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TOTO Water Environment Fund

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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

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

- **Customers** Volume of water saved with water-saving products purchased by customers
- **Shareholders** Donations through the preferential system for shareholders
- **Employees** Number of employees participating in volunteer activities and donations
- **TOTO** Same amount as the sum of the above three donations

Aids organizations that support regions

Supports the water-related environmental activities rooted in regions

- **Within Japan** Practical activities leading to conservation and restoration of the water environment and biodiversity
- **Overseas** Practical activities for water resource conservation and a sanitary and comfortable living environment

TOTO Water Environment Fund

Raised 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.

Collaboration between TOTO and local communities

TOTO Group employees participate in the activities of supported organizations together with local residents

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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.

Activities supported by TOTO in 2025

Total amount of grants

31.18 million yen

Results of activities implemented by organizations with grant funding

Number of supported organizations **23**

Number of activities **2,187**

Number of participants in the activities **16,479**

Of which, number of TOTO Group participants **223**

Amount of waste collected **16,060 kg**

Number of units installed overseas (Toilets, hand-washing equipment, feed water tanks, etc.) **23**

Area preserved and developed **3,145,630 m²**

Number of trees planted **2,606**

Number of participants in environment, hygiene, and sanitation education **20,715**

Number of eliminated organisms (animals and plants) **3,042 and 1,070 kg**

20th round (1 year): List of supported organizations

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11	Asia Pacific University, Environmental Community Organization for Sustainability (APU ECOS)	“Future Leadership with APU ECOS” Project	Beppu City, Oita Prefecture	16
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13	Share the Planet (General Incorporated Association)	Promoting Rice Cultivation That Reduces Pressure on Groundwater Aquifers	Chuadanga District, Bangladesh	18
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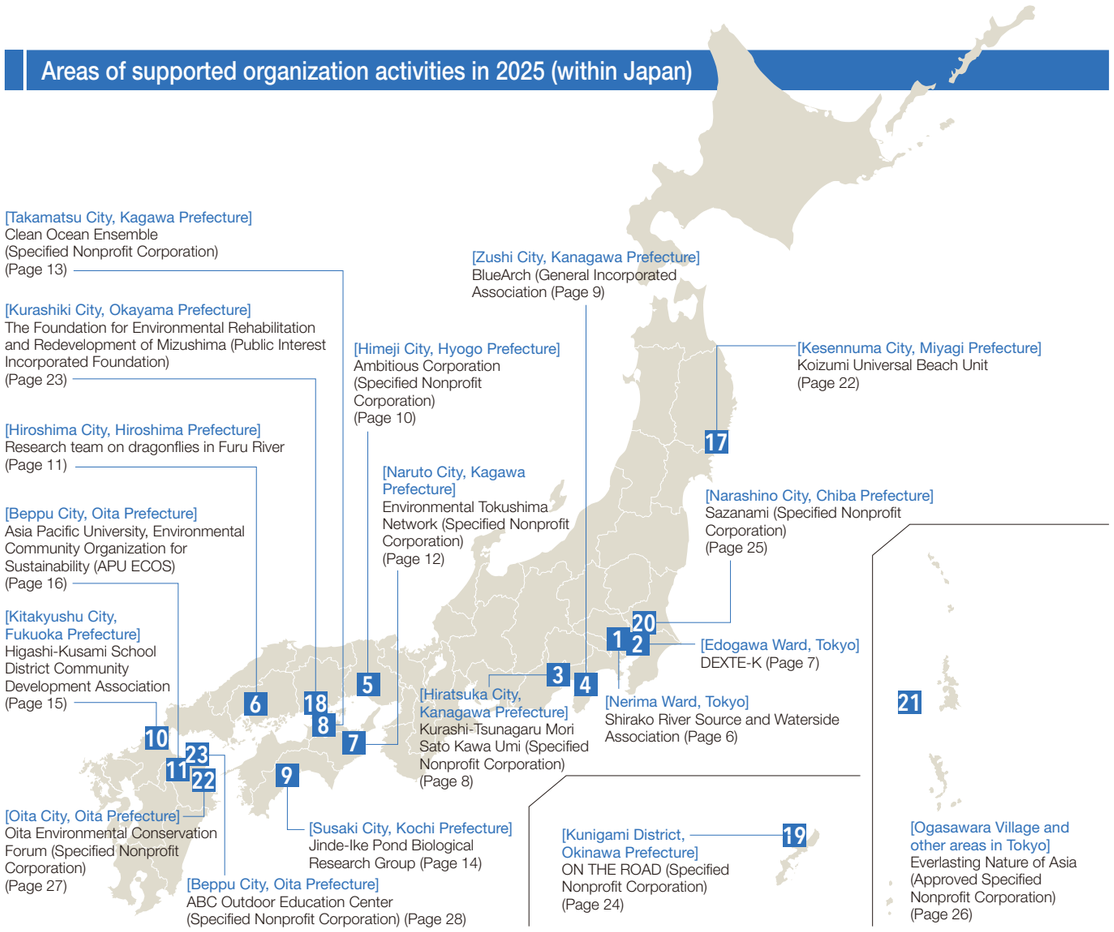
Areas of supported organization activities in 2025 (within Japan)



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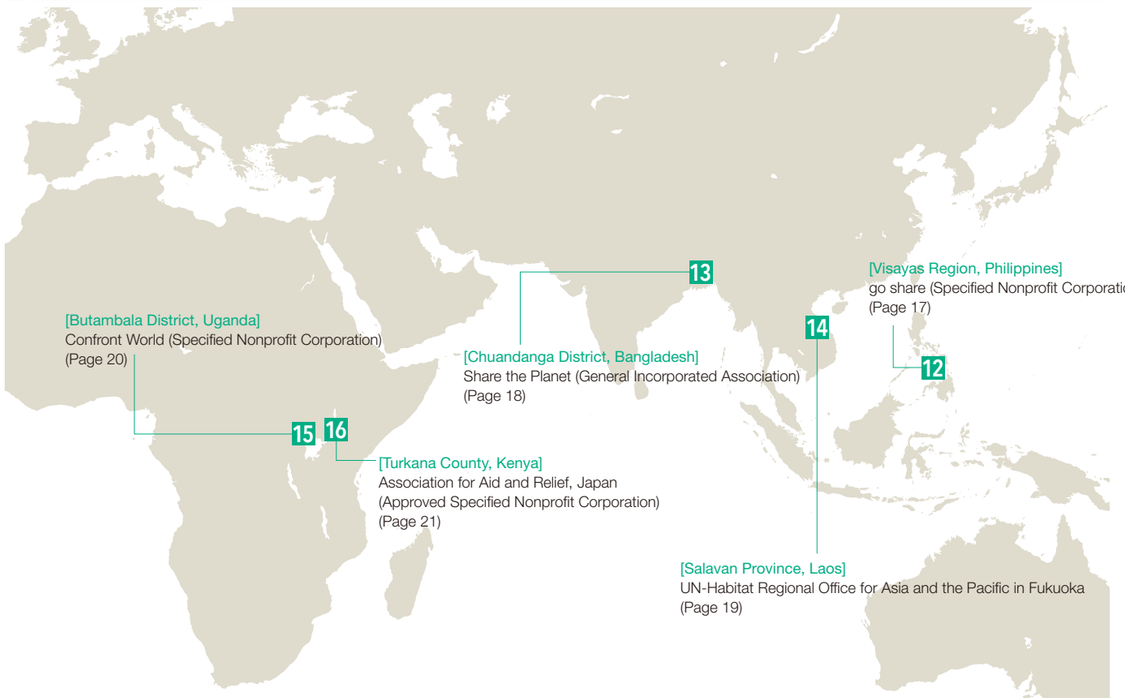

1 Shirako River Source and Waterside Association

[Representative] Hiroshi Sugasawa

In June 2001, local volunteers gathered at the headwaters of the spring-fed Shirako River, which flows through a residential area in western Nerima Ward, Tokyo. Inspired by their shared passion for the river, they established the Shirako River Source and Waterside Association. The association aims to preserve the diverse ecosystem and precious waterside environment with the cooperation of people in the local community. Its main activities include monthly community participation events, the water-themed Shirako River Source Festival, and support for environmental education at elementary schools throughout the river basin.

Exhibition of Living Organisms at Shirako River Festival

Conservation of the Natural Environment of the Shirako River Source Involving the Local Community

◎ Region of activity | Shirako River Source Area/neighboring elementary schools in Nerima Ward, Tokyo, and Shirako River Wakuwaku Park in Wako City, Saitama Prefecture

◎ Funding Period | 1 year

Project Details

We carried out a variety of community-based activities to help conserve the natural environment of the Shirako River.
In addition to expanding and enhancing our monthly cleanup activities, we strengthened ties between the local community and the Shirako River through environmental education programs at elementary schools and the organization of various events.
As a new initiative, we introduced the River Supporter System, under which local governments, residents, and organizations work together to conserve the river environment. We also enhanced our activities by implementing various measures to make them more attractive to local residents, including the use of social media.

