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[The Nippon Foundation News] Responding to Natural Disasters



Photographs of The Nippon Foundation staff and volunteers responding to past natural disasters

Greetings from The Nippon Foundation. The month of August saw several natural disasters occurring in Japan and around the world, with an earthquake striking western Colombia, massive flash flooding along the Nepal-China border, and flooding from heavy rain in central Japan along both the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Japan coasts. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who died and to all who have been injured or experienced property or other damage as a result of these disasters, and our hopes for a speedy recovery and return to people's normal daily lives.

The Nippon Foundation has been accepting donations to support relief and recovery efforts in each of these locations, and using our expertise and networks to coordinate with local NGOs and volunteer organizations to ensure that the assistance needed on the ground is delivered as quickly as possible. Each of the articles below includes a link for making donations to the respective relief fund. Please note that the period for

accepting donations for Colombia earthquake relief ends today (September 11), and for the three other relief funds is scheduled to conclude on September 30, 2026, although this is subject to change. We sincerely ask for your support to deliver assistance to as many people as possible.

Related news releases

- [Response to August 2026 Heavy Rains in Ishikawa, Toyama and Fukui, and Request for Donations](#) (August 28, 2026)
- [Request for Donations to 'Special Fund for Nepal Large-Scale Flood Emergency Relief'](#) (August 28, 2026)
- [Response to August 2026 Heavy Rains in Chiba and Request for Donations](#) (August 17, 2026)
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From Streets to the Sea: How The Nippon Foundation Turns Cleanup into a National Movement

Addressing ocean debris through upstream civic engagement and regional scientific collaboration



On a warm Saturday morning in Tokyo's Ikebukuro district, superheroes, anime characters, and fantasy warriors gather. Many wear wigs and elaborate costumes, or carry oversized props. But instead of posing for photographs for enthralled onlookers who have gathered to see the spectacle, they reach for litter pickers and rubbish bags.

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[Our Focus](#)

Our activities span a wide range of fields and are global in scope. Here we introduce some of the projects we are pursuing on an ongoing basis.

[The Nippon Foundation Zero Emission Ships Project](#)



[Training Fundraisers in Asia](#)

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Articles and analyses on themes related to areas in which the Foundation has a special interest.



[【Field Notes】 Accommodating Food Allergies Is a Matter of Life or Death](#) (September 4, 2025)



[【Field Notes】 The Odor Problem, an Overlooked Stress of Shelter Life](#) (June 12, 2025)

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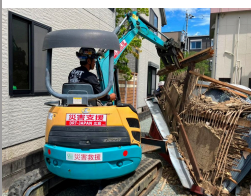
[The Nippon Foundation Starts Accepting Donations to Support People in the Nepal-Tibet Border Region Hit by Massive Flash Floods](#) [September 3, 2026]



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[The Nippon Foundation Calls for Donations to Support People Affected by Floods, Landslides in Ishikawa, Toyama Prefectures](#) [September 1, 2026]



[Donation Update: 338 Million Yen Received in Three Weeks from Over 90,000 Donors to Support People in Quake-Hit Kumamoto](#) [August 24, 2026]



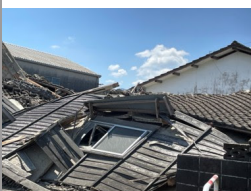
[The Nippon Foundation Starts Accepting Donations to Support People Battered by Record Rainfall, Floods in Chiba Prefecture](#) [August 21, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation Calls for Donations to Support People in Quake-Hit Colombia](#) [August 17, 2026]



[Indonesia Holds First National Leprosy Conference, Commits to Accelerating Detection Efforts to Achieve Zero Leprosy \(1\)](#) [August 13, 2026]



[The Nippon Foundation Receives 192 Million Yen in Donations to Support People in Quake-Hit Kumamoto in a Week](#)[August 6, 2026]

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