villages in Madhubani district, Bihar, and promoting hygiene practices such as hand washing, the project will also improve local sanitation by installing one wastewater management system in each of the four villages.

Results of implementation

Over the past year, significant progress has been made in improving water and sanitation facilities at health centers for mothers and children and health care facilities in the county. We also introduced simple and effective wastewater management systems in their villages, contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment. These comprehensive efforts have enabled people to access safe water and practice proper hygiene habits. Residents, especially women and those who are often marginalized, are gaining confidence and participating in efforts to improve water and sanitation. Moving forward, our organization will present the results of this project as a model to work with residents, local governments, and others in order to improve water and sanitation in the region in a cost-effective and sustainable manner.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Total number of participants in water and sanitation management sessions for health facilities, women's self-help groups, and school management committees	200	▶	602
Water supply facilities at 20 health centers for mothers and children	20	▶	20
Toilet, hand washing facilities, and water supply facilities at one healthcare facility	1	▶	1
Wastewater management systems	4 (1 per village)	▶	4 (1 per village)
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	7,280	▶	5,226 (1,270 for equipment installation + 3,956)
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	500	▶	3,956



Mothers' group meeting

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Wastewater management systems

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Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Geeta Devi, representative of a group of users of the wastewater management system>>

The area previously had no way to treat wastewater, and wastewater accumulated on roads and common areas, causing problems. With this assistance, we were able to obtain an excellent drainage facility, which we call the Magic Pit. I am very grateful for the opportunity to promote hygiene.

<<Yugesh Kumar, school management committee member>>

We have seen great improvements since WaterAid upgraded the water supply facilities at our village's health centers for mothers and children and constructed a new toilet building with hand washing stations. Now that there are improved water and sanitation facilities in schools and health centers for mothers and children, children are actively asserting their rights, especially those related to water and sanitation. All water and sanitation facilities have been kept clean and well maintained since their construction.

Starting with the supply of safe drinking water, the Association has carried out activities related to environmental conservation, educational support, and assistance for independent living at the request of local communities. The Association aims to help regions become self-reliant in addressing local issues by combining necessary projects across these four fields. In Japan, the Association engages in public awareness and promotional activities to attract interest in Asia and its support activities, and organizes charity events for the members in Japan to expand the network for supporting Asia and broaden its activities.



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The organization is engaged in rural development and environmental conservation activities mainly in the Asia-Pacific region, working to create “a world where all people harmoniously coexist by transcending differences and work together to protect and nurture the ecological bases of all life on Earth.” We place particular emphasis on human resource development, training youth from each country to enable them to become community leaders, and upon completion of their training, they return to their respective countries to work on rural development. In Japan, we are carrying out educational and environmental conservation activities through agriculture and forestry experiences and seminars.



Children planting trees

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Resident-led waste management: For a clean and green region, schools, and water environment

◎ **Region of activity** | Matnog Town, Santa Magdalena, Casiguran, and other areas in the Province of Sorsogon, Philippines

◎ **Funding period** | 1st year



Results of implementation

In order to alleviate the environmental destruction and poverty caused by the deterioration of the local water environment, we have been able to achieve many positive results through resident-led waste management efforts. Holding seminars on waste separation, composting, and planting saplings has led to a significant change in awareness. By continuing to clean up the community, we promote the creation of clean and beautiful communities. In collaboration with schools and kindergartens, we promoted practice and habituation at 34 new locations, and provided environmental education for both the Earth and local communities. We have also begun installing toilets, water tanks, and hand washing facilities as needed at each location, and we continue to upcycle recyclable materials so that they can be effectively used in kindergarten teaching materials. The production and sale of coconut oil has also begun, increasing the income of each family, improving nutrition and reducing their economic burden, helping residents feel more secure.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	120	▶	161
Number of participants in the activities	2,300	▶	4,620
Amount of waste collected	15,000 kg	▶	20,000 kg
Number of trees planted	600	▶	950 (jackfruit, mangrove, santol, citrus, etc.)
Installation of water tanks, hand washing facilities, toilets, kitchens, roofs, etc.	—	▶	18 units/13 locations (kindergartens in 13 villages)
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	2,000	▶	2,500
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	1,960	▶	4,620

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Beach cleanup©Japan Asian Association & Asian Friendship Society (JAFS)
Environmental orientation session

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<High school student who participated in the cleanup of Pandan>>

This year, a series of major typhoons hit Pandan, causing extensive damage throughout the town. The beach was also full of trash and it was quite a lot of work, but in the end we were able to clean it up together. I'm so happy to be able to bring back the beaches that we are so proud of in our hometown.

<<Staff, Santa Magdalena Child Development Center (20s)>>

The orientation was very easy to understand and we were able to learn in detail about the information and specific actions we needed to take in order to tackle our new project. I'm confident that this knowledge will be of great benefit to our children, their parents, and our community. I look forward to putting it into practice right away.

