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What is GPSP?



*Global
Partnership for
Sustainable
Peace*

In 2014, AMDA established a concept of global network named, “Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace” (GPSP). The aim of this network is coexistence of diversity which is virtually indispensable for world peace. Under this concept, programs have been developed beyond borders with the philosophy of *Open Sogo-Fujo* (which literally means “mutual support/help” in Japanese), the universal value of the 21st century, as its main theme. The framework consists of four fields of activities, namely, A) peace building, B) educational support, C) promotion of health, and D) livelihood support.

AMDA defines peace as “today’s family life with hope for better tomorrow.” “Today’s family life” symbolizes a family condition where one has sufficient food to maintain a decent living. The phrase, “hope for better tomorrow” points to providing education to children. The said four fields of GPSP activities have been set to abate conflict, disaster, and poverty, all of which are considered hindrances to attaining peace.

By involving governments, local public authorities, public interest groups, corporate enterprises, and academia, AMDA hopes to enlighten the world with the concept of *Open Sogo-Fujo* to realize coexistence of diversity. This is the end goal of Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace.

A. Peace Building

1. GPSP Multinational Medical Mission



Emergency Relief

AMDA is extending a helping hand to the victims of both natural and man-made disasters around the world. As timely dispatch of relief personnel and aid delivery are crucial for emergency assistance, AMDA keeps an eye on the latest conditions and needs on the ground.

Earthquake in Central Nepal (April 2015)

The deadly earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 that happened in Nepal on 25 April 2015 left more than 8,500 people dead and over 22,000 people injured. It was the worst natural disaster to strike Nepal since 1934. As many of the towns and villages were flattened throughout the country, AMDA deployed Multi-national Medical Mission to help numerous people who were forced to flee their homes.



Activity Locations:

Kavrepalanchowk, Nuwakot,
Gorkha, Dhading etc.

Project Period: April 2015 -
Present



Some of the afflicted people were impaired by the injuries they suffered. A Japanese physiotherapist residing in Nepal was asked to join AMDA's relief effort in providing wheelchairs and other life-assistance devices. Not only did he handle the logistics, he was also in charge of building some of the life-support gear by himself.

Post Disaster Assistance

After every emergency phase is over, relief activities enter a post disaster phase following the decline in emergency medical needs.



Trauma care is one of the most in-demand support that needs to be met at disaster-stricken sites. Japan Medical Association and Nepal Medical Association jointly organized psychiatric workshops for volunteers to boost the number of counsellors in Nepal. Now, more than 400 trained counsellors are working to help the victims cope with emotional obstacles in one's daily life.

***"Preparedness is
what counts"***



To raise consciousness of the Nepalese people toward potential hazards caused by natural disasters, Nepali TV crew visited Japan to make a TV program on disaster prevention. Each one of them went through a range of emergency training during their stay.



Emergency Relief 2015



◆Explosion in Waterpark, Taiwan

Activity Location: New Taipei

Project Period: June 2015

Benefited Population: 500

Scale of Damage: Over 500 injured

Counterpart: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan, Japan Medical Association, Taiwan Medical Association

Overview: More than 500 people were injured during an event at Formosa Fun Coast in New Taipei, Taiwan on 27 June 2015. When a cloud of colored powder ignited in the air, it erupted into a massive fireball over a crowd. It was the worst mass injury in the region which left nearly 200 people in critical condition. Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in Japan and Japanese Medical Association asked AMDA to conduct a medical survey with Taiwan Medical Association, especially in the realm of thermal injury as it was the biggest burn disaster that occurred in the country.



◆Myanmar Flood and Landslide

Activity Location: Ah Thoke Village, Nga Thane Chaung Town (Patheingyi City)

Project Period: August 2015

Benefited Population: N/A (200 patients per day)

Counterpart: Myanmar Medical Association, Township Hospital (Nga Thane Chaung)

Contents: Mobile clinic, aid distribution



◆North East Japan Torrential Rain

Activity Location: Katsunuma, Nikko, Tochigi Prefecture

Project Period: September 2015

Benefitted Population: N/A

Counterpart: Nikko City, Katsunuma City (Tochigi), Soja City (Okayama)

Overview: AMDA sent a joint relief team with Soja City Government to provide medical assistance, sanitary goods and daily necessities to the local evacuation centers located in remote areas. In the areas where houses were severely affected by landslides, the team helped clear the debris as well.



