

PRESS RELEASE

**Emergency Response to August 2021 Japan Floods**  
**Response Launched, Call for Donations**

**25 AUGUST ONLINE BRIEFING: Making sure that necessary assistance reaches affected communities exhausted by repeated disasters in the coronavirus pandemic**

Japan Platform (JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) decided to launch the emergency response to assist people affected by the floods around Japan. The floods were a result of the heavy rain in July and August 2021, and they have caused serious damages. At this time, we have begun to call for donations. We also look forward to having you in our briefing session for the business community and the media on Wednesday, 25 August.

**Emergency Response to August 2021 Japan Floods: Program Overview**

<b>Term:</b>	6 months (Initial Response Period)
<b>Budget:</b>	30 million yen (private funds)
<b>Locations:</b>	Areas in Japan affected by the torrential rain that has continued since 13 August 2021

\*Program term and budget will be revised as needed to reflect the conditions on the ground.

● **Overview**

✧ The fronts that formed in July and August of 2021 have remained over Japan for a long period of time, causing extensive damages in various areas across the country. 11 cities and towns in Shizuoka, Tottori, Shimane, and Kagoshima prefectures were affected by the heavy rains in July<sup>\*1</sup>, and 21 cities and towns in Nagano, Shimane, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Saga, and Nagasaki prefectures were affected by the heavy rains in August<sup>\*2</sup>. Additionally, the Disaster Relief Act has been applied to 21 municipalities in Nagano, Shimane, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Saga, and Nagasaki prefectures<sup>\*2</sup>. As there is ongoing rain, the possibility of further damage is high.



Waste collected after flooding damage, a scene repeated in the disaster affected areas. Kitagata Athletic Park, Takeo City, Saga Prefecture. Photographed on 18 August 2021 (C) AAR

✧ Due to the torrential rain in August, as of the 19<sup>th</sup> of the month, 995 homes were completely destroyed, partially destroyed, or flooded above floor level, and 3,760 homes were flooded below floor level<sup>\*2</sup>. With continued heavy rain, the local governments are still unable to accurately assess the number of damaged structures. Meanwhile, the number of people accepted at evacuation centers is limited due to the coronavirus pandemic, so some families with flooded homes have evacuated to the upper floors of their own homes or are living in their cars, making it difficult for governments and relief providers to grasp the actual needs in these communities.

✧ Many areas that were affected at this time have experienced the disaster multiple times, with torrential rains and floods that have been repeatedly affecting communities across Japan in 2018, 2019, and 2020. For some areas, reconstruction efforts from the previous disaster had finally begun when rain and flood hit them once again this year, and this disaster has taken a heavy toll on the people both psychologically and economically. Local governments, social welfare councils, and civic

organizations engaged in local relief activities have also been deeply fatigued. This is what our member NGOs who are in contact with the local communities have reported.

- ✧ To ensure that no necessary support goes undelivered due to the impact of the new coronavirus pandemic, JPF will provide assistance that meet the needs of the affected areas in accordance with the infection prevention guidelines\*<sup>3</sup> while we take thorough infection control measures. Updates on this response will be posted on the [JPF website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

### Online Briefing Session on the Emergency Response to August 2021 Japan Floods

We will provide information on the situation in the areas affected by the floods. NGO staff who have assessed the affected communities will also participate in the briefing. We look forward to having those of you from the business community and the media participate in the session.

**Date/Time: Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please register [here](#)**

\*1 [Cabinet Office Major Disaster Management Headquarters \(6 August 2021\)](#)

\*2 [Cabinet Office Specified Disaster Management Headquarters \(19 August 2021\)](#)

\*3 JPF Domestic Disaster Response Code of Conduct "[Guidelines for entering disaster affected areas with risk of COVID-19 infection.](#)"

JVOAD "[Disaster Response Guidelines for Volunteers and Non-Profit Organizations During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)"

#### ●How to Donate to JPF's Emergency Response to August 2021 Japan Floods Program

Donation Term: 20 August 2021 to 21 February 2022

\*Term will be revised as needed to reflect the conditions on the ground.

<b>Name of bank</b>	MUFG Bank, Ltd (Swift Code: BOTKJPJT)
<b>Branch</b>	Head Office
<b>Type of account</b>	Saving
<b>Account number</b>	0212722
<b>Name of account holder</b>	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform
<b>Bank Address</b>	2-7-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8388, Japan

\*Thank you for your understanding in covering the bank transfer fees when you donate to us.

<b>Name of bank</b>	Japan Post Bank
<b>Code and account number</b>	00120-8-140888
<b>Name of account holder</b>	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

\*When making a donation through Japan Post, please write " August 2021 Japan Floods " in the memo column.

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#### ●Donations to JPF Activities in General

\*Not to specific support activities such as " Emergency Response to August 2021 Japan Floods Program ".

<b>Name of bank</b>	Japan Post Bank
<b>Code and account number</b>	00100-7-757910
<b>Name of account holder</b>	Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform

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◆ **About Japan Platform (JPF)**

JPF was established in 2000 as a new mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. JPF provides various forms of support to Japanese member NGOs to provide rapid and efficient emergency assistance abroad as well as within Japan. Over the years, JPF has built trust by providing assistance through more than 1,800 projects in more than 50 countries and regions of the world with a total amount of more than 72 billion yen as we promoted cooperation between businesses and NGOs and provided solid activity reports. Information is shared among more than 40 JPF member NGOs in various fields of expertise to create assistance projects together. In the Great East Japan Earthquake relief efforts, which received a total of more than 7 billion yen from the private sector, we worked together with regional cooperation and intermediary support organizations in the affected prefectures in supporting local NGOs and contributed to the development of reconstruction frameworks. (JPF is currently conducting Fukushima Response Program.)

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