Strengthening Disaster Preparedness and Response in the Asia Pacific

FY 2012 Annual Report
October 2011 — September 2012
Accomplishing Our Mission

In FY2012, Peace Winds America (PWA) has closely partnered with the people of Japan providing relief and aiding recovery in communities affected by the March 2011 tsunami. Working with Peace Winds Japan, we delivered heaters to families in temporary housing to carry them through the winter. Early in our relief efforts, PWA identified the fishing communities as the primary target for recovery. PWA assisted the fishing families of Minamisanriku, supplying ropes, rods, nets, paddles, and work sheds. We assisted the Koyo Maritime High School, targeting the future leaders of the Tohoku fishing industry. PWA provided essential equipment to Koyo classrooms and extracurriculars rejuvenating the destroyed vocational high school.

PWA strategically pursued partners—the local governments, fishing cooperatives, district leaders, local NGOs, and businesses. Working closely with our partners and the recipients has ensured the appropriateness and continuity of PWA’s tsunami response. We will continue through FY2013 to assist Tohoku recovery, especially small businesses, fishing communities and families rebuilding homes and lives.

For several years PWA has led civil-military disaster preparedness programs in Japan encouraging connectivity, collaboration, cooperation, and coordination of U.S. and Japan disaster managers/responders as we together provide relief to the Asia Pacific region. The workshops and forums were a boon to the Japan-U.S. response to the Great East Japan Earthquake. Throughout FY2012 we reviewed the Tohoku response including Operation Tomodachi. We continue to strengthen the policies, procedures, and excellent working relationships among the U.S. and Japan NGOs, militaries, private sector, and governments to meet the natural disasters that occur in the disaster prone Asia-Pacific.

Another critical partner in disaster preparedness is the “city”. After our successful Japan-U.S. sister cities initiative, PWA expanded this program to Vietnam. The sister cities of San Francisco-Ho Chi Minh City and Seattle-