◆Philippines Typhoon Koppu

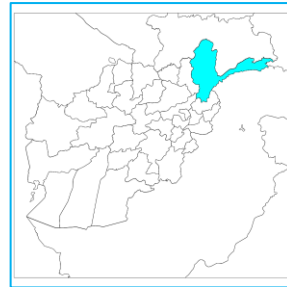
Activity Location: Pangasinan Province

Project Period: October 2015

Benefitted Population: 1,000 families

Counterpart: Local police, provincial hospital and health office

Overview: After making landfall over the northern part of the Philippines in mid-October, Typhoon Koppu (locally known as Lando) caused extensive flooding and landslides affecting more than three million people. AMDA conducted medical relief and distributed food items to afflicted people in two towns, namely, Barangay Wawa and Barangay Aplaya. AMDA also donated water pumps to the community of San Jose in Aplaya which helped improve the sanitary condition.



◆Pakistan-Afghanistan Earthquake

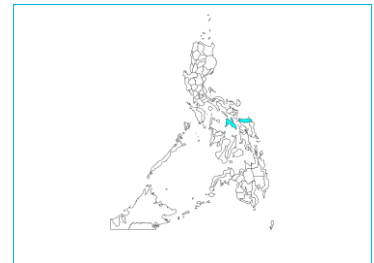
Activity Location: KP Province (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Pakistan

Project Period: October 2015

Benefitted Population: Four households

Counterpart: National Rural Support Programme (NRSP)

Overview: Responding to the earthquake that struck the bordering area of Pakistan and Afghanistan, AMDA requested AMDA Afghanistan and its longtime partner in Pakistan, National Rural Support Programme (NRSP), to conduct damage assessment on the respective sides of the border. NRSP's report in the badly hit KP Province (Pakistan) revealed that 174 houses were severely damaged. Accordingly, AMDA decided to provide building materials for the house reconstruction to four households which were selected on the basis of damage severity and family's economic status.



◆Philippines Typhoon Melor

Overview: After making landfall in Northern Samar on 14 December 2015, Typhoon Melor swept through the entire region with fearsome winds and heavy rain which continued for several days. Receiving a request of assistance from a local partner, Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), AMDA provided aid supplies and medical relief.

Activity Location: Northern Samar

Project Period: December 2015

Benefitted Population: N/A

Counterpart: Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)



◆Southern Taiwan Earthquake (*March 2016)

**Included in 2015 projects in accordance with the Japanese fiscal year (Apr.-Mar.)*



Mag.6.6 quake that hit the southern part of Taiwan on 6 February 2016 claimed lives of 115 people where, in cities like Tainan, buildings collapsed and people were trapped under the rubble. Some of the lifelines were stopped at the occurrence of the quake, however, quick response by the local government helped regain normalcy in only four weeks. AMDA delivered donations to Social Affairs Bureau of Taiwan, in part, to reciprocate what Japan was given by the Taiwanese people at the time of Great East Japan Earthquake.



Post Disaster Assistance 2015

Post Disaster Support for Pacific Cyclone “Pam” (March 2015~)

The massive Cyclone Pam left a scar of devastation over the Pacific island-nations including Vanuatu, Tuvalu and Kiribati. AMDA built public washrooms in Kiribati where sanitary condition deteriorated as toilets were destroyed. Initially, AMDA sent a nurse and a coordinator to Tuvalu for the provision of relief goods while the country was under the state of emergency. The toilet project was realized after an additional coordinator was sent to Kiribati to determine the feasibility of assistance.



Great East Japan Earthquake Rehabilitation (March 2013~)



On 11 March 2011, the earthquake of unprecedented scale (mag 9.0) followed by dire tsunami wiped out the eastern part of Japan which resulted in 15,800 deaths with more than 2,500 people missing. AMDA launched emergency relief in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture on the following day the quake struck the city of Sendai, one of the hardest hit locations. AMDA sent in altogether 149 relief personnel to different locations. The emergency relief went on until the end of April followed by various post-disaster projects, some of which are still in operation

(as of September 2016). Five years on, the quake-hit regions have entered the transitional phase where people have moved from make-shift residences to council housing or to new homes. The pressing issue for now is how to rebuild local communities where population has been decreasing, which implies that the overall manpower for the regional reconstruction is getting less.