<<Parent and resident of Santa Magdalena (40s)>>

Being able to participate in this program made me realize what is happening in our environment and how our actions are affecting the environment and our children.

Improvement of Water Environment and Environmental Education in the Central Dry Zone of Myanmar

◎ **Region of activity** | Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District, Mandalay Region, Myanmar

◎ **Funding period** | 1st year



Project details

The site for this project is in the central dry zone of Myanmar, where water is chronically scarce due to the harsh climate. The project aims to improve living conditions by installing rainwater storage systems, constructing toilets to meet local needs, and planting tree species that will serve as a source of nutrients. There is a further aim to encourage schools to continue proactive environmental conservation activities by conducting seminars for children and teachers on topics such as water environment conservation, cleaning up trash, and growing vegetables without the use of pesticides or chemical fertilizers.

Results of implementation

Despite the severe weather, unexpected disasters, and social unrest, the activities were generally carried out as planned, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the local staff and the cooperation of the schools. The installation of rainwater storage facilities, toilets, and incinerators contributed to improving the sanitary environment and the learning environment for children. In addition, we were also able to promote environmental conservation activities while addressing issues unique to arid regions, such as utilizing rainwater to green the area and for school vegetable gardens. In addition to tree-planting activities and practical guidance on organic farming, seminars for teachers and eco-camps provided opportunities to raise environmental awareness and strengthen practical skills not only for children but also for teachers and local residents. As some impacts of the earthquake are still evident, surveys and follow-ups will continue.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	28	▶	45
Number of participants in the activities	3,550	▶	2,772
Amount of waste collected	50 kg	▶	45 kg
Number of trees planted	1,000	▶	600 (neem, rain trees, royal poinciana, sesbania, etc.)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	2,700	▶	2,510
Installation of rainwater storage systems, toilets, and waste incinerators	7 units/4 locations	▶	7 units/4 locations
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	1,795	▶	1,972

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Drawing water from a completed rainwater tank©OISCA
New restroom cleanup activities

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Principal of the school where the rainwater storage system was installed>>

At the school, digging a well only produced water that could not be used for drinking or watering plants, which is why we are so grateful to have a rainwater tank. A lot of water has been stored and can be used for drinking and growing vegetables. We will continue to water the saplings well and manage them so that they do not die.

<<Student participating in tree-planting activities>>

I hope the trees we planted will grow quickly and provide shade. I want all villagers to participate in tree planting activities, and everyone to understand the importance of planting trees. I would like to plant trees and flowers in the village and around our houses to make it a beautiful village.

<<Teacher who participated in the eco-camp>>

This opportunity for children from multiple schools to come together and learn from each other based on the theme of the environment is truly valuable and greatly appreciated. I sincerely hope this can continue in the future.

Our organization is an international NGO born in Japan that was established to support Indochinese refugees. Aiming for “a world where all people, as unique and diverse human beings, can coexist with respect for human dignity and in harmony with the environment,” we provide emergency aid to save lives by quickly delivering necessities to refugees and others exposed to humanitarian crises, as well as long-term support to pave the way for the future, based on the principal of having no biases regarding politics, ideology, or religion. Currently, we are active in 18 countries and regions in Japan and abroad.



Completed women's restrooms

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Support for School Sanitation in Uganda

Region of activity | Kyangwali Refugee Settlement, Kikuube District, Uganda

Funding period | 1st year

Project details

The Kyangwali Refugee Settlement near the western border of the Republic of Uganda is located in a rural area far from the capital, so infrastructure and other development has lagged behind, and the development of school facilities has not kept pace with the increasing number of refugees. The project aims to develop toilets, a sanitary napkin incinerator, bathing areas, a well, and a water supply system in the girls' dormitory at the only secondary school in this settlement, as well as to provide hygiene awareness training for school personnel and students using the girls' dormitory to enable them to manage their own personal and toilet hygiene.

Results of implementation

The construction of toilets, bathing areas, a sanitary napkin incinerator, a well, and a water supply systems in the girls' dormitory of the only public secondary school in the Kyangwali Refugee Settlement in Uganda has helped to improve the sanitary environment in the girls' dormitory and create a safe learning environment for the students. Dormitory students said that the installation of the well has reduced the time they spend fetching water, preventing them from being late for class and allowing them to concentrate on their studies. In addition, facility management and maintenance training and hygiene awareness activities were held for dorm mothers, the faculty and staff in charge of the dormitory, representative students, and dorm residents, so that the residents could learn to adopt the habit of washing their hands after using the toilet, how to properly dispose of used sanitary products in the incinerator, and how to clean and keep the newly constructed toilets and bathing areas clean.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	4	▶	7
Number of participants in the activities	201	▶	409
Installation of toilets	4 (including 1 with barrier-free access)	▶	4 (including 1 with barrier-free access)
Installation of bathing areas	3	▶	3
Installation of sanitary napkin incinerators	1	▶	1
Installation of wells	1	▶	1
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	272	▶	409
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	193	▶	611



A female student representative instructs students on how to make cloth sanitary napkins



Students using the completed well

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Kyangwali Secondary School: Ms. N, Head teacher>>

We hope to use what we learned in today's training to teach the students in the girls' dormitory how to make their own cloth napkins, then they will be able to use their own napkins on an ongoing basis.

