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EVERY LAST CHILD



Save the Children

Save the Children Japan
Annual Report 2023
Executive Summary



Foreword

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to all those affected by the earthquake that struck the Noto Peninsula on January 1 this year.

Since January 4, Save the Children has been working in the severely damaged Noto area to help children and their families return to their daily lives as soon as possible. It is important to acknowledge that it is only with your ongoing cooperation throughout the year that we have been able to listen to their voices, respond quickly and carry out our assistance activities in the area.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for your support and encouragement in 2023 which enabled us to assist more than 47 million children in 120 countries, including Japan.

The issues surrounding children around the world are becoming more multilayered and urgent. The humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip in the occupied Palestinian territory has become more chaotic, and the crisis in Ukraine has now persisted for more than two years. Although not widely reported in Japan, the crises in Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and other countries also continue. In addition, countless children are affected by natural disasters around the world, such as the major earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria.

Looking at the situation for children in Japan, we welcome the establishment of the Children and Family Agency on April 1, 2023, which is expected to guarantee the rights of children to live, grow, be protected, and participate in society. However, we are aware that soaring prices and other social and economic factors mean that many children still live in very difficult circumstances.

"Clearly there is no inherent impossibility in saving the children of the world.

It is only impossible if we make it so by our refusal to attempt it."

These words of Eglantine Jebb, founder of Save the Children in 1919, are as timely in 2024, the year that marks the 30th anniversary of Japan's ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Save the Children remains committed to achieving universal realisation of the rights of all children in Japan and around the world by listening to their voices and bringing about rapid and lasting changes in their lives. We sincerely hope we can continue to rely on you to work with us to achieve these ambitions.

Junichiro Ida, Chair of the Board

Akiko Takai, Managing Director of the Board, Chief Executive Officer Save the Children Japan

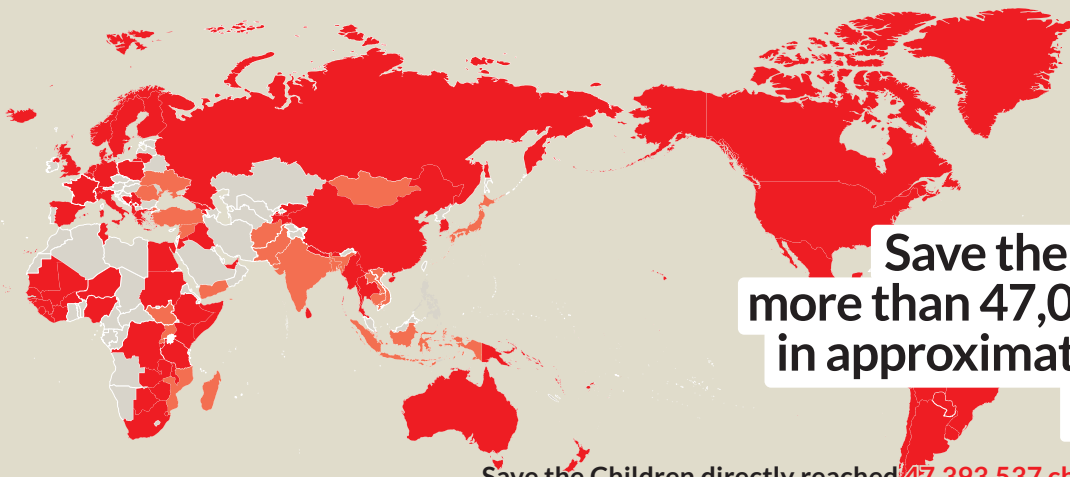
Every child has the right to survival, protection, development and participation. We fight to make children's rights a reality worldwide.

For more than 100 years, we have been working with children.

Save the Children is an international NGO that works to make children's rights to survival, development, protection and participation a reality worldwide. It was established in the UK in 1919 and is currently at work in approximately 120 countries. The UN and the governments of many countries have a high regard for Save the Children as a pioneer of children's rights, and we have achieved breakthroughs in the way the world treats children. Save the Children Japan was established in 1986. We are active in international programs in fields such as health and nutrition and education. When conflicts or natural disasters occur, we provide emergency and humanitarian responses. In Japan, we have actively addressed issues of child poverty and have also conducted various programs in response to large-scale disasters, through these programs, we work to make children's rights a reality.