Philippines Typhoon Haiyan (November 2013~)

Ever since Typhoon Yolanda hit the Philippines in November 2013, AMDA has been providing aid assistance to support the affected communities. AMDA helped Leyte Medical Society (LMS) rebuild their office building and emergency relief post in Tacloban.



Before the typhoon hit, LMS used to organize a free monthly medical mission and many other events including community health education, continuous medical education for medical professionals and practitioners at the LMS building. After the typhoon, the building was swept away and LMS no longer had a place to organize their community events and workshops. The reconstruction project was made possible with the help of Japan Medical Association and Fukuyama Medical Association (Japan).



2. GPSP Soul and Medicine Program

To pay tribute to war victims, GPSP Soul and Medicine Program has been held in past battlefields around the globe. As AMDA believes that healing human souls is essential to peace building, the program represents twofold purposes: 1) to conduct multi-religious memorial services to pay tribute and respect to those who suffered and died in conflicts and wars, and 2) to provide medical services to the present communities.

In 2005, the concept was expanded to include natural disaster victims as a result of unprecedented tsunami that hit South Asia on 26 December 2004. Since then, AMDA has held memorial services in the areas where AMDA conducted emergency relief activities.

GPSP Soul and Medicine Program (GPSP SMP) in Makassar, Indonesia



AMDA's unique program, Soul and Medicine Program (SMP), was held under the Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace (GPSP) in Makassar, Indonesia on 18 November 2015. This year marked the 70th anniversary since the end of World War II. As Makassar was a very important strategic point during the war, not only did the war claim many lives from both warring parties but also left deep scars on the local community. Participants who gathered at the ceremony prayed for all the victims of the war. Among the participants were the Head of the Consular Office of Japan in Makassar, two Japanese Buddhist priests, local priests from each faith (Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Buddhism).



GPSP Soul and Medicine Program (SMP) in Colombo, Sri Lanka

It marked the second SMP ceremony to be held in Sri Lanka followed by the first one which was held in 2004 to pay tribute to the victims of Pacific Tsunami disaster. The event was held in time with Japan and Sri Lanka celebrating 63 years of diplomatic relationship, and also coincided with 70th anniversary since World War II ended.



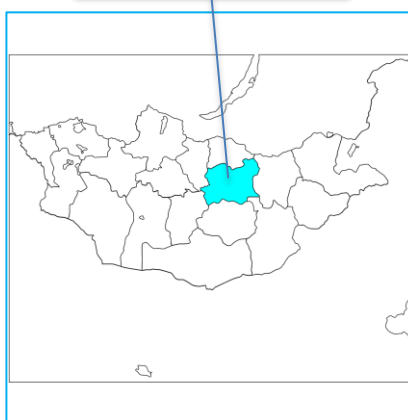
GPSP Soul and Medicine Program in Tacloban, Philippines



On 1 December 2015, GPSP Soul and Medicine Program was held in San Jose district in Tacloban City, Leyte Province. San Jose was where 2013 Typhoon Yolanda had first landed in the region. The event was made possible by Hon. Bagulaya, a Provincial Board Member/ ex. vice-governor of Leyte. In addition to 40 people from the locality, a priest from Tacloban, two Japanese Tenrikyo priests and its followers joined in the prayer session for all the victims of the typhoon.

In Mongolia alone, GPSP SMP has been held six times until 2015.

Ulaanbaatar



GPSP SMP in
Mongolia
2015
(Gandan
Monastery,
Ulaanbaatar)

B. Educational Support

1. GPSP Kids Projects

Children who are not given enough opportunities to harness their motivation or potential for self-realization are what we call GPSP kids. They are often orphans, disabled, or children living in slums, disaster-affected areas or in remote mountains. The needs of these children differ from place to place. Physical checkups, nutritional meals, sports programs, inter-cultural or religious programs are some of the activities AMDA has incorporated into this initiative. GPSP will continue in this tradition to cater to the needs of these children.