Results of implementation

We carried out our work with a focus on community involvement this year.
Thanks to the grant, we were able to make steady progress in conserving the Shirako River waterfront environment beyond what we typically achieve, while attracting the participation of many local residents. During our monthly activities, we worked with members of the public to clean the river and catch crayfish. We organized river experience programs and outreach lessons at three elementary schools, teaching students about the ecosystem, including endangered species such as Japanese eight-barbel loach (Lefua echigonia). In addition, our first fieldwork program exclusively for teachers was very well received. To strengthen our social media presence, we launched an official Instagram account, where we share the attractions of the Shirako River. At the Shirako River Source Festival, we offered a variety of activities, including displays of aquatic life, hands-on water quality testing, and a Shirako River quiz. Despite light rain, approximately 1,000 people attended the festival, thanks to advance publicity through flyer distribution and Instagram.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	92	▶	55
Number of participants	3,350	▶	2,968
Amount of waste collected	100 bags	▶	187 bags
Area preserved and developed	7,000 m²	▶	7,000 m² (Reach of river source: Length 700 m × Width 10 m)
Number of eliminated organisms (animals)	1,000	▶	3,402 (red swamp crayfish)
Number of eliminated organisms (plants)	300	▶	420 (Senegal tea plant)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	650	▶	720 (child participants from elementary schools)
Number of newsletters issued	3,600	▶	3,600
Number of new members	20	▶	8

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Junior High School Student A>>
Volunteering to help run this year's Source Festival gave me a valuable opportunity to teach children about a variety of wildlife, including the endangered Japanese eight-barbel loach(Lefua echigonia) and the invasive red swamp crayfish.

<<Parent and Child Participant K>>
It was our first time attending the Shirako River Festival, and we had a wonderful time. There were so many fun activities and booths related to the river. It was wonderful to learn that there is a beautiful spring-fed river in the city and that the habitat of endangered species is being protected.

<<Head of Year, Elementary School>>
I realized that teachers need to deepen their awareness of the local environment. Before teaching our students, this was a valuable opportunity for us as teachers to learn, through the Shirako River, the importance of caring for and taking pride in our local community.

Exhibition of Living Organisms at Shirako River Festival

Nationwide river survey

2 DEXTE-K

[Representative] Keisuke Hashizume

This voluntary organization is guided by the philosophy of valuing communication and creating better, more enriching living environments. By integrating advanced technology with sophisticated design, it proposes comfortable spaces and lifestyles.
The organization operates on a pro bono basis and undertakes activities such as environmental conservation, policy advocacy, disaster risk reduction, and human resource development by leveraging its architectural expertise together with its technical and design capabilities.

Beachcombing and kaleidoscope making

Tokyo Satoumi Aid: From Nishinagisa

◎ Region of activity | Nishinagisa of Kasai Marine Park in Edogawa Ward, Tokyo
◎ Funding Period |1 year

Project details

While Nishinagisa, the site of this project, became a Ramsar-listed wetland in 2018 and is a rare and valuable habitat for diverse wildlife,it faces the ongoing problem of marine debris washing up on its beaches after being carried by rivers. To solve this issue, we promoted various environmental conservation activities involving local residents, including beach cleanups, which anyone could participate in as a volunteer and had been conducted since 2009, and living organism observation events for local children.

Results of implementation

Only one of the regular “Tokyo Satoumi Aid from Nishinagisa” activities was canceled (in May). With generally favorable weather, the remaining activities were carried out largely as planned. Although the number of cleanups conducted was nine, one less than planned, the number of participants and the amount of marine debris collected exceeded the annual targets. We held two collaborative events with the Edogawa Children’s Future Museum as planned, including an aquatic organism observation event and beachcombing/kaleidoscope making.
The Tokyo Satoumi Passport program has gained popularity. Under the program, participants receive a booklet, collect a stamp each time they take part in an activity, and earn incentives once they have accumulated a certain number of stamps. As a result, the number of repeat participants has been increasing. Although we have faced challenges in improving the passport design and operating the program in an enjoyable yet low-cost manner, we hope to expand participation among a wider range of stakeholders.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	10	▶	9
Number of participants	490	▶	503 (of which, 5 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	400 kg	▶	448 kg
Area preserved and developed	3,000 m²	▶	3,000 m²
Number of bulky waste items	200	▶	96

Beach cleanup

Beach litter pickup

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Female Participant in the Wildlife Observation Event>>
I saw snowy plover eggs for the first time!
It’s amazing that they can raise their chicks even in an environment polluted by microplastics. I hope Nishinagisa will become a place where they can raise their chicks more safely.

<<Junior High School Girl Participating in the Beach Cleanup>>
Before taking part, I imagined beach litter would mainly consist of relatively large items such as plastic bottles. I was surprised to discover that the beach was actually covered with countless small plastic fragments.

<<University Student Participating in the Beach Cleanup>>
I was particularly impressed by the explanation of Kasai Seaside Park’s unique environment and how urban plastic waste breaks down into microplastics that eventually wash ashore. After taking part in the cleanup, I became keenly aware of the importance of ongoing human efforts to maintain and protect the environment.
It was fascinating to experience an artificial tidal flat, where nature and human activity exist in constant balance.

3 Kurashi-Tsunagaru Mori Sato Kawa Umi

(Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Katsuyuki Usui

In April 2001, through collaboration with the local government, we established Banyu Mizube no Gakko (Banyu Waterfront Nature School), a natural riverside play area on the Banyu River in the lower reaches of the Sagami River, to create a place where people can experience nature firsthand. We restored the natural environment of former illegal dumping sites by creating frog and dragonfly ponds. In addition to environmental conservation activities, we offer a wide range of environmental education programs, primarily for children. We also place emphasis on biodiversity conservation through activities such as protecting harvest mouse habitats and creating rivers where eels can thrive. We are developing a field museum (nature reserve) to establish this area as a hub for local environmental education activities.

Living organism observation event © Kurashi-Tsunagaru Mori Sato Kawa Umi

Shonan Ikimono Gakko (Open-air Nature School) Project “Lively Kids, Vibrant Living Organisms, and an Energetic Community”

◎ Region of activity | Bannyu Mizube no Gakko in Hiratsuka City, Kanagawa Prefecture
◎ Funding Period |1 year

Project details

We turned the Banyu Mizube no Gakko into a field museum and carried out events providing various environmental experiences to the local residents including local children so that they can deepen engagement with nature.
We carried out community-based conservation activities, including the development of the Tetsuichi Hamaguchi Nature Observation Trail and the creation of rich habitats for wildlife, such as a new dragonfly pond, a butterfly garden, and eco-stacks (habitat piles made from natural materials). In addition to environmental learning activities that children can enjoy, we also carried out an environmental learning program for adults, named Banyu Photo School.

Results of implementation

In order to turn Banyu Mizube no Gakko into a field museum, we held 48 participatory events, and a total of more than 2,000 people participated in the events. We formed a Butterfly Garden Team, expanded the cultivation area, and established a new cultivation site for the endangered plant Aster kantoensis Kitam. As a new initiative aimed at fostering future leaders, we launched the Banyu Photo School for adults and held a photo exhibition. In addition, more than 500 local residents participated in an SDG promotion event, where the enthusiasm of the many children who attended demonstrated the positive impact of our initiatives.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	50	▶	48
Number of participants	3,500	▶	2,000
Area preserved and developed	—	▶	2,500m² (Ecosystem diversity increased through disturbance in Kuzuhara)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	—	▶	2,000
Butterfly gardening	—	▶	360 m²

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Training course: Observation of flowers

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Sweet-potato digging

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Baking sweet potatoes

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Fifth-grade elementary school boy who participated in the Tokorogist* training course>>
*Tokologist is a coined word meaning a person with expertise in ecology, biology, geography, and history of a specific place.
I caught carpenter bees. One of the most interesting things the teacher told us was that if you throw a stick or stone at a carpenter bee, it may see you as a threat and attack. At the River Center, I learned that different dandelions can be distinguished by the size of their pollen grains.

<<Third-grade elementary school boy who participated in the Minnano Hatake (everyone’s farm) project>>
I harvested potatoes. I was surprised because I didn’t know that they could be harvested while the flowers were still in full bloom. Although it was hard to dig them up with a large shovel without damaging them, it was fun. I enjoy being in the fields because I get to see living things I’ve never seen before.

4 BlueArch (General Incorporated Association)

[Representative] Motoki Muto

Guided by its mission to serve as a bridge to pass on healthy and abundant oceans to future generations, the organization promotes the sustainable use of marine resources through scientific research, technological development, and demonstration projects aimed at conserving and restoring the marine environment. The organization also holds environmental education events for elementary school students, in which local fishers and engineers work together to help nurture the next generation of leaders. Through hands-on experiences using underwater robots and AI technologies, these events help participants understand changes taking place in the marine environment and the importance of protecting it. They aim to foster a commitment to marine conservation, inspire young people to tackle environmental challenges, and nurture the next generation of leaders.

Elementary school students getting hands-on experience operating an underwater drone

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 | 1 year

Project Details

Experienced local fishers and young engineers worked together to hold hands-on environmental education events for elementary school students, helping to nurture the next generation of leaders.
Participants in the events learned about a serious marine issue of rocky-shore denudation and experienced approaches to environmental issues using new technologies such as underwater robots and AI to deepen their interest in protection of marine environments. To further strengthen participants' commitment to protecting healthy marine ecosystems, the program also included fishing experiences and opportunities to sample local seafood.