Eglantyne Jebb, founder of Save the Children



Save the Children reached more than **47,000,000 children** in approximately **120 countries** including Japan.

Save the Children directly reached **47,393,537 children** through its work in 2023.

■ Countries and regions where Save the Children worked in 2023.

■ Countries and regions where Save the Children Japan conducted projects by assigning staff members, etc.

Emergency and Humanitarian Response



For children and local communities affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises, Save the Children swiftly responds to meet their immediate needs, enabling them to return to and rebuild their lives.

Health and Nutrition



To ensure that all children and their families can access quality health services, Save the Children provides assistance, including healthcare for pregnant women, mothers and newborns; prevention and treatment of infectious diseases and malnutrition; and strengthening of health systems.

Education



In order for all children to receive quality education, Save the Children implements programs that improve learning environments, provide capacity development opportunities for teachers, raise awareness in local communities and promote pre-school education programs.

Child Protection



We promote child protection measures in close collaboration with various stakeholders such as local governments and communities, children, and their caregivers to protect children from violence, abuse, and exploitation, and cultivate environments in which children can grow up safely and securely.

Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)



Save the Children strengthens DRR structures of local communities so that children can act independently when disasters occur and their voices are reflected in DRR policy and practice. We promote child-centered disaster risk reduction.

Child Poverty



We are working to end child poverty by providing direct support, raising public awareness and engaging in advocacy. Our aim is to ensure that all children have access to the physical possessions, services and opportunities necessary for them to live their lives and develop, so that they can fulfill their potential.

International Programs

Emergency and Humanitarian Response



We provided a wide range of emergency relief and food aid for children and their families, including child protection, education, health and nutrition support in the Gaza Strip in the occupied Palestinian territory, and in Yemen, Syria, Ukraine, Romania, South Sudan, Mozambique, Bangladesh and Afghanistan, where humanitarian crises remain severe.

Education



In Mongolia, Save the Children promotes inclusive education in primary and secondary schools to ensure that all children receive a quality education, regardless of disability, poverty or language barriers. As well, our programs have helped parents from nomadic families learn basic literacy and numeracy skills, as well as skills to support their children with disabilities.



As well as providing mental health and psychosocial support to children affected by earthquakes in Turkey, Syria, Afghanistan, and other countries, we delivered assistance in Madagascar, which was affected by drought and other catastrophic events. In addition, with the resources provided by the Inochi Mirai Fund, Save the Children was able to offer speedy aid to children affected by natural disasters and armed conflicts around the world.



In Pakistan, Save the Children distributed school supplies to children out of school because of flooding, and supported their return to school by repairing school facilities and training teachers. In India, we are working to create a safe and secure environment through awareness-raising activities so that children can continue to learn and be protected from risks such as disasters, violence and online leakage of personal information.

Child Protection



In Cambodia, Save the Children worked to eradicate and prevent violence against children in primary schools, and in Mongolia to protect girls from violence and exploitation. In Bangladesh and Uganda, Save the Children worked with community members and government officials to protect children from abuse and child marriage.

Health and Nutrition



In Vietnam, Save the Children improved the nutritional status of ethnic minority children by helping them to increase their livelihoods through weaning and building skills in raising livestock. In Uganda, in addition to teaching agricultural techniques to develop livelihoods in areas where malnutrition is severe, Save the Children, in collaboration with village health facilities, initiated efforts to detect malnutrition early.

Child Poverty



In Bangladesh, a mobile bus training centre prepared young people to develop livelihoods and supported them to start their own businesses and find employment after the training. In Mongolia, where around 30% of young people living in remote areas are unable to find regular employment, Save the Children facilitated innovative entrepreneurship training in remote areas, with the aim of developing the capacity of young people to lead rural society, reduce poverty and lower unemployment rates.

Climate change and disaster management



A joint project with WWF in Sumatra, Indonesia, focuses on areas of deforestation and promotes biodiversity, conservation and children's rights while achieving environmentally friendly and sustainable development by improving both environmental protection and the livelihoods of rural communities.

Domestic Programs

Ending Child Poverty



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Although the latest relative poverty rate* for children in Japan has improved slightly to 11.5%, there are concerns about widening inequalities as the poverty rate for single-parent households remains high at 44.5%. In addition to providing direct assistance such as benefits, food, childcare products, and experiential opportunities to households in financial difficulty, Save the Children also made efforts to raise awareness and recommend policy changes for system reform.

*Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, Basic Survey of National Living Standards 2022.

Support for Local NPOs



The environment surrounding children is becoming increasingly diverse, making it difficult to guarantee children's basic rights to grow, learn, play and participate. We aim to guarantee children's rights in their daily lives. We provide financial support to non-profit organisations (NPOs) working with children in the community, strengthen their organisational foundations and create an environment for the realisation of children's rights.

Domestic Emergency Programs



Save the Children delivered essential supplies for children's activities in areas damaged by heavy rains and Typhoon No.15 in August 2022. To help children required to spend time in evacuation centres after a disaster, Save the Children has also prepared "Emergency Children's Kits" that include toys such as origami, and hygiene items such as shampoo that can be used without water that children can use on a daily basis

Child-Centred Disaster Management



In order to protect children's lives and provide child rights-based support during natural disasters and other emergencies, it is important for children to know how to prepare for and act when disasters occur. To this end, Save the Children arranged disaster prevention events and workshops for both children and adults, conducted training on child support based on international standards, and provided disaster prevention equipment to after-school children's clubs.

Advocacy Policy Advocacy and Social Awareness

Domestic Emergency Programs



Save the Children lobbied the government for a permanent ceasefire and increased humanitarian assistance to protect children affected by the crisis in the Gaza Strip in the occupied Palestinian territory. Through our policy advocacy, Save the Children also achieved the first contribution by the Japanese government to Education Cannot Wait, and identified the achievements of the International Fund in saving the lives of mothers and children that led to increased support from the Japanese government.

Social Awareness



Save the Children created a website and associated educational materials that can be used in classrooms and other settings, to aid teachers and listen to the opinions of children, so as to create more opportunities to learn about children's rights at school. The website provides easy-to-understand explanations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with illustrations and videos. We plan to continue to disseminate these educational materials and add new ones in the future.

Domestic Policy Advocacy



Interest in “child participation” is growing since the launch of the Children and Families Agency and the enactment of the Basic Law for Children. Save the Children has offered study sessions for local government officials and local lawmakers across the country and has prepared submissions to the Children and Families Agency to guarantee children's rights. We have also worked together with children to make proposals to policy-makers through the Children's Megaphone Project.

Domestic Emergency Programs



In conjunction with the G7 Hiroshima Summit, Save the Children collaborated with other organisations on a mosaic art project that emphasized the importance of international cooperation to children's education in conflict situations. In addition, in preparation for COP28, we collected messages from children of 17 countries around the world, including Japan, on issues related to climate change and inequality that they would like to see world leaders address and disseminate across all nations.

School Cooperation



Fundraising Activities

51 schools, nursery schools, and other children's facilities across Japan participated in Save the Children's fundraising initiatives, such as cultural festivals and charity events.



Acceptance of Visiting Class and Office Visit

Save the Children delivered information sessions at 10 schools. In addition, the Tokyo and Osaka offices welcomed visits from students from 11 schools during which we discussed the current situation of children around the world and in Japan, as well as our efforts to support children.

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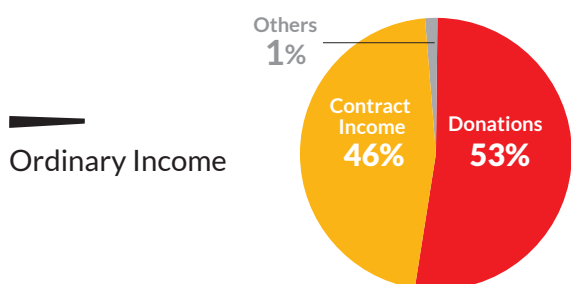
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Save the Children Japan