<<Kyangwali Secondary School: Mr. Y, Teacher in charge of managing the boys' dormitory>>

Participating in the training gave me an opportunity to learn about the problems girls face in managing menstruation and menstrual hygiene. By working together to address these issues, we can help reduce the risk of students dropping out.

<<Kyangwali Secondary School: Ms. B, Dorm student>>

There were not enough toilets or bathing areas, and some students had to wait or bathe outside. In addition, the existing bathing areas did not have water, and so it had to be fetched. From now on, I can live a comfortable dormitory life with peace of mind. Thank you very much.

The organization was established in Nagoya in 2001 as the Japanese base of the HOPE Network, which is headquartered in Vancouver, Canada. The HOPE Network has offices in nine countries around the world and continues to provide assistance to the extremely impoverished. With the mission of “Helping the Neglected Poor become Self-reliant,” we provide self-support programs to help residents solve their own problems and escape from poverty. Under the slogan of “From water to self-reliance,” HOPE has continued to expand its water supply, health and hygiene, and education projects, and has supplied safe water to more than 50,000 people to date.



Donation of cloth napkins

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Protect your health by learning about hygiene & sanitation!

Region of activity | Oyda, Gofa Zone, Southern Ethiopia Region, Ethiopia

Funding period | 1st year

Project details

Of the four primary schools in the Oyda woreda of the Gofa Zone of South Ethiopia, a grant was received from the Water Environment Fund to construct toilets and educate students on toilet use and hand-washing hygiene for three of them. This allowed the children to begin using the new restrooms, and the habit of hand washing took hold. The construction of toilets at the one remaining school was abandoned due to a road collapse caused by long rains, and menstrual education is scheduled to be implemented instead. We also plan to construct toilets that provide privacy and carry out hygiene education at primary schools in Zaba District.

Results of implementation

The current fiscal year was also heavily affected by external factors such as long rains due to climate change, landslides caused by deforestation, and the depreciation of Ethiopia's currency, the birr. At Dubago Primary School, new concrete toilets were built to replace the earthen toilets that had been destroyed four times before, and menstrual hygiene education was also provided. An environment in which children's dignity is protected is now in place. When construction for Beleta Elementary School had to be abandoned due to a collapsed road, we provided support by holding classes at a neighboring school, doing everything we could to ensure that no one was left behind. The sound knowledge regarding menstruation and public health gained by the children will be useful for their lives long after the support program ends.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	10	▶	10
Number of participants in the activities	1,375	▶	1,375
Installation of girls' school restrooms	4 units/1 location	▶	4 units/1 location
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	1,370	▶	1,370
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	1,370	▶	1,370

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Dubago Primary School: Pupil (15 years old)>>

Whenever I had my period, I had to miss school because there were no bathrooms for girls. However, now that I've heard new restrooms have been built, I am very much looking forward to using the restrooms safely.

<<Dubago Primary School: Principal>>

We are very grateful for the completion of our long-desired restrooms. Finally, children will be able to use clean restrooms with privacy. I would like to have the WaSH club take the lead in maintaining and managing the facilities.

<<Beleta Primary School: Female teacher>>

The current situation was that girls could not receive the same level of education as boys because of their periods. I believe that the girls will be more motivated to learn after acquiring appropriate knowledge through this class.



Restrooms completed at the primary school



Girls receiving cloth napkins

Our organization was established in March 2022 with the goal of realizing a society where women and children can live equally and have a fair start in society, regardless of their country or region of birth. Since its establishment, the organization has been working to create a system for women to learn about maternal and child health with the goal of improving the high maternal and child mortality rate in the Kisumu County Region of western Kenya. In addition, in cooperation with local volunteers, we carry out various initiatives, such as holding regular workshops on maternal and child health care so that women can protect the health of both themselves and their children.



Completed EcoSan toilets and how they work

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Project for the dissemination of environmentally hygienic toilets to preserve water and sanitation

- Region of activity | Kogony Sub-district, Kisumu East, Kisumu West Constituency, Kisumu County, Kenya
- Funding period | 1st year



Project details

In Kisumu County in western Kenya, where soil and water pollution and the spread of infectious diseases are serious problems caused by open defecation and the use of pit latrines, we promote the use of EcoSan toilets, which are raised-floor toilets that render human waste harmless, and educate people about their use and maintenance. Training is provided to community health volunteers at the start of the project, and water sanitation knowledge awareness activities are conducted regularly throughout the project period to raise awareness of sanitation throughout the community and maintain the environmental improvements.