Results of implementation

The environmental education program, which has been held annually since FY2023, was held for the third time this year. With a focus on drone operations and AI learning, the event was designed to provide each participant with an in-depth experience, resulting in a high level of satisfaction among participants and their parents. We believe one of the program's greatest achievements was that, by emphasizing the quality of the learning experience rather than rushing through activities, participants took an active role in learning and developed a deeper interest in the subject.
At the same time, we recognize that there is room for improvement in time management and organization of the learning experiences. Because we prioritized enhancing the program content, time allocation was not always optimal. Going forward, we will strive to deliver even more valuable programs by balancing high-quality learning experiences with efficient program operation.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	2	▶	2
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	28	▶	18

Elementary school students learning an AI-based method for surveying seaweed coverage from images of seaweed on the seabed

Elementary school students experiencing seaweed seeding

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Parent T>>
I was fascinated to learn about wakame cultivation, its importance to the marine environment, and how AI programming is being used to help conserve it. I was pleased that my child enjoyed valuable hands-on experiences, such as operating an underwater camera.
<<Parent Y>>
The wide variety of hands-on activities made the program especially enjoyable. I think the number of participants was appropriate, allowing each child to receive individual attention. The small group size created a comfortable, stress-free environment, and I felt at ease both mentally and physically.
<<Parent K>>
My child learned a great deal from operating an underwater drone and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

5 Ambitious Corporation (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Tetsuji Yamamoto

Guided by the theme "Connect, Learn, and Play," the organization carries out activities that contribute to enhancing the living environment and fostering community connections. Through its activities, the organization aims to foster moral values, a spirit of mutual support, and communication skills as part of its contribution to social education.
The organization works to build networks and revitalize the local economy by promoting multigenerational and cross-sector exchange among individuals and organizations, from children to older adults. It also strives to improve quality of life and well-being through consultation services, support programs, and hands-on events for socially vulnerable people and others in need.

Participants exchanging opinions on environmental problems and regional challenges

Sotobori River Clean-up Project

◎ Region of activity | Himeji City, Hyogo Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project Details

The Sotobori River traces the route of Himeji Castle's original outer moat and is used by local residents for walking, recreation, and as a place for children to play. In recent years, however, environmental degradation has become a major concern due to illegal dumping and the inflow of large amounts of litter from surrounding waterways. Through this project, we aimed to restore the Sotobori River to its original beauty by carrying out regular cleanup activities and strengthening outreach to local residents and government authorities, thereby raising awareness of environmental conservation and the problems caused by illegal dumping.

Results of implementation

Thanks to the grant, we were able to replace worn equipment and tools, enabling us to provide participants with better resources and greatly enhance our activities. The pre-activity orientation and post-activity review conducted for each activity provided opportunities for participants to share local issues and exchange opinions. These sessions proved meaningful because participants learned a great deal and built connections with one another. Participants shared a variety of comments, including: "It was a valuable experience because I'd never had the chance to see the scenery from the perspective of the river." However, it seems that fewer people are willing to participate in volunteer activities or take the initiative in organizing them. The declining number of participants is becoming one of the challenges we will need to address going forward.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	6	▶	5
Number of participants	300	▶	130 (of which, 25 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	1,500 kg	▶	900 kg
Area preserved and developed	3,800 m^2	▶	—
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	200	▶	22

Cleanup activity

Collection of illegally dumped waste

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Student participating in the activity>>
I participated in the cleanup for the first time. There was more litter than I had expected. Cleaning it up was hard because it was waterlogged, covered in sludge, and smelled bad. I realized that while throwing litter away takes only a moment, picking it up takes a great deal of time and effort. Even so, it was rewarding to see the river getting cleaner. It was a very meaningful experience.
<<Local Resident Who Participated in the Activity>>
I rarely have the chance to go into the river, so it was a refreshing experience to see it from a completely different perspective.
<<Local Resident Who Participated in the Activity>>
At first I was shocked by the amount of litter, but working together to clean it up left me feeling both fulfilled and refreshed.

6 Research team on dragonflies in Furu River

[Representative] Aki Yoshida

The Furu River is a branch of the Ota River, which flows through Asaminami Ward, about 9 kilometers from the center of Hiroshima City. The Research team on dragonflies in Furu River was established in 2018 by local residents who were inspired by the remarkable diversity of dragonfly species they observed during nature observation events held along the Furu River. The team conducts regular surveys, litter cleanup activities in the surrounding area, nature observation events for local residents, and various exhibitions to deepen public understanding of the Furu River's biodiversity and the habitats that support it, with the ultimate goal of promoting environmental conservation.

Lecture on the environment and dragonfly fauna of Furu River

Awareness-Raising Activities to Support the Conservation of the Furu River Waterfront Environment and Dragonfly Habitat

◎ Region of activity | Asaminami Ward, Hiroshima City, Hiroshima Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 3 years

Project details

The Furu River is a habitat for 51% of the dragonfly species found in Hiroshima Prefecture and offers a diverse natural environment that supports their survival. In this project, we conducted ongoing monitoring surveys, cleanup activities, and nature observation events for local residents to protect the area's unique diversity of dragonfly species and rich natural environment, and to share their appeal with the community. In addition, we shared information in collaboration with local residents and river administrators to promote the appeal of the Furu River and encourage broader participation in conservation activities.

Results of implementation

The project's main activities were to continue the ongoing monitoring surveys and to hold outdoor observation events and panel exhibitions for local residents. With many local residents participating, the outdoor observation events helped deepen their understanding of the biodiversity of the Furu River and the natural environment that supports it. The addition of new members is also a valuable outcome of this project. On the other hand, it proved difficult to conduct dragonfly observation and litter collection simultaneously. Going forward, we will consider how best to organize these activities so that both observation events and litter collection can be carried out. Based on the survey results, we have already commissioned the creation of an outdoor observation textbook and look forward to its completion.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	5	▶	5
Number of participants	100	▶	85 (of which, 1 TOTO Group employee)
Amount of waste collected	90 kg	▶	31 kg

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Local resident who participated in the observation event>>
I had always thought that all dragonfly nymphs looked the same, but I learned for the first time that different species have nymphs with very different shapes. It was also my first time to catch a dragonfly nymph.

<<Local resident who participated in the observation event>>
I was surprised to see that dragonfly nymphs come in many different shapes. The golden-ringed dragonfly nymph was huge and very impressive.

<<Local resident who participated in the observation event>>
I found that a wide variety of dragonflies can be seen throughout the year in the nearby Furu River. I was surprised to learn that dragonflies can be seen in seasons other than autumn. I'd like to observe dragonflies more carefully from now on.

Observing dragonfly nymphs

Living organism observation event at Furu River

7 Environmental Tokushima Network

(Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Isao Shimada

Driven by the initiative of local residents across Shikoku's four prefectures, the organization carries out community-based environmental conservation activities, regional surveys and research, initiatives to promote the use of local energy resources, and interregional exchange programs. Aiming to create a society in which nature and people coexist in harmony, the organization carries out a wide range of activities, including environmental protection, forest conservation, energy conservation, consumer protection, and support for homebuilding.

Beach cleanup

Let's Get Our Oceans Back! "Setouchi Future Sketch" Program

◎ Region of activity | Naruto Town, Naruto City, Tokushima Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

In recent years, interest in environmental and marine education has grown in response to the increasing amount of marine debris, rising sea temperatures caused by global warming, and the resulting decline in fish catches.
In this project, beach cleanups along the Setouchi Naruto coast served as hands-on learning opportunities for children. They also created driftwood art and stone art using driftwood and stones collected on the beach. Through these activities, the project gave children the opportunity to enjoy and experience the Seto Inland Sea while learning how they can help protect it.

Results of implementation

The Setouchi Future Sketch program consists of regular community beach cleanups and participation programs for children, who will lead the next generation. In addition to the marine debris cleanup activities we had been conducting, the program introduced the creation of artwork using driftwood washed ashore. This was one of the project's most significant achievements, enabling us to develop an unconventional environmental NPO activity that conveys the importance of protecting the ocean for the future and is well suited to today's interconnected society. This year's activities marked an important first step in shaping the future direction of our work. They also helped build greater expectations within the local community and increase public understanding of and support for our activities. As an organization, we will continue our efforts so that we live up to the standards set by this year's activities and take on the challenge of creating a sustainable future for Setouchi.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	3	▶	5
Number of participants	60	▶	131 (of which, 20 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	800 kg	▶	1,040 kg
Area preserved and developed	1,170 m²	▶	1,170 m²

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participant in the cleanup activity (55 year-old female, office worker)>>
After participating for the first time in the cleanup at the beach, which became famous for Driftwood Godzilla, I was impressed by the organization's sincere commitment to activities that benefit the local community and improve people's lives. The craftsmanship of the Driftwood Godzilla was outstanding. Although I felt a little sad to see it dismantled, it left a lasting impression on me as a symbol of the project..

<<Participant in the cleanup and dismantling Driftwood Godzilla (42 year-old male, personnel of the organization)>>
The Driftwood Godzilla, which has become very popular on social media, is widely recognized as a unique and creative use/art of driftwood. I think it is a great way to raise awareness of environmental issues in a fun and easy-to-understand manner.