AMDA Peace Building Program (AMDA PBP) was initially started, having the history of 26-year ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka as a background. It was during the time of ceasefire (2003-2006) when AMDA dispatched medical professionals from Japan to provide medical services and community health education to both communities in an equal manner. It was initially called “AMDA Peace Building through Medicine” which helped promote peace by building trust through medical services. AMDA started a youth exchange program in 2011 for the second phase of this peace-building initiative.

Ever since, the youth exchange program has become a yearly event where students from different ethnic/religious communities get together to nurture mutual understanding.



2. Global Human Resource Development Projects

The whole idea behind AMDA's global human resource development projects was to kick-start an educational program targeted toward Japanese youths who envision their future career in international affairs. Pursuant to this successful attempt, GPSP has been building more comprehensive human resource development projects by involving organizations from various GPSP member countries. Each stakeholder of GPSP has been taking an active part in the making of these programs for the future peace makers of the world.

Rwandan doctor to be trained in Okayama, Japan (Aug. - Oct. 2015)

Under the subsidy of Okayama Prefecture, AMDA collaborated with Think about Education in Rwanda (an NPO based in Fukushima) to assist two-month training of Dr. Calliope Simba Akintije, the director of Mibilizi Hospital in Rusizi, Rwanda. During his stay, Dr. Akintije visited hospitals, clinics, local governments and schools in Okayama, Tokyo and Fukushima. He studied the system of health checkups for school children and was particularly impressed by the close networking among schools, doctors and board of education to support children's health.



2015 Japan-Vietnam Student Exchange Program



3. Scholarship



AMDA has been supporting those students who were put in difficult circumstances after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011.

SUGANAMI Scholarship

SUGANAMI Scholarship Foundation was established in 2004 for capable young medical and nursing students around the globe who are in need of financial assistance to complete their study.



Nursing Students (the scholarship recipients) in action (Turkey)



For many years, AMDA has supported students who are persevering through difficult times following natural and man-made disasters. Until now, the beneficiaries of AMDA's scholarship programs have been mainly those who wish to pursue medical careers.

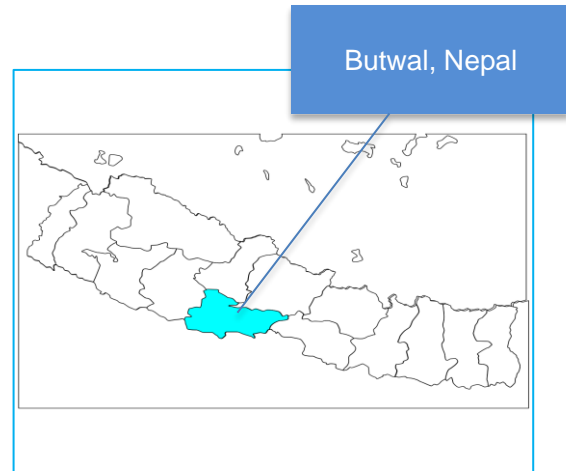
In the GPSP framework, AMDA encourages its international chapters and GPSP member organizations to establish scholarship programs, preferably self-funded. Scholarship may start small and can take its own course along the way. GPSP network can help find the donors and provide necessary support if a need arises.



Japan-Mongolia Student Exchange: Health Science University of Mongolia has deepened the relationship with AMDA through the scholarship program

C. Promotion of Health

1. GPSP Friendship Hospitals



Siddhartha Children and Women's Hospital, Nepal

For AMDA, securing medical assistance for unserved communities has always been high on its agenda. Partnering with local chapters and collaborators, AMDA runs medical institutions which serve as a regional medical hub. It is hoped that each involved nation will have one medical institution which can act as a medical hub for the effective GPSP operation especially at the time of disaster.