Results of implementation

In developing countries, we believe that the proper use of toilets after their construction is more important than the construction itself. First, we will focus on ensuring that the constructed toilets are used properly, and then we will seek ways to spread the use of these toilets. The cost burden borne by the residents has also become an opportunity to reaffirm the demand for EcoSan toilets in the region. In the future, the construction of these toilets will develop into a semi-business activity by the residents, with the aim of making the region a thriving area for EcoSan toilet construction and a center for spreading the word to surrounding areas.

As the training sessions for residents on water and toilet facilities also contain elements related to maternal and child health, we would like to continue to conduct these sessions in the future in order to deepen the understanding of residents in the project area in terms of both maternal and child health and water sanitation, and bring the project to a level where it can have a positive impact on the surrounding community.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Installation of EcoSan toilets	30	30
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	550	855



Practical training on EcoSan toilets

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Educational activities for local residents

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Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Mr. O, who built an EcoSan toilet in his home>>

After hearing about the EcoSan toilet system and its benefits from acquaintances and community health volunteers, I was eager to build one. The advantage for me is that I can use the waste as fertilizer. I have yet to actually use it, but it sounds like the best toilet. I look forward to using it in the future.

<<Mr. Y, a community health volunteer>>

We were able to learn about the structure and benefits of EcoSan toilets. I feel very fulfilled to be able to play a role in promoting these toilets in my area so that village residents can improve their own health and environment.

<<Mr. G, a community health volunteer>>

Once the community understands the benefits of EcoSan toilets, it is not difficult to promote them and convince people to build them. We will continue to speak with the community so that those who actually build them can take full advantage of the benefits.

Team NAKUSCO is a group of volunteer researchers studying schistosomiasis in Japan. As researchers, they work day and night to develop new therapeutic agents and more accurate diagnostic methods, but they have stepped out of the laboratory and established this organization to work with communities suffering from infection and control infectious diseases in endemic areas.

Safe water and sanitary toilets are necessary to prevent schistosomiasis, which is transmitted through contact with parasite-contaminated water. In the Republic of Kenya, we will work with local people to develop infrastructure that enables access to safe water and sanitary latrines, and provide hygiene education to help people practice behavior to avoid infection.



Hand washing class for children

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NAKUSCO Kichocho Project - Creating the Future of Water, Toilets, and Villages Together

- Region of activity | Kwale County Region, Kenya
- Funding period | 1st year



Project details

In the Kwale County Region of the Republic of Kenya, villages suffer from schistosomiasis and diarrhea due to lack of access to sanitary toilets and safe water. We support the Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) program, in which local residents take the initiative to improve their own environment, and work with the local government and residents to install toilets and wells, improve and maintain water sources, and change social behavior related to their use.

Results of implementation

The project was generally carried out as planned, with the installation of two toilets and one water tank, hygiene and environmental education for all students, and tree planting. However, the construction of the toilets is behind schedule, and we regret that we are unable to provide a final report on the use of the restrooms and the children's impressions.

The toilets and water tank are scheduled to be handed over to the local management committee at the end of March. Although it will be after the project is completed, we plan to hold a review of the activities with the management committee, elementary school teachers, and parents in April, and also have the children send us their feedback on the use of the restrooms.

This project also gave Nagasaki University students the chance to visit the site and become involved in hygiene education as volunteers.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	54	55
Number of trees planted	0	100 (melia, acacia, mango)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	0	100
Installation of shared restrooms (2 for men and 2 for women)	9 units/2 locations	9 units/2 locations
Installation of water tanks to store rainwater	2 units/1 location	2 units/1 location
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	650	890
Total number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education	600	730



Completed toilets

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Lecture on the importance of hygiene education for children

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Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Mwashanga Primary School: Pupil>>

I'm glad to see clean restrooms at the school. From now on, I will use the toilet properly. But I don't have a bathroom in my house.

<<Mother of three children at Mwashanga Primary School>>

The children have had diarrhea and chichocho (schistosomiasis). I know it is important to defecate in the toilet, but we don't have a toilet. I think it is a very good thing that the entire community is involved in creating a hygienic environment for children. As a parent, I would like to cooperate as much as possible.

<<Kwale Minister of Health>>

Using toilets and promoting hygiene education are extremely important from the perspective of preventing infectious diseases. We hope that our activities will be the first step in bringing positive change to the entire community.

The main purpose of this organization is to create an environment where the general public living in the community can continue to love and cherish their hometown.