People dismantling the driftwood art "Godzilla"

Beach cleanup

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Within Japan

8 Clean Ocean Ensemble (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Yuki Egawa/Hidenori Tanaka

This organization, an NPO established in 2020, has been working to solve marine debris issues.
Utilizing its unique low-cost collection technology and digital tools, the organization promotes the collection and recycling of marine debris while visualizing data on marine debris. It also aims to create a sustainable resource circulation system by gaining support from companies and individuals through the Marine Debris Collection Credit program and sponsorship programs.
Based in Japan, the organization collaborates with partners around the world to build a future where environmental conservation and economic development coexist.

Group photo of participants © Clean Ocean Ensemble

Project for Preventing Discharge of River Litter to the Oceans

◎ Region of activity | Shodoshima Town, Shozu County, Kagawa Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

About 80% of marine debris is said to originate from rivers, and efforts to prevent additional litter from entering the ocean are needed to reduce marine pollution.
In this project, we conducted a field demonstration of a river litter collection device that we developed ourselves. To expand this new approach to other areas, we evaluated on-site operations and identified improvements to the collection device, with the aim of putting a river litter collection system into practical use to prevent litter from flowing into the ocean.

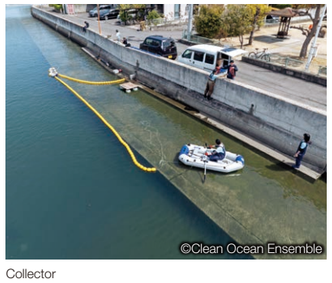
Results of implementation

In 2025, we made significant progress in our litter collection project at rivers, a source of marine litter. Completing the demonstration experiment using our independently developed collector and gaining detailed knowledge of on-site operation were an extremely important achievement for us. Through these activities, we successfully establish concrete operational guidelines not only for litter collection but also for application of this approach to other regions. From 2026 onward, we will further deepen our activities in Kagawa Prefecture and aim to expand our activities over a wider area using the accumulated data. We will continue to strive to achieve zero marine litter.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	4	▶	4
Amount of waste collected	120 kg	▶	76 kg

Amount of waste



Collector

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Person who did the actual work (in his 20s)>>
I hadn't really thought about it before, but seeing the litter collected by the device made me realize just how polluted the Tsumeta River is. I'd like to stay involved in this project.
<<Local resident Mr. M (70s) who visited the project site>>
I think this is a very meaningful activity. I hope this device can be installed in rivers across Japan to help reduce the amount of litter flowing downstream.
<<Company representative (30s) on a site visit>>
Although I had seen the device in a video before, seeing the actual product helped me better understand its advantages and effectiveness. I hope I can help promote this initiative.

9 Jinde-Ike Pond Biological Research Group

[Representative] Yuto Uemura

20th

Within Japan

This organization is active around Jinde-Ike Pond located in Susaki City, Kochi Prefecture. Wanting to preserve the pond, which was scheduled to be decommissioned, local residents began surveying it in 2019, and the Jinde-Ike Biological Research Institute was established in 2021. The organization is currently working toward the goal of "conserving Jinde-Ike Pond and passing its rich biodiversity on to future generations." It mainly conducts conservation activities, biological surveys, and information sharing, with junior high school, high school, and university students taking the lead in collaboration with local elementary schools and the local community.

Project activities © Jinde-Ike Pond Biological Research Group

Making Jinde-Ike Pond and the Surrounding Satoyama More Biodiverse

◎ Region of activity | Jinde-Ike Pond, Awa, Susaki City, Kochi Prefecture
◎ Funding period |1 year

Project details

We conducted continued biological surveys to clarify the biodiversity of the Jinde-Ike Pond and the surrounding satoyama environment. In addition to the surveys, we held nature observation events and seminars to help local residents and children learn about our activities and biodiversity. As part of our habitat management activities, we worked with local residents to thin trees around the pond, creating a more suitable habitat for wildlife while preserving the satoyama landscape, which depends on appropriate human management, for future generations.

Results of implementation

In this project, we successfully conducted a total of 17 activities including regular biological surveys, the Jinde-Ike Pond Biodiversity Seminar, and seminar preparation. The number of participants greatly exceeded our initial expectations, giving many people the opportunity to learn about the wildlife and natural environment of Jinde-Ike Pond and the surrounding satoyama. Many elementary and junior high school students, as well as preschool children, participated in the activities, and the project achieved meaningful results in environmental education. Steady implementation of conservation activities that required many people brought us one step closer to our goal of preserving the Jinde-Ike Pond and the surrounding satoyama environment for future generations in collaboration with the local community. On the other hand, we were unable to complete tasks such as the removal of dead trees, and we recognize this as an issue to be addressed from fiscal 2026 onward.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	15	▶	17
Number of participants	50	▶	133 (of which, 1 TOTO Group employee)
Amount of waste collected	100 kg	▶	1,970 kg
Area preserved and developed	1,200 m^2	▶	1,200 m^2
Number of eliminated organisms (animals)	Eliminated as needed	▶	—
Number of eliminated organisms(plants)	Thinned and weeded as needed		600 kg (including water chestnuts and mud)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	40		90
Number of cut dead trees	7		7 (cedar and ring-cupped oak)

At the seminar

Removal of waste

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Parent of elementary schoolchild who participated in the activity>>
We enjoyed the activity very much together. Although I had usually focused only on the pond before joining this project, I was able to expand my perspective and pay attention to the environment both within and around the pond. I listened to the speaker with great interest during the seminar because I felt that the number of familiar insects around me had been decreasing. Learning about rice farming and the natural environment with my son allowed me to share what we learned with other family members.
<<Elementary school boy in the 5th grade>>
Learning about rice farming and the environment with my son gave us the opportunity to continue those conversations at home.
<<Awa Elementary School teacher in charge of children in 5th and 6th grades>>
While I was surprised by the amount of litter, which was larger than I expected, the children did their best to remove it. Now, I know that such a wonderful place exists in this region, I would like to continue using it to help my children explore and learn about nature.

10 Higashi-Kusami School District Community Development Association

[Representative] Hiroshi Toshimitsu

In recent years, the local community has undergone significant changes due to the declining birthrate, an aging population, the increase in nuclear families and single-person households, and declining participation in local organizations. In response, this organization was established to build community networks within each elementary school district and serve as a base for residents' welfare activities, community engagement, and lifelong learning. The organization conducts environmental conservation activities in cooperation with subcommittees, volunteer groups, and intergenerational organizations. It aims to foster civic pride in the hometown, which is located in the easternmost part of Kitakyushu and surrounded by beautiful waterfronts and greenery, and to pass this pride on to future generations.

Cleanup around Showa Pond

Water and Green Beautification Project Part 2: Passing Our Hometown's Natural Environment on to the Next Generation — From Mt. Suisho to the Sone Tidal Flat

◎ Region of activity | Throughout the Higashi-Kusami School District, Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka Prefecture

◎ Funding period |1 year

Project details

The Higashi-Kusami School District, where the organization is based, has a rich aquatic environment extending from Mt. Suisho, the area's water source, through the Showa Pond and the Kusami River to the Sone Tidal Flat. In addition, the water stored in Showa Pond irrigates farmland not only within the school district but also across the Sone Plain in Kokuraminami Ward. In collaboration with many citizens and companies, we conducted activities to conserve the aquatic environment from the headwater to the tidal flat and traditional landscapes such as satoyama, satochi, and satoumi (village forests, mountain areas, and coastal zones maintained through human activities that support biodiversity and ecosystem productivity), protect rare species and biodiversity in the region such as mandarin ducks, Hibiscus hamabo, and horseshoe crabs, aiming to raise environmental awareness and preserve the region's rich natural environment for future generations.

Results of implementation

The activities of this project are well respected by local residents, and the number of volunteers participating in the activities has increased. Some of these volunteers are parents and children who began volunteering through the project. With the grant, we were able to offer a long-awaited chainsaw course and canoe class. The range of activities has expanded, improving both cost-effectiveness and time efficiency. During the first canoe experience, both adults and children learned a lot about the mouth of the local river that they see every day, fostered civic pride in their hometown, and deepened their interest in nature-positive community development. We believe that the remaining challenge is developing the next generation of project leaders as the project team ages.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	28	▶	30
Number of participants	1,000	▶	1,015 (of which, 69 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	1,000 kg	▶	830 kg
Number of trees planted	—	▶	6 (cherry tree)
Area preserved and developed	21,000 m^2	▶	21,000 m^2
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	200	▶	176

Migrant bird watching in spring

Observing Hibiscus hamabo flowers by canoe

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school student N in the 2nd grade and her mother>>
I was amazed to learn for the first time that the tidal flats at the mouth of the Kusami River serve as a stopover site for migratory birds. After listening to the speaker, my daughter picked up lots of litter, saying, "We have to keep the waterfront clean for the birds." I am proud to share the importance of coexisting with wildlife and nature in our hometown with future generations.
<<Elementary school student F in the 4th grade and his father>>
It was wonderful to experience canoeing with my son on the river near where we live. Seeing the endangered Hibiscus hamabo flowers blooming along both riverbanks from the water for the first time made me feel as though I had been transported to a distant land.
My son was thrilled, saying, "I was so happy to paddle a canoe for the first time." It was a valuable experience for both of us.