AMDA Peace Clinic, Bodhgaya, India

AMDA GPSP Hospitals around the globe

- Siddhartha Children and Women's Hospital (Nepal)
- AMDA Damak Hospital (Nepal)
- Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital (Bangladesh)
- Japan-Afghanistan Friendship Hospital (Afghanistan)
- Japan-Mongolia Friendship Hospital (Mongolia)

2. GPSP Medical Mission

AMDA has been carrying out medical missions responding to particular medical needs of certain group of people in the world. Matching those local needs with the capacity of possible medical service provider is the basis of AMDA's medical mission. In recent years, AMDA has been seeking to promote exchange and assistance programs to diffuse advanced medical expertise in developing countries.

Cleft Palate/ Lip Operation Mission in Indonesia



For the past several years, AMDA International has been working with AMDA Indonesia and the Clebus Cleft Centre (CCC) in Makassar, Indonesia, to conduct cleft palate/lip operation projects for local residents for free. Taiwan International Health Action (TaiwanIHA) has been the key force in funding this mission. Until now, TaiwanIHA has also helped AMDA conduct many cataract operations and dental programs in Sri Lanka and Turkey.

Ophthalmologic Mission in Mongolia



Since 2011, AMDA's ophthalmologic project in Mongolia has been one of its most viable efforts to date. Hoping to provide better eye-care for the people in Mongolia, the project primarily focuses on the institutionalization of children's eye checkup: a medical system which is thought to be requisite in uplifting the visual health of Mongolian people from an early age.

3. Primary Health Care



*Educating women to become peer educators in rural Pakistan
(Pakistan Home Health Education)*

GPSP is promoting healthcare and awareness among people living in poverty or in places where health literacy is low. AMDA's primary health care brings people back to health in many parts of the world where even the basic medical care is scarce. At the same time, GPSP is also active at educating people about health which is indispensable for the prosperity of the entire community. GPSP will continue to thrive in this tradition, providing primary health care services and health awareness for the better quality of life.

Pakistan Home Health Education

The goal of this project is to improve hygiene and health in the remote areas of Pakistan through educating pre-marital women. It is an attempt at training these women to become peer health educators in their community.

Funded/organized by AMDA Chigasaki Chuo Rotary Club (Japan), National Rural Support Programme (Pakistan)



D. Livelihood Support

1. Organic Farming



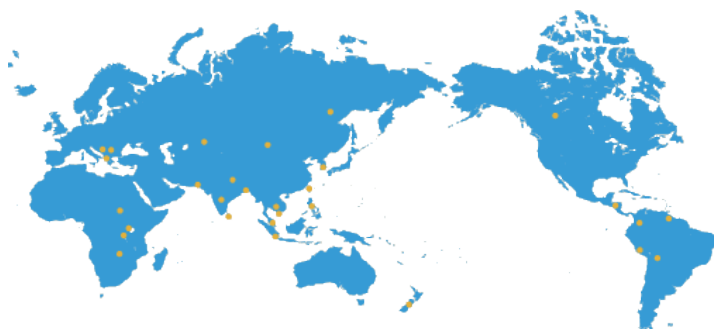
AMDAR Food Program

"Food is the source of life" –This motto embodies AMDAR Food Program which was launched in order to spread organic farming in Asia. AMDAR opened AMDAR Noto Farm in Shinjo Village, Okayama Prefecture (Japan) in April 2011 - a village that enacted an ordinance called Asian Organic Agricultural Platform Promotion in 2010. Likewise, AMDAR has been running AMDAR Organic Farm in Malino, South Sulawesi, Indonesia since February 2014. At the farm, both Japanese staff and local farmers have worked hand in hand to uplift the level of agriculture in the region. Besides the farm operation, the project is providing Indonesian farmers with the opportunities to be trained in Japan. Japanese agriculture experts are also invited to Malino on a regular basis.





International Network of 32 chapters and 47 collaborating organizations around the world



International Chapters

Afghanistan	Indonesia	Serbia
Albania	Kazakhstan	Singapore
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Korea	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	Kosovo	Sudan
Bolivia	Malaysia	Taiwan
Cambodia	Mongolia	Uganda
Canada	Nepal	Vietnam
Colombia	New Zealand	Zambia
Guyana	Pakistan	
Haiti	Peru	
Honduras	Philippines	
India	Sakha Republic	

AMDA Group (Japan)

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