Based on improving the environment in order to revitalize the seashore of Narashino into a “seashore that is closely connected to our daily lives and where we can connect,” they are engaged in a wide range of activities, including conserving biodiversity in the satoyama (village forest), providing environmental education for local residents, students, and children, and holding Environment Forums in cooperation with other NPOs and educational institutions.



Environment Forum participants

Narashino Ocean Conservation Association: “Bring Back Our Ocean!”

◎ **Region of activity** | Tokyo Bay Area, Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture

◎ **Funding period** | 3rd year



Project details

Based on activities such as the collection and cleanup of plastic waste and other marine debris in the Tokyo Bay area of Narashino City, we hold Environmental Forums in cooperation with nearby NPOs and universities to make proposals on environmental conservation to the public and the city government, and we act and raise awareness so that as many people as possible can become interested in and take action to protect nature and create an environment where living creatures can continue to live.

Results of implementation

As this project enters its second year, there is a sense that it has finally become a stable operation. This year, in addition to the regular monthly cleanups, we held a seaside photo exhibition in the fall and an environmental forum in the spring, both of which were successful. We feel that regardless of the number of participants or the scale of the event, our activities, which aim to convey the importance of protecting the environment around us in order to realize a sustainable society, are gradually coming to be understood by the local community and related organizations.

Throughout the year, our staff members, who normally have different jobs, have worked hard to prepare and lead each activity and event. We feel that this has been a year of even deeper unity among our members, and that we have achieved results that suggest further development in the coming year and beyond.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	16	16
Number of participants in the activities	400	400 (of which, 4 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	4,000 kg	4,000 kg
Area preserved and developed	10,000 m ²	10,000 m ²
Number of eliminated organisms (plants)	100 kg	100 kg (hairy fleabane)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	100	100



Coastal litter collection



Environment Forum exhibit

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participant in cleanup activities>>

I am involved in neighborhood association activities in the Akitsu district, just outside of Akanehama Beach. Recover Narashino is a non-profit organization consisting mainly of young people, but it is a stable community initiative, with its origins in the children who spent their childhoods in the final period of Narashino's land reclamation in the 1980s. I hope to continue working together in the future.

<<Participant in the Environment Forum>>

I felt that the approach of not only focusing on the preservation of the seashore but also on a wide range of global environmental issues such as climate change and drug pollution is a unique characteristic not seen in other organizations. I hope it will continue in the future.

The purpose of this organization is to contribute to the conservation of the marine environment by conducting projects related to the research, study, and conservation of marine life, as well as by promoting mutual communication with researchers and related organizations based on international cooperation.

The organization initially began as a liaison in Japan for the Indonesia Sea Turtle Research Center, and now conducts research and conservation activities on sea turtles in Indonesia, Ogasawara, and Kanto, as well as humpback whales surveys in Ogasawara.



Lecture being given by staff

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Marine Waste Ingestion Study and Awareness Raising Events for the Endangered Sea Turtle

◎ **Region of activity** | Ogasawara Islands, Kanto area

◎ **Funding period** | 3rd year



Project details

The project is investigating the situation regarding accidental ingestion by endangered sea turtles and the impact of ocean trash. Along with on-site fact-finding surveys, we hold hands-on events using the collected marine debris to give the general public a real sense of the current state of marine pollution and to raise awareness of environmental conservation.

We will establish this as a regular program that combines biodiversity conservation and the raising of public awareness of marine pollution issues in order to expand the number of participants.

Results of implementation

The participation rate for the survey of captured green turtles on Chichijima Island, one of the Ogasawara Islands, was higher than planned. Explaining the work during the survey provided an opportunity for us to raise awareness among those involved on the island about the high rate of mistaken ingestion of trash. In addition, the beach cleanup, which could not be accomplished the previous year, was carried out as planned. However, regarding the public awareness raising events, there were few repeat participants, giving the impression that the event was struggling to attract people. That said, we were able to increase the number of people reached by collaborating with cafes that have event spaces, advertising on social media, and utilizing online tools, and we will work hard to spread awareness of marine trash issues by planning and implementing more attractive events in 2025.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	30	40
Number of participants in the activities	70	100 (of which, 1 TOTO Group employee)
Amount of waste collected	10 kg	15 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	130	95
Participation rate in the Ogasawara catch population survey	90%	100%



Explanation of the current status of the coasts of the Ogasawara Islands



Observation of the garbage accidentally ingested by a single sea turtle

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participants in the summer independent research event>>

- Seeing the trash in person and witnessing the fact that they thought it was food and ate it, I became even more concerned about proper separation and cleanup of garbage.
- I hope that in the future, in addition to not littering, we will also develop packaging materials, nets, and string that will have less impact on marine life (such as having them biodegrade and return to nature).