11 Asia Pacific University, Environmental Community Organization for Sustainability (APU ECOS)

[Representative] Miku Higashi

This organization is a student group founded at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) in 2017 with about 50 members from about 10 countries. With the aim of protecting the environment and creating a sustainable community, the organization carries out beach cleanups, upcycling workshops, environmental education, and organic farming experiences in cooperation with local organizations and the local community. It provides opportunities for students to foster their international perspectives and awareness as global citizens and grow as environmental leaders who can take initiative and act toward the realization of a sustainable society.

APU students beginning cleanup around Beppu Station © APU ECOS

"Future Leadership with APU ECOS" Project

◎ Region of activity | Beppu City, Oita Prefecture

◎ Funding period |1 year

Project details

Based on the organization's goal of raising awareness of sustainability among the local residents and students and fostering environmental leaders, we conducted a wide variety of projects related to SDGs. In addition to beach cleanups and environmental education workshops in cooperation with local organizations and the local community, we carried out activities, such as upcycling exhibitions at Tenku Campus Festival and hands-on experiences at organic farms, together with participants from a wide range of generations and nationalities to tackle environmental issues in a multifaceted and sustainable manner and to revitalize the local community.

Results of implementation

During the year we worked on the funded project, we were able to achieve many meaningful results. We believe that we largely achieved our goal of raising awareness of sustainability among the local residents and students and fostering global environmental leaders.
Far more students and local residents participated in the activities than we had expected. In addition, the amount of litter collected was more than double our target.
On the other hand, in planning the operation of the farm, we faced the challenge of establishing a sustainable management system and changed the program to a visit-based format. These activities provided us with opportunities to learn about the efforts of local residents while increasing awareness of our own activities among them.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	19	▶	19
Number of participants	527	▶	857 (of which, 1 TOTO Group employee)
Amount of waste collected	32 kg	▶	100.5 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	—	▶	457

Separating litter collected from under water

Hands-on workshop on regrowing vegetables from kitchen scraps

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<D.N.>>
I learned that food scraps I used to throw away without a second thought could be regrown into new plants. It made me realize that there are small things I can do in my everyday life to help the environment. I would like to do what I can in everyday life to protect the environment.
<<A.S.>>
I was impressed by how plastic bottle caps, which I had considered nothing more than trash, could be transformed into such wonderful keychains with just a little creativity. Participating in this activity allowed me to think about environmental issues while having fun and provided me a good opportunity to reconsider my everyday consumption behavior.

12 go share (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative Director] Seiko Nanoy

This organization was established in 2009 out of a desire to create a world where children can live the lives they wish to lead. Based on this philosophy, the organization serves as the only support group working in some of the poorest areas of remote islands in the Philippines, a developing country, providing educational support to improve local residents' lives and conducting environmental conservation activities. Leveraging its presence in both Japan and the Philippines, the organization aims to foster a global perspective and encourage future generations to take action on social issues, including environmental challenges, by implementing youth exchanges through environmental activities.

Children washing hands at hand-wash station © go share

Improving the Life-Sustaining Water Environment on Pandanon Island, the Philippines

◎ Region of activity | Pandanon Island, Visayas Region, Philippines
◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

On Pandanon Island, one of the poorest areas in the Cebu region of the Philippines and one of the areas hardest hit by the country's most devastating typhoon, we installed a water storage tank and handwashing facilities at the Learning Center established by our organization, creating an environment where children in the village could grow up with access to safe water. In addition, to enhance the sustainability of the project and continue protecting people's health and well-being, we constructed toilets in the village area and at the elementary school—the only educational facility on the island—to improve sanitation conditions and provide environmental education.

Results of implementation

This year, our top priority was to install toilets at the elementary school on the remote island of Pandanon and to build a water storage tank and handwashing facilities at the Learning Center. We successfully completed both projects.
Until now, open defecation had been the norm, leaving children vulnerable to chronic infectious diseases and parasitic infections such as roundworms. Providing them with clean, safe sanitation facilities has not only helped protect their health but has also marked a major turning point in creating an environment where they can concentrate on their studies.
Another major achievement is that, through hygiene and sanitation education, children's awareness of the importance of washing their hands and valuing water has begun to take root.
We were given the precious opportunity to help transform the future of the island by providing safe water and clean sanitation facilities.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	178	▶	182
Number of participants	2,200	▶	2,800
Amount of waste collected	2,700 kg	▶	2,700 kg
Number of trees planted	—	▶	2,600
Area preserved and developed	—	▶	70,000 m²
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	—	▶	2,800
Repaired or new water storage tanks and hand-wash stations/toilets	4 units in 2 locations	▶	4 units in 2 locations (learning center/elementary school)
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	2,200	▶	2,200
Number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education (total)	2,800	▶	2,800

Children in all grades engaged in mangrove conservation activity

Water storage tank installed at Learning Center

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school student (participating in environmental education)>>
I knew that mangroves could be a home for fish, but I also learned that they protect the island from typhoons. I also learned that it takes time for them to grow. The sea and trees are important. I hope to tell my future children that I planted these trees when they grow tall and strong.

<<School principal>>
The classes provided through this activity are very useful for promoting comprehensive learning at our school. In particular, practical conservation activities in cooperation with various organizations provided children with proactive learning that could not be obtained through classroom lecture alone. It suits the current situation of the island and is effective for children in a wide range of grades.

<<Parent in his 30s>>
As a parent, I couldn't be happier with the installation of new, clean toilets and water tanks that allow children to attend school with peace of mind. I hope that children will grow healthy in the sanitary environment.

13 Share the Planet (General Incorporated Association)

[Representative] Tetsuo Tsutsui

This NGO was established in 2014 to support individuals and organizations engaged in international cooperation, promote mutual international understanding, and contribute to the development of communities in developing countries and a healthy civil society.
Currently, it is working with local NGOs, government agencies, and international organizations to implement and promote agriculture adapted to climate change in Bangladesh. It has been implementing many projects focused on cultivating rice, a staple food in the local diet.

Checking an alternate wetting and drying (AWD) irrigation pipe © Share the Planet

Promoting Rice Cultivation That Reduces Pressure on Groundwater Aquifers

◎ Region of activity | Chuandanga District, Bangladesh
◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

Bangladesh ranks first in the world in per capita rice consumption and third in rice production. However, the large-scale pumping of groundwater for rice cultivation has depleted aquifers, leading not only to shortages of irrigation and drinking water but also to the leaching of hazardous arsenic from groundwater. To solve these problems, we worked to reduce the burden on the aquifers by promoting water-saving farming practices, including alternate wetting and drying (intermittent irrigation), and providing training for local farmers.

Results of implementation

Despite the political unrest following the change in government and the national elections during the project period, we were able to carry out the project largely as planned. To introduce water-saving farming practices during the dry-season rice crop, we organized and trained farmers' groups, provided materials, and improved soil conditions. Farmers' interest in the project and support from government agencies exceeded our initial expectations. The project also attracted attention from outside organizations, including visits by the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Although the assessment of water savings and production output is still ongoing, the use of well water for irrigation was reduced by approximately one-quarter as of March, resulting in reduced irrigation fuel costs for farmers. We also successfully established cooperative relationships with the local government and agricultural authorities. These results were satisfactory as an initial step for future expansion.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	480	▶	625
Number of participants	600	▶	600
Area preserved and developed	3,000,000 m²	▶	3,000,000 m²
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	240	▶	286
Ratio of reduction in irrigated well water	30%	▶	25% (ratio of reduction from the current irrigation amount)
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	3,000	▶	3,000 (600 households ×5 people/family)

Training to learn AWD

Interview

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Mr. Titi Mitra, administrator of Damurhuda Upazila>>
Due to the declining water levels in the region, most villages are at serious risk of shortages of irrigation and drinking water. In particular, the residents of Damulhuda Upazila are suffering from high temperatures and low water levels in summer. I hope that this project will help slow the decline in water levels.

<<Abhijit Kumar Bishash>>
As a trainer, I have taken part in various training sessions, and they have shown me how valuable this project is. Through the project, farmers in four unions of the upazila received training in alternate wetting and drying (AWD), seed storage, and vermicomposting, and were also provided with water-saving plastic pipes. I personally helped distribute these materials.

14 UN-Habitat Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Fukuoka

[Regional Director] Kazuko Ishigaki

This organization is a United Nations agency that promotes development of sustainable towns and cities. In addition to working toward SDG Goal 11, "Sustainable Cities and Communities," it supports the implementation of SDGs at the municipal level. In four regions around the world (Asia-Pacific, Arab, Africa, and South America), the organization implements various urban development projects, including improving living environments in disadvantaged communities such as slums, supporting post-disaster and post-conflict reconstruction, and providing technical assistance for urban policy and planning. In the Asia-Pacific region, which is overseen by the regional office in Fukuoka, approximately 300 people, mainly local staff working at offices in 15 countries, are engaged in these projects.

Consultation with the local officer on construction

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Installation of Rainwater Storage Underground Tank

◎ Region of activity | Huay Ngua Village, Ta-Oy District, Salavan Province, Lao People's Democratic Republic

◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

To ensure access to safe drinking water in Savannakhet Province, which has a particularly high poverty rate in Laos, we installed Tametotto, an underground rainwater storage tank that collects rainwater from the roofs of buildings such as community centers. Tametotto can be installed with help from local people because it is easy to build at low cost using locally available materials. In addition to the installation of the equipment, we provided training to local engineers and educated local residents so that the local people can operate it in an independent and sustainable manner.

Results of implementation

We installed an underground rainwater storage tank called Tametotto, which collects rainwater from the school roof, at a school in Salavan Province, Laos. Salavan Province has a particularly high concentration of low-income households and limited water supply and sanitation infrastructure, even by the standards of one of Asia's poorest countries. Through interviews with local residents and students, we learned that there are concerns about the potential long-term health effects of the groundwater they use daily. We realized that ensuring access to safe water is a serious challenge and recognized the strong expectations for the project. We installed the tank in cooperation with the provincial public waterworks corporation, using materials and methods suited for local conditions. We hope that the Kyushu-developed technology used in this project will improve access to water for the school and surrounding community and enhance living conditions throughout the region.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	—	▶	1
Number of participants	100	▶	42
Number of units installed	1 unit in1 location	▶	1 unit in1 location
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	100	▶	422
Number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education (total)	50	▶	42

Pouring crushed stones

Installation of underground piping

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<School principal>>
There are still many families whose members need to walk to collect water. Although the water source is only a 10- to 20-minute walk from their homes, they must make this trip every day for cooking, and girls are often responsible for collecting the water. I hope that the installation of Tametotto (a rainwater storage tank) will make it easier for children, especially those from poor families, to continue to come to school and study.

<<School teacher (female)>>
We use groundwater, but its safety is not guaranteed. I don't know what the potential long-term health effects will be, and I am especially worried about children. I hope that Tametotto will help children live healthier lives.

15 Confront World (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Akinori Arai

This organization is an international NGO aiming to create a world free from social injustice—a society where everyone can live with dignity, have their rights protected, and determine their own futures.
The organization carries out community-based activities, including building household toilets and providing safe water in Uganda, as well as supporting education in Tanzania.
All members contribute on a voluntary, pro bono basis, participating alongside their regular jobs while applying their professional expertise. With their specialized skills and passion, they seek to develop forms of support that meet current needs and address social injustices around the world.

Children watching a hand pump repair

Improving Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for Children and Vulnerable People in Rural Uganda Through Collaboration Between Local Governments and Local Communities

◎ Region of activity | Butambala District, Republic of Uganda

◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

In Butambala District, a rural area of Uganda, we worked with local NGOs, local authorities, and community members to build toilets, install water storage tanks and wells, produce soap, and provide hygiene education for vulnerable people, particularly children and low-income households. Through this water-related support, which addresses an essential resource for daily life, we improved local residents' access to safe water, raised awareness of sanitation, and strengthened their capacity to manage the water system. These efforts not only improved the local water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions but also promoted self-reliance among local residents.

Results of implementation

The project aimed to improve the local water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions in a rural area in Uganda by installing toilets and water storage tanks, constructing wells, and providing hygiene and sanitation education. As a result, the project improved access to water and health conditions among children and socially vulnerable people, while raising awareness of water, sanitation, and hygiene.
However, the current activities are limited to a small area due to constraints in human and financial resources. Therefore, a future challenge is how to spread the existing community-led model of water and sanitation activities to surrounding areas.
Going forward, we will build on the knowledge gained through this project by creating mechanisms for sharing knowledge and experience with other regions while working with local residents, local authorities, and partner organizations, with the aim of achieving sustainable improvements in water and sanitation.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of water storage tanks for schools	3	▶	3
Number of toilets for schools	3	▶	3
Number of toilets for household use	4	▶	4
Number of wells	5 locations	▶	5 locations
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	7,840	▶	9,486
Number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education (total)	5,400	▶	8,163

Group photo in front of the completed toilets

Completed toilets

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<School student>>
Now that we have clean toilets we can use whenever we need them, I think I'll start coming to school earlier and spending more time there than before. The girls are very happy to have more privacy than before when using the toilet.

<<Parent of a student>>
The construction of toilets is expected to reduce hygiene-related diseases, which may help lower the financial burden of medical expenses on parents. We feel more secure because of improved hygiene and safety conditions, and we are able to send our children to school more often. We also expect children's academic performance to improve.

16 Association for Aid and Relief, Japan

(Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[President] Yoshiteru Horie

This organization is an international NGO founded in Japan in 1979 to support Indochinese refugees. Aiming for “a sustainable society where diverse people can coexist while respecting each individual’s uniqueness and human dignity,” we provide life-saving emergency assistance by rapidly delivering essential supplies to refugees and others affected by humanitarian crises, as well as long-term support to help build a better future. Our activities focus on (1) refugee assistance, (2) landmine and unexploded ordnance (UXO) action, (3) support for people with disabilities, (4) disaster relief, (5) infectious disease control, water, and sanitation, and (6) advocacy and international understanding education. Guided by the principle of political, ideological, and religious neutrality, we currently operate in 18 countries and regions in Japan and overseas.

Distribution of sanitary products © AAR Japan

Project for Improving Sanitation in Student Residence for Refugees and Local Female Students

◎ Region of activity | Nashonoka Primary School, Kakuma Refugee Camp/Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement, Turkana County, Kenya

◎ Funding period | 1 year

Project details

At Nashonoka Primary School in Turkana County in northeast Kenya, the student dormitory lacked toilets or shower facilities, and many students had stopped attending school due to poor sanitation conditions. To improve the situation, we constructed toilets and shower units for the students living in the school’s girls’ dormitory, distributed reusable sanitary pads and soap, and provided hygiene training for female students through their teachers. Through these activities, we improved hygiene conditions for female students, including those living in the girls’ dormitory, and supported their continued attendance at school.

Results of implementation

We created a sanitary and safe living environment by constructing toilets and shower units adjacent to the girls’ dormitory at the target school. After receiving sanitation and hygiene training from specialized instructors, teachers conducted awareness-raising workshops in their classes on an ongoing basis. In the workshops, students learned how to keep themselves neat and tidy and gained proper knowledge about menstruation and physical changes during puberty. Although the initial plan was for only students living in the girls’ dormitory to receive sanitary goods and participate in the workshops, the target group was expanded to include all male and female students aged 12 and above to meet the needs of students at the target school. These efforts promoted mutual support among female students, particularly those who had begun menstruating, and increased the number of students practicing proper hygiene behaviors such as handwashing.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	8	▶	58
Number of participants	170	▶	1,507
Areas preserved and developed	60 m²	▶	60 m²
Number of units installed	9	▶	8 (4 toilets including 1 with barrier-free access, 3 shower units, and 1 water tank)
Number of beneficiaries (actual)	200	▶	1,537
Number of participants in hygiene and sanitation education (total)	164	▶	1,500

Training for teachers © AAR Japan

Facility improvement ©AAR Japan

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Elementary school teacher (male) who participated in the training>>
I learned a lot through the training. I will share what I learned with the students every month. I’d like to teach boys in particular how to support their sisters and classmates when they begin menstruating.

<<Seventh-grader living in the girls’ dormitory>>
I am very happy that new, spacious shower units were built right next to the dormitory, so I can always stay clean. I also feel much more comfortable because the toilets are now closer and cleaner.

<<Dorm mother (vice-principal)>>
As soon as the third term started and the students returned to the dormitory, they requested to use the new toilets and shower units. Every morning, the students clean the toilets and shower units themselves to keep them clean. Thanks to this support, the lives of the students in the girls’ dormitory have become much more comfortable than before.

17 Koizumi Universal Beach Unit

[Chairperson] Tyuichi Nakadate

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 the whole town was destroyed, and effective use of the largest seawall in the prefecture. With the goal of creating a community where people can continue to live for generations to come, the organization promotes intergenerational exchange, environmental conservation, opportunities for people to engage with local waterways, preservation of local traditions, and disaster prevention and mitigation.

Birdwatching

Community Development to Improve the Water Environment and Preserve Nature

◎ Region of activity | Motoyoshi Town, Kesennuma City, Miyagi Prefecture

◎ Funding period | 2 years

Project details

The Koizumi area is a rare place where the sea, mountains, rivers, and wetlands all coexist within a small community. To encourage residents to work together in shaping the future of the Koizumi area, we have collaborated with local government and other organizations to increase participation in community-based activities such as litter cleanups at various locations, landscape restoration, litter surveys, and birdwatching events. Through these environmental conservation activities, we have strengthened ties among local residents and helped revitalize the community.

Results of implementation

Proactive efforts to publicize these activities during the three-year funding period supported by the TOTO Water Environment Fund reached local residents and government authorities, increasing the number of participants. As reported in the first-year report, we have continued to receive requests to give lectures at elementary and junior high schools every year, and some students have developed an interest in global environmental issues through the lectures. We believe we successfully progressed from action to public awareness and then to broader community engagement. From next year, we plan to take our activities to the next level by recycling oyster shells washed up on the beach to help improve the quality of marine and river environments.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	14	▶	14
Number of participants	500	▶	467
Amount of waste collected	500 kg	▶	737 kg
Area preserved and developed	29,700 m²	▶	29,700 m²
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	—	▶	163
Number of wild birds observed	80	▶	72

Biotope cleanup

Waterside activity

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Fourth-grader at Otani Elementary School who participated in the waterside activity>>
- I was surprised to discover that the types and numbers of creatures varied among clean, moderately clean, and polluted rivers. I observed many creatures in the clean river.