2023 Financial Information (Unit : JPY)

Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2023)			Statement of Changes in Fund Balance (For the year ended December 31, 2023)			
I. Assets	1. Current Assets		I. Changes in General Funds - net	1. Changes in Ordinary Earnings		
	Cash & Cash Equivalents (domestic)	248,033,663		(1) Ordinary Income	① Earnings on Basic Funds	2,495
	Cash & Cash Equivalents (overseas)	21,418,367			② Earnings on Special Funds	79,984
	Prepaid Operating Expenses	582,274,673			③ Membership Fees	11,210,000
	Accounts Receivable	114,255,828			④ Contract Income for Aid Operations	1,512,006,053
	Inventories	1,257,506			Government Contract Income	421,213,956
	Prepaid Expenses	19,904,665			Private Sector Contract Income	781,082,749
	Advance Payment	36,418			Overseas Contract Income	309,709,348
	Total Current Assets	987,181,120			⑤ Service Contract Income	11,329,245
	2. Non Current Assets				⑥ Income from Sales and Events	4,012,520
	(1) Basic Funds				⑦ Donations Received	1,723,877,809
	Time Deposits	50,000,000			Unrestricted Donations	993,256,410
	Total Basic Funds	50,000,000			Restricted Donations	730,621,399
	(2) Special Funds				⑧ Miscellaneous Income	19,283,996
	Reserve for Severance Payments	89,319,406			Total Ordinary Income	3,281,802,102
	Reserve for Accumulated Depreciation	106,111,335			① Operating Expenses	3,299,470,957
	Reserve for the Stabilization of Overseas Operations	23,934,215			Overseas Aid Expenses	800,509,979
	Reserve for Domestic Operations	3,200,000			Emergency Aid Operation Expenses	902,668,717
	Restricted Donations for Not for Profit Segment	1,294,348,107			Domestic Operations Expenses	326,105,954
	Reserve for Mid-Term Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-24	648,132,191			Grants Expenses	413,631,246
	Total Special Funds	2,165,045,254			Operations Activity Expenses	259,946,239
(3) Other Non Current Assets			Public Relations Expenses	434,738,276		
Building	7,166,484		Other Operating Expenses	160,753,785		
Leasehold Improvements	23,974,130		Profit Making Business Expenses	1,116,761		
Vehicles	16,162,448		② Administrative Expenses	111,511,853		
Furniture and Fittings	14,214,339		Total Ordinary Expenses	3,410,982,810		
Software	33,375,286		Changes in Ordinary Earnings for the Period before Valuation Adjustment	△ 129,180,708		
Deposits	12,783,200		Changes in Ordinary Earnings for the Period	△ 129,180,708		
Total Other Non Current Assets	107,675,887		2. Changes in Non Ordinary Earnings			
Total Non Current Assets	2,322,721,141		(1) Non Ordinary Income	Gain on Sale of Non Current Assets		
Total Assets	3,309,902,261		Total Non Ordinary Income	0		
II. Liabilities	1. Current Liabilities		(2) Non Ordinary Expenses	Loss on Elimination of Non Current Assets	30,249	
	Accounts Payable	311,766,495		Total Non Ordinary Expenses	30,249	
	Deferred Revenue	603,169,132		Changes in Non Ordinary Earnings for the Period	△ 30,249	
	Deposits Received	12,197,765		Changes in General Funds - net for the Period	△ 129,210,957	
	Accrued Seasonal Salary	5,478,908		General Funds - net, beginning of the Period	1,067,005,368	
	Total Current Liabilities	932,612,300		General Funds - net, end of the Period	937,794,411	
	2. Non Current Liabilities			II. Changes in Restricted Funds - net		
	Provision for Severance Payments	89,319,406		① Donations Received	1,130,410,539	
	Total Non Current Liabilities	89,319,406		Restricted Donations	1,130,410,539	
	Total Liabilities	1,021,931,706		② Transfer to General Funds	△ 730,621,399	
III. Fund Balance	1. Restricted Funds - net		Changes in Restricted Funds - net for the Period	399,789,140		
	Restricted Donations	1,350,176,144	Restricted Funds - net, beginning of the Period	950,387,004		
	Total Restricted Funds - net	1,350,176,144	Restricted Funds - net, end of the Period	1,350,176,144		
	(of which, Amount Appropriated to the Basic Funds)	(50,000,000)	III. Total Funds - net, end of the Period			
	(of which, Amount Appropriated to the Special Funds)	(1,294,348,107)		2,287,970,555		
	2. General Funds - net	937,794,411				
	(of which, Amount Appropriated to the Special Funds)	(781,377,741)				
Total Funds - net	2,287,970,555					
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	3,309,902,261					