<<Participant (teacher) in the cleanup of the “Icemaking Beach” on Chichijima Island in the Ogasawara Islands>>

- I was surprised by the seriousness with which the junior high school students, who are in the midst of their carefree, playful years, took the project, which showed me just how much they understand that the ocean is close to them and that it is something to be protected. I would like to continue these activities in the future.

We incorporated as a non-profit organization with the aim of establishing an organization that does not end with volunteer or one-off activities, recruiting members mainly from private organizations, university professors, teachers, and social education officers who are engaged in “nature experience activities for youth” in Oita Prefecture. Our goal is to contribute to the healthy development of young people by expanding operations through outsourcing and grants from government agencies and educational institutions.



Lesson at an elementary school

Changing the Water Environment of Beppu City with Children's Rag-making Activities!

Region of activity | Within Oita Prefecture

Funding period | 3rd year



Project details

As there are few opportunities to think about wastewater in our daily lives, we provide on-site environmental education classes at elementary schools and other places where children gather. The classes consist of “a domestic wastewater quiz,” “making wiping rags,” and “environmental conservation panel learning.” The children take the rags they made home with them, and by using them to wipe off dirt and grease from dishes and other items at home, we hope to raise awareness about the importance of improving the water environment.

Results of implementation

Reflecting on the slow start of last year's program, we began recruiting participating schools immediately after the start of April and expanded the number of sites to include free schools, children's centers, and after-school children's clubs, which enabled us to offer workshops for making wiping rags to 471 participants. As a whole, we were able to build relationships with various stakeholders by widely implementing projects across various locations and facilities in Oita Prefecture, making it a year that will lead to more activities in the following year and beyond. Next year, we are planning to include a beach cleanup event as originally planned, and would like to hold an event where local elementary school students and their families can also think about the water environment and take action.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	34	▶	24
Number of participants in the activities	680	▶	471



Making wiping rags together



Wiping dishes with the created rags

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school students participating in the workshops for making wiping rags>>

- I learned that without a lot of water, even just a teaspoon of soy sauce can cause a fish to die. I used to use wiping rags at home, but I never knew any specifics, so it was good to learn more. I want to do as much as I can to protect the future.
- I realized that wiping rags are important for protecting the environment. The reason for this is that washing dirty dishes as they are requires (extra) soap and (lots of) water. From now on, I will try my best to use a rag to wipe off dirt and reduce the amount of water used.

Population aging and depopulation has been increasing, and the natural environment in farming and fishing villages has been deteriorating in recent years. This organization was established as a nonprofit organization to take on the responsibility of preserving the rich ecosystem and biodiversity of Oita Prefecture, rehabilitating and restoring it to a healthy natural environment, and passing it on to the next generation. Our main objective is to broadly contribute to the public interest by carrying out various activities related to environmental conservation so that we can pass on a livable and sustainable hometown that coexists in harmony with nature.



Group photo of participants

Beppu Bay Eco Coast Project for a Rich Water Environment

Region of activity | Oita City, Beppu City, Hiji Town, Kitsuki City, Usuki City, and Tsukumi City, Oita Prefecture

Funding period | 3rd year



Project details

We are creating a center for learning about the marine environment to promote awareness of the SDGs, with the goal of creating a sustainable community structure to pass on Oita Prefecture's rich natural environment to the next generation. As such, we promote awareness-raising and educational activities aimed at SDG Goal 14, and are building a network with residents along the Beppu Bay coast to preserve a healthy coastal ecosystem by conducting coastal cleanups and preserving coastal vegetation in collaboration with the local community.

Results of implementation

Although the intermittent spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases from spring to summer forced us to drastically revise our activity plan, we were able to achieve our goals for the number of participants and the amount of plastic waste collected. Through the grant project, this year we have been able to share the purpose of our activities with many local residents and volunteer citizens through new interactions while working along the coasts of Beppu Bay. This marks the second year of the grant project, and based on the results and collaborations of the first year, we moved our activity base to the Tsukumi Fishing Village Center and Tsukumi Irukajima to further expand our circle of activities and promote activities to achieve our long-term goal, to preserve a healthy ecosystem along the Beppu Bay coast.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	8	▶	8
Number of participants in the activities	250	▶	388 (of which, 32 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	1,500 kg	▶	2,200 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	150	▶	292
Number of beaches with conservation activities	5 locations	▶	5 locations



Well-equipped exhibition facilities

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school child in the 6th grade>>

I've fallen in love with sea turtles. Now I clearly understand that plastics dumped in the ocean have a negative impact on marine life. This exhibit has made me interested in environmental issues.

<<Local government committee member>>

The beaches where sea turtles can lay their eggs are a source of pride for the area. Although there hasn't been much egg laying recently, we would like to work with everyone to protect the local beaches so that sea turtles may come to lay eggs at any time.