<<Fourth-grader and his father who participated in the biotope cleanup>>
- I am studying the global environment as part of a comprehensive study program at school. It was my first time helping clean this place, and I was surprised by how much litter there was.
- To be honest, I realized that I, as the parent, should have been taking the initiative to participate in community activities before my child encouraged me to do so.

18 The Foundation for Environmental Rehabilitation and Redevelopment of Mizushima (Public Interest Incorporated Foundation)

[President] Masaya Ishida

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, local governments, and experts to work together to restore the local environment and develop the community.
Drawing on the lessons learned from past pollution, the foundation works to create learning opportunities for young people, support their growth, and address issues such as marine debris, with the aim of building a sustainable community.

Taking commemorative photos of participants

Seto Inland Sea Guard "Umibozu (roundheaded sea goblin)" Training Project

◎ Region of activity | Kurashiki City, Okayama Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 2 years

Project details

Approximately 80% of marine debris is said to originate from land-based sources. In Kurashiki City, which is known for its extensive irrigation canal network, we encouraged local residents to participate in the Umibozu Project, a series of regular litter cleanups in and around the city's irrigation canals.
We aimed to reduce the amount of waste entering the Seto Inland Sea by making these efforts visible and sharing the results with the local communities, as well as by developing personnel who would engage in daily waste collection and waste reduction.

Results of implementation

We held monthly Umibozu Project cleanups with the participation of many local residents. We also collected litter from the land-based litter collection boxes installed at seven locations last year, preventing a total of 270 kg of litter from entering the ocean. By sharing these activities on our website and social media, we believe that the Umibozu activities are becoming better known among local people. As well as local organizations and companies, many young people, including technical intern trainees from foreign countries and local high school students, participated in these activities. In addition to the cleanup activities, we also developed the Marine Debris Guess Game and held workshops and exchange meetings using the game, providing the participants an opportunity to think about how to live without generating waste in the first place.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	18	▶	18
Number of participants	435	▶	245 (of which, 17 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	270 kg	▶	270 kg

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Member of Kurashiki Medical Cooperative>>
I found garbage bags filled with empty convenience-store lunch boxes and plastic bottles that had been dumped together. Since there was a garbage collection point nearby, I wished those bags had been properly disposed of there.

<<High school student participating in the activity>>
I was very nervous because there were some people I had never met before, but I enjoyed learning about the ocean and marine debris from sources other than direct littering. It was a valuable experience for me to hear the perspectives of other group members and interact with people of various ages.

<<High school student participating in the activity>>
Through the guessing game at the forum, I learned that there are causes of increasing marine debris other than littering. I realized that even if I simply leave trash on the ground, it can be carried into rivers and eventually reach the sea, so I will be more careful about how I dispose of waste.

Weighing the collected trash

A scene from Forum for Reflecting on Our Lives through Marine Debris

19 ON THE ROAD (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Ayumu Takahashi

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, the organization helps children achieve their dreams and live free from the constraints of caste and poverty.
Starting in 2022, we launched "TRUE BLUE," a project to collect and upcycle marine debris through beach cleanups in Japan.

Beach cleanup

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

◎ Region of activity | Kouri, Nakijin Village, Kunigami County, Okinawa Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 3 years

Project details

The TRUE BLUE project was launched in Okinawa.
We established an experiential tourism facility as a place where both tourists and local residents could participate in transforming marine debris into one-of-a-kind works of art. Workshops were also held to convey the importance of conserving oceans in Okinawa and around the world. The pieces of work created in the workshops were branded and sold, providing opportunities to encourage people who were previously unaware of ocean issues to learn and think about them.

Results of implementation

As a multifaceted approach to local residents and tourists, we continuously conducted beach cleanup activities and environmental conservation workshops. In addition, we held events in collaboration with other organizations, which helped raise awareness of marine environmental issues among a wide range of people. These efforts created opportunities for participants in Japan and abroad to recognize environmental issues as a shared challenge and to promote behavioral change by translating their learning into action. In particular, the number of participants in the upcycling experience at our studio has steadily increased through social media and word-of-mouth, contributing to establishing awareness of marine plastic recycling. We believe that the successful implementation of multifaceted and highly effective activities during the start-up phase was a major achievement.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	950	▶	1,000
Number of participants	2,200	▶	1,750 (of which, 14 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	3,500 kg	▶	950 kg

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Female in her 40s>>
The studio was ideally located, with the beautiful sea of Kouri Island right in front of us. It was a valuable opportunity to experience how collected plastic waste was transformed into accessories.

<<Female participant M in the workshop/beach cleanup>>
As I share my experiences and feelings from Okinawa with others after returning home, I find that my understanding deepens and I appreciate the value of the experience even more. I am grateful for it.

Upcycling workshop

Learning about marine plastics

20 Sazanami (Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Taku Shimada

18th
Within Japan
3 years

The main purpose of this organization is to create an environment where the local residents can continue to love and cherish their hometown.
Centered on environmental improvement efforts to restore Narashino's coastline as a place that is closely connected to everyday life and where people can interact with the sea, the organization carries out a wide range of activities, including conserving biodiversity in satoyama landscapes, providing environmental education for local residents, students, and children, and holding environmental forums in collaboration with other NPOs and educational institutions.

Group photo of participants

Narashino Ocean Conservation Association: "Bring Back Our Ocean!"

◎ Region of activity | A coastal area in Narashino City, Chiba Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 3 years

Project details

Based on the activities such as collection and cleanups of plastic waste and other marine debris in the Tokyo Bay area of Narashino City, we held Environmental Forums in cooperation with nearby NPOs and universities to make proposals on environmental conservation to the citizens and city government.
We carried out conservation activities and raised awareness to encourage as many people as possible to become interested in protecting nature and creating an environment where wildlife can continue to live and take action to do so.

Results of implementation

This past year, the third year of the grant, was a year of building on the achievements of the previous two years and preparing for the future. We were able to carry out nearly 70 beach cleanups, which serve as the foundation of our activities. As a new initiative, we held an exhibition at a local festival to introduce the history of the coastal landfill site. We successfully held the third Narashino Environment Forum, an annual key event. We believe that this year's achievements will contribute to the future conservation of the region's waterfront environment, we will continue to expand our efforts.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	20	▶	20
Number of participants	400	▶	400 (of which, 15 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	3,000 kg	▶	3,000 kg
Area preserved and developed	10,000 m²	▶	10,000 m²
Number of eliminated organisms (plants)	50 kg	▶	50 kg (bur cucumber)
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	100	▶	100

Presenter at the Environment Forum

Regular monthly cleanup

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participant M.H. in Environment Forum >>
I have participated in every Narashino Environment Forum.
I was very encouraged by the extraordinary enthusiasm of the speakers.
<<Participant Y.H. in Environment Forum >>
I felt it was necessary to think seriously about environmental pollution in my local community before focusing on environmental problems around the world.
<<Participant K.Y. in the regular cleanup>>
I didn't know that such a large amount of plastic had been washed ashore and accumulated along the seawall near the town where I live. I learned a lot.

21 Everlasting Nature of Asia (Approved Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative Director] Akira Fujino

18th
Within Japan
3 years

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 served as the Japan liaison for the Indonesia Sea Turtle Research Center. It now conducts sea turtle research and conservation activities in Indonesia, the Ogasawara Islands, and the Kanto region, as well as humpback whale surveys in the Ogasawara Islands.

Litter pickup at the Seihyo Beach © ELNA

Survey on Marine Debris Ingestion by Endangered Sea Turtles and Awareness Raising Events

◎ Region of activity | Ogasawara Village and other areas, Tokyo
◎ Funding period | 3 years

Project details

The project investigated the situation regarding accidental ingestion of marine debris by endangered sea turtles and the impact of marine debris. We conducted the on-site investigation of the actual situation and held hands-on events using the collected marine debris to let the general public know the current state of marine pollution and to raise their awareness of environmental conservation.
We established these activities as a regular program that combines the biodiversity conservation and raising of public awareness of marine pollution issues in order to increase the number of participants.

Results of implementation

More people than expected participated in surveys of culled green turtles on Chichijima Island in the Ogasawara Islands. During previous surveys, people often asked about the types of debris found. By conducting the survey more systematically this time, we were able to provide accurate information to island residents involved in the culling program. The public awareness raising events were held in Chichijima Island and Kozushima Island; the initial target for events to be held was reached. By holding events in the Kanto regions in collaboration with other popular events, we were able to attract more participants and provide many people with an opportunity to learn about the marine debris problem and the accidental ingestion of marine debris by green turtles.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	30	▶	40
Number of participants	70	▶	55
Amount of waste collected	10 kg	▶	10 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	130	▶	168
Other numerically measurable outcomes	90%	▶	100%

Making ornaments

Children cleaning trash they picked up

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Participant (parent) in the ornament making event>>
Children decorated their ornaments using sea glass* and pieces of colored plastic in creative ways. I think using the litter they picked up was a good idea. When I saw the ornaments the children had made, I was impressed by their creativity and the unique ideas they came up with—ideas that adults would never have imagined.