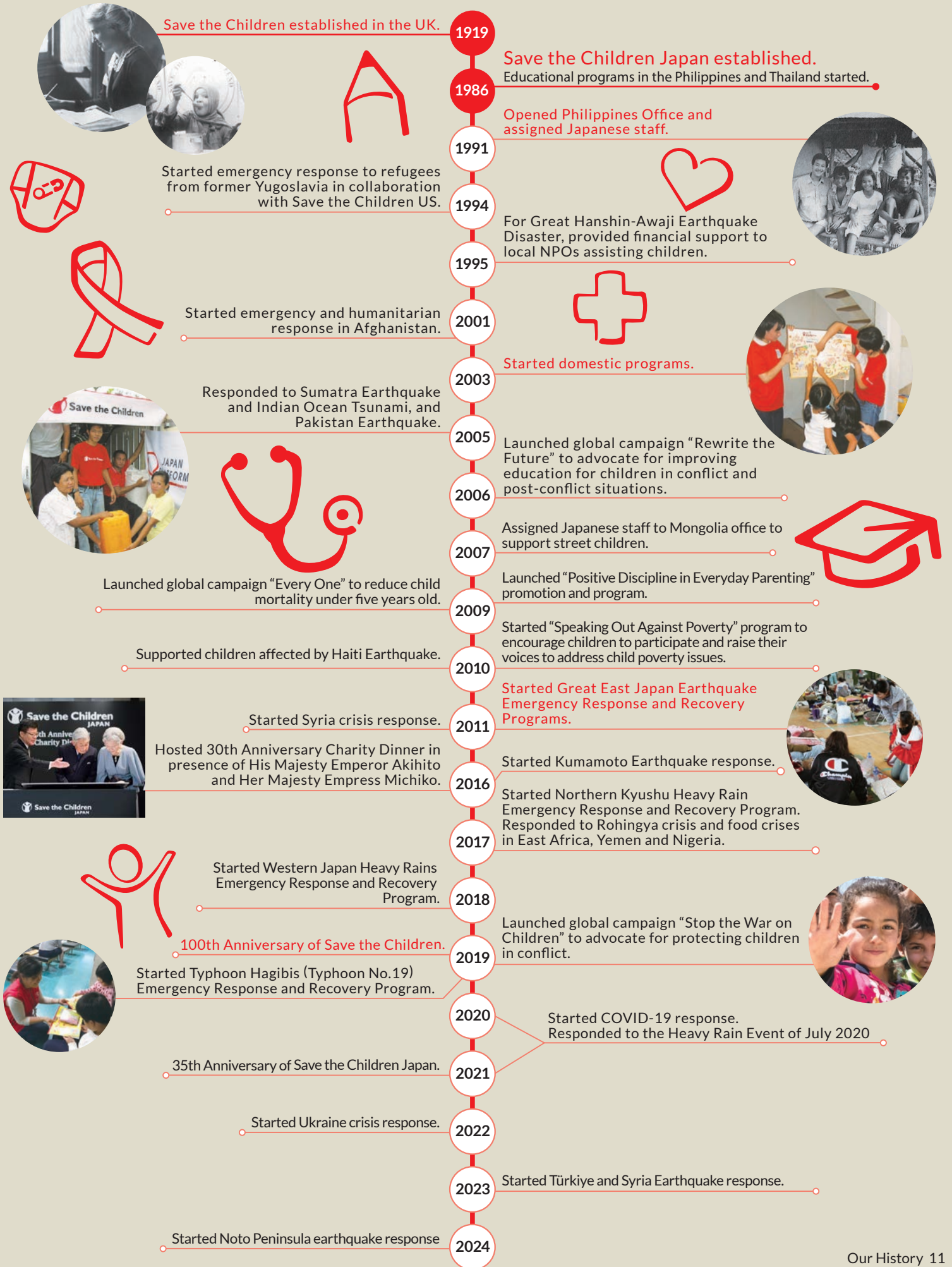
Audit Report

The original 2022 Financial Statements, in Japanese, were audited by board auditors of Save the Children Japan and the independent auditor (Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC).



Our History

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Our Vision

A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our Mission

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Initiatives for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are 17 global goals that aim to fundamentally resolve various issues such as poverty, inequality and disparity, and climate change. As an international NGO that promotes children's rights, Save the Children was also involved in the process of developing these goals, which were unanimously adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. We are promoting the achievement of SDGs through our advocacy as well as domestic and international programs.



Cover photo:
Girl forced to live in a tent after her house collapsed during the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February 2023 (Turkey).

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