<<Third-year student at Nippon Bunri University>>

Every year, we conduct a beach cleanup at Isozaki Beach, but the amount of litter that washes up on the beach does not decrease. I hope to continue to patiently work with local residents to clean up the beach.



Lecture on sea turtles

Shinoro Fukui Wetland is one of the few wetlands remaining in Sapporo City. Although precious living organisms such as pygmy damselflies (*Nehalennia speciosa*) inhabit this wetland, they are in danger of extinction due to land reclamation by neighboring contractors.

This Society was established in 1997 by local female residents and the then adviser of the science study club in a local high school (the current chairperson of the Society) with an earnest wish to leave the nature of the wetland to local children. The Society has been working to protect and preserve the natural environment around us, mainly in and around the Ainosato area, Kita Ward, Sapporo City.



Group photo of participants

Let's Enrich the Water Environments in Ainosato Using Pygmy Damselflies as Indicators!

Region of activity | Ainosato, Kita Ward, Sapporo City, Hokkaido

Funding period | 3rd year



Project details

The Society and the local residents work together to dredge the ponds, plant marsh plants, and remove willow and exotic herbs to continually enrich the water environments in the Ainosato and Shinoro Fukui areas of Kita Ward in Sapporo. Having university students take the lead in working together with high school students to conduct environmental investigations using dragonflies as an indicator encourages them to develop an interest in living organisms and natural environments, further growing as individuals who are able to take concrete action.

Results of implementation

This year, as with the previous year, we were able to carry out all events. Thanks to the information distributed through notices, our website, social media, and word of mouth, more people than initially planned participated, with more than 80% of the participants being local residents. With regard to "Using Pygmy Dragonflies as Indicators" seen in the project title, a high diversity of species has been maintained thanks to the dredging operation.

This year, based on the improvements made last year, we were able to ensure that the events and other activities were carried out smoothly. From next year, we would like to work on existing activities while also maintaining an awareness of other perspectives such as flood control and environments other than river organisms.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	9	9
Number of participants in the activities	110	124 (of which, 10 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	10 kg	0 kg
Number of trees planted	300	500 (<i>iris ensata</i> , <i>hosta sieboldii</i> var. <i>rectifolia</i> , <i>gentiana triflora</i> var. <i>japonica</i> , <i>lobelia sessilifolia</i>)
Area preserved and developed	300 m ²	600 m ²
Number of eliminated organisms (plants)	100 kg	200 kg (reed, bur reed)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	50	52



Maintaining plants in a dragonfly pond



Investigating living organisms in marshlands

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Activity participants>>

- I learned that important nature is being destroyed without us even realizing it. I would like to think about how we can stop it.
- I was shocked to find that sediment had made its way to the ponds where we had collected living creatures during the July observation.
- I think this work is important for the organisms that live around us, and I think it helps children become aware of the importance of this work.
- I was glad to learn that Tonneusu Swamp, where I always saw birds and dragonflies, has been maintained through such efforts.

Since its establishment in 2010, this organization, based in Fukuoka, has been active in both environmental preservation activities along the seashore and crime prevention activities in order to create a safe and secure community.

Environmental activities include creating opportunities for children to learn about the environment and beach cleanups in order to preserve the seaside environment. Our "Patrol Run" crime prevention patrols, which are conducted with the aim of realizing communities where women, children, and the elderly can live in peace, also continue to spread throughout Japan.



Adventurous trash picking "ADVENTURE Lite" participants

Developing Environmental Education Programs for Motivating Children

Region of activity | Munakata City, Fukuoka Prefecture

Funding period | 3rd year



Project details

We are running two programs, "Yaa!! (Independent Marine Research)" and "Adventurous trash picking with children (ADVENTURE Lite)," aimed at the children who will be responsible for the future. The aim of these two programs is to foster an awareness of the environment through engaging experiences that connect them to the ocean.

Through the implementation of these programs, not only children but also adults will have the opportunity to learn and think about the environment.

Results of implementation

The three-year project has allowed us to develop new initiatives for children.

We are proud that we were able to provide children with valuable opportunities that they would not normally experience in their daily lives by taking advantage of the program's features and allowing them to experience the joy of the activities themselves.

Unlike projects for adults, it was difficult to choose the right time and place, and we also experienced difficulties in gathering as many participants as we would have liked. This year in particular, we faced difficulties in coordinating the selection of dates and locations, publicity, and other aspects, and regret that the events were held much later than planned. However, the experience gained in planning and implementing projects for children will be a great asset for us in the future.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values	Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	2	1
Number of participants in the activities	30	23
Amount of waste collected	300 kg	200 kg

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<First-year junior high student who participated in ADVENTURE Lite>>

There were many different types of trash, and I made many new discoveries. I was surprised to find fishing gear, plastics, slippers, and other trash, as well as animal carcasses. I was also able to participate with my friends who are going to different junior high schools, so it was a special and memorable day. I would like to participate again!