*Sea glass
Sea glass consists of fragments of glass that have been rounded and ground by waves and sand over many years after being washed ashore. It is also known as "mermaid's tears" or "beach jewels."

18th
Within Japan
3 years

22 Oita Environmental Conservation Forum

(Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[President] Kei Uchida

In recent years, population aging and depopulation have accelerated, leading to the deterioration of the natural environment in farming and fishing communities. 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 primary objective is to contribute to the public good by carrying out a wide range of environmental conservation activities aimed at passing on a livable and sustainable community that exists in harmony with nature.

SDGs workshop

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 | 3 years

Project details

We established a center for marine environmental education to promote awareness of the SDGs, with the goal of creating a sustainable community framework that will pass on Oita Prefecture's rich natural environment to future generations. We promoted awareness-raising and educational activities to advance SDG 14, while building a network of coastal communities along Beppu Bay. Through collaborative beach cleanups and coastal vegetation conservation activities, we worked to preserve healthy coastal ecosystems.

Results of implementation

(Activity 1)
Using the Tsukumi Fishing Village Center and the nearby marine experience facility Tsukumi Dolphin Island as the project's main activity hubs, we held four SDGs marine environmental education events during the spring, summer, and autumn, attracting a total of 184 participants. During Golden Week and the summer vacation period, a total of 1,180 local residents, mainly children, participated in environmental education workshops.
(Activity 2)
We held the Beppu Bay Eco-Coast Beach Cleanup Event at four beaches on the eastern coast of Beppu Bay, attracting a total of 153 participants.
(Activity 3)
We held regional collaborative network exchange meetings in July and November, with a total of 105 participants, including local residents and university students.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	8	▶	10
Number of participants	300	▶	442 (of which, 55 TOTO Group employees)
Amount of waste collected	2,500 kg	▶	2,800 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	500	▶	1,180

Beach cleanup

Waste sorting and environmental education class

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Local resident participating with her grandchild (female in her 60s)>>
This year the weather was good and I picked up a lot of litter with my grandchild. I am very glad that the local beach has been cleaned up.
<< College student (female in her 20s)>>
It was a little hot, but I feel a great sense of satisfaction seeing the clean beach. I'd like to participate again next time as well. I am grateful for it.
<<College student (male, 20s) who participated as a staff member>>
Through the participation in the event again this year, I learned a lot about the local environment. I'd like to continue to carry out meaningful activities such as beach cleanups together with other members.

18th
Within Japan
3 years

23 ABC Outdoor Education Center

(Specified Nonprofit Corporation)

[Representative] Masataka Fujitani

We recruited members mainly from private organizations, university faculty, teachers, and social education officers involved in nature-based activities for young people in Oita Prefecture, and established this nonprofit organization with the aim of creating a lasting organization rather than one limited to volunteer work or one-off activities. Our goal is to contribute to the sound development of young people by expanding operations through outsourcing and grants from government agencies and educational institutions.

Children making wiping rags

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

◎ Region of activity | Beppu City, Oita Prefecture
◎ Funding period | 3 years

Project details

Because children have few opportunities in their daily lives to think about household wastewater, we provided environmental education outreach classes at elementary schools and other places where children gather.
The classes consisted of a "Household Wastewater Quiz," "Making Cleaning Rags*," and panel-based learning about environmental conservation. By having the children take home the rags they made and use them to wipe off dirt and oil from dishes and other items at home, we tried to raise awareness of the importance of improving the water environment.

* Cleaning rags are disposable cloths made by cutting up old clothing or towels for cleaning purposes.

Results of implementation

In this final year of the three-year grant project, we were able to start a call for participation and confirm the participating schools in April, which enabled us to conduct workshops on making wiping rags and a beach cleanup event, with a total of 349 participants (20 workshops at 7 schools and 1 beach cleanup event).
Since this was the third consecutive year that we had informed schools about the activities, we had to stop accepting additional applications from the start of the second term. We feel that awareness of the activities and the number of people interested in participating have been increasing.

<Numerically measurable outcomes>

	Planned values		Results
Number of activity events in the funded project	21	▶	20
Number of participants	400	▶	349
Amount of waste collected	12 kg	▶	10 kg
Number of participants in environmental education (total)	50	▶	30

Reading an environmental picture book

Litter cleanup

Comments from those engaged in the activities

<<Parent and child who participated the activity>>
It was more than just a litter cleanup. There was also a picture-book reading session and a waste-sorting workshop that children could easily understand, so I'm glad we participated.
<<Participant in the event>>
I had always thought that marine litter came from people throwing trash directly into the ocean. I was surprised to learn that household waste can also be washed into the ocean through rivers during heavy rainfall. I had not realized that the microplastic problem I had heard about in news reports was so serious.

Past Funding Results

Round	Period	Amount of money	Number of organizations
1st	October 2005 to September 2006	10.9 million yen	12
2nd	October 2006 to September 2007	15.6 million yen	12
3rd	October 2007 to September 2010	80.51 million yen	29
4th	October 2008 to September 2009	12 million yen	16
5th	October 2009 to September 2010	11.02 million yen	18
6th	October 2010 to September 2011	7.51 million yen	10
7th	April 2012 to March 2013	9.8 million yen	16
8th	April 2013 to March 2014	10.07 million yen	20
9th	April 2014 to March 2015	13 million yen	25
10th	April 2015 to March 2016	14.3 million yen	22
11th	April 2016 to March 2017	15.56 million yen	24

Round	Period	Amount of money	Number of organizations
12th	April 2017 to March 2020	95.31 million yen	35
13th	April 2018 to March 2021	17.52 million yen	10
14th	April 2019 to March 2022	24.65 million yen	10
15th	April 2020 to March 2023	26.56 million yen	10
16th	April 2021 to March 2024	27.47 million yen	12
17th	April 2022 to March 2025	24.78 million yen	11
18th	April 2023 to March 2026	27.33 million yen	13
19th	April 2024 to March 2027	27.6 million yen	11
20th	April 2025 to March 2028	27.59 million yen	16
21st	April 2026 to March 2027	39.26 million yen	20

* For the 3rd and 12th rounds, the total amount of grants was increased to commemorate the anniversaries of the founding of TOTO.
* For the 21st round, the total amount of grants was increased to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TOTO Water Environment Fund.

Cumulative total 538.34 million yen across 352 organizations

History of the fund

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
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
	Received certification as a "Water Cycle ACTIVE Company" in recognition of our contribution to the establishment of a sustainable water cycle
2025	The total amount of grants was increased to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of TOTO Water Environment Fund

TOTO水環境基金
TOTO Water Environment Fund

水循環認証 ACTIVE

Message from the Executive Officer

A few years ago, I myself participated in an activity supported by the Water Environment Fund and had the opportunity to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of those involved. By actually participating in the activity, I was exposed to the sincere passion of the participants and the warmth of the local people, and I once again realized the great significance of taking the "first step" toward action.
I am convinced that experiences gained through collaboration have deepened people's understanding of Since its establishment, the TOTO Water Environment Fund has supported organizations that carry out water environment conservation activities. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the many people who have supported our activities to date.
The fund has continuously supported activities in a wide range of fields, including the conservation of ecosystems and water resources and the improvement of sanitation in Japan and abroad. I believe that the efforts of those who have continued their activities with a sincere commitment to addressing local issues are essential to realizing a sustainable society.
One of the features of this fund is that TOTO Group employees participate in the activities of the funded projects and have an opportunity to directly interact with people from the supported organizations.
our activities and have led to increased interest in the Water Environment Fund within the company.
We will continue to strengthen our partnerships with recipient organizations, expand the network of water environment conservation activities, and promote initiatives that will carry these efforts forward to future generations.
I appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation.


During the cleanup activity

Yoshihisa Tanaka
Executive Officer
(Head of General Affairs Division, TOTO LTD.)

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. The main initiatives are presented below.

20th anniversary!
“TOTO Acorn Afforestation Project”

The TOTO Acorn Afforestation Project starting in 2006 has marked its 20th anniversary.
The employees have been growing acorns that they picked up by hand at their workplaces or home and bringing the grown saplings back to the forest to transplant them there to create forests in cooperation with the local people. They have been carrying out maintenance activities such as mowing and pruning after planting trees.
Through these activities, TOTO has been not only contributing to environmental conservation but also raising employees’ and their families’ awareness of environmental conservation.

Tree planting in commemoration of 20th year of the project

Transforming from almost vacant land to acorn forest


Planting tree saplings (Fukuchi Town, Fukuoka Prefecture)

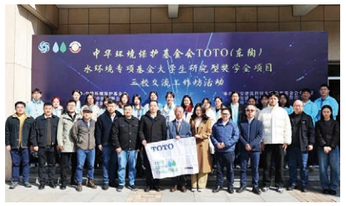

Activity in cooperation with local residents (Shiwa Town, Iwate Prefecture)


Conservation activity through thinning (Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture)

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 CO_2.



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 marine debris comes from the land, and helps to conserve the global environment for the purpose of reducing marine debris.