<<Parent of child who participated in ADVENTURE Lite>>

As a parent, I was happy to see that the children were also enjoying themselves. We learned a lot by being exposed to the types and amount of garbage that had drifted ashore. I realized that these kinds of activities should be carried out continually in our daily lives. Moving forward, I would like to find opportunities to engage in more beach cleanups.



Coastal cleanup



Receiving eco-friendly products based on the type of trash picked up

The organization was established in December 2014 with the philosophy of “passing on nature” and with the aim of conducting activities that serve the public interest in cooperation with various entities while communicating the wonder, richness, and splendor of the underwater world that can only be captured by divers.

By working together with our partners in activities that utilize our diving skills (such as creating eelgrass beds and collecting seabed trash), we aim to protect and pass on the rich natural environment to the next generation.



Casting out eelgrass seeds

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Project for Restoring and Creating Eelgrass Beds, Seagrass That Revitalizes Marine Ecosystems

◎ **Region of activity** | Hakata Bay and adjacent waters, Fukuoka Prefecture

◎ **Funding period** | 3rd year



Project details

In order to protect the biodiversity that is being lost due to the decline of seaweed beds in the seas of Fukuoka, mainly in Hakata Bay, we work with various partners to restore and create eelgrass beds.

Through these efforts, we aim to solve various ocean issues such as rocky-shore denudation in neritic waters (a relatively shallow marine environment) and global warming, as well as to promote the creation of a rich ocean and a nature-positive and decarbonized society by disseminating information on the underwater world and educating local communities about conservation.

Results of implementation

Each staff member was able to carry out eelgrass bed restoration and creation activities while being aware of the significance of the organization's existence as a “link between people and nature.” By increasing the number of dive surveys, we were able to more accurately assess the current state of eelgrass beds and spread and transplant more seeds and seedlings to the right areas compared to previous years. In addition, we have deepened cooperation with administrative agencies such as Fukuoka Prefecture and Karatsu City, and have created a new discussion forum aimed at environmental conservation throughout all of northern Kyushu. We believe that this has provided an opportunity to make progress in building a system to realize nature positivity and 30 by 30. We also made 17 media appearances in 2024, which helped to publicize the importance of seaweed bed creation.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Result
Number of activity events in the funded project	5	▶	14
Number of participants in the activities	399	▶	961 (of which, 45 TOTO Group employees)
Number of trees planted	1,500	▶	2,113 (eelgrass)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	393	▶	899
Number of eelgrass seeds cast into the sea	5,000	▶	40,000



Searching for eelgrass flower branches

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Participants sorting eelgrass seeds

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Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participant in the sorting of eelgrass seeds>>

- I was able to gain an understanding of the cycle in which eelgrass grows.
- The work was harder than I thought it would be, and even though it was only for a short time, I became attached to it. I hope the grass grows healthy and plentiful.

<<Participant in the casting of eelgrass seeds into the sea>>

- I enjoyed making and tossing eelgrass seed balls.
- I learned a lot by watching a TV program about eelgrass and actually seeing the seeds.
- It was a very valuable opportunity to learn about the current state of the oceans.

Activities carried out by the TOTO Group to contribute to the environment

In addition to the TOTO Water Environment Fund in Japan, the TOTO Group also carries out a variety of activities to contribute to the environment both in and outside Japan.

TOTO Water Environment Fund affiliated with the China Environmental Protection Foundation

Established in 2008 as the TOTO Water Environment Fund in China, it has contributed to water saving and the conservation of water resources in mainland China through activities such as donating products to orphanages, providing education on the water environment, offering scholarships to university students, and supporting the construction of water supply equipment.

In 2021, the TOTO Water Environment Fund was selected as an outstanding example of a company practicing excellent CSR in China in the "2021 Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting in China" by the China Philanthropy Times, a media organization run by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China.



In-class lectures teaching students about water saving at elementary schools

The Group provides environmental education by giving lectures at local elementary schools so that children can learn that saving water in daily life helps preserve the global environment and water resources, as well as reduces CO₂.



Tree planting activities

The Group started the TOTO Acorn Reforestation Project in Japan in 2006. Employees grow acorns that they pick up by hand at home or their workplaces, bring the grown seedlings back to the forest, transplant them there, and then cut grass in cooperation with the local people. Overseas Group companies also carry out planting activities on a regular basis to contribute to environmental conservation and raise employees' and their families' awareness regarding environmental conservation.



Cleanup activities

The TOTO Group practices neighborhood cleanups at its bases throughout the world. Through these cleanups, the Group expresses gratitude for being able to operate in the regions, shares information within the Group that a lot of ocean trash comes from the land, and helps to conserve the global environment for the purpose of reducing ocean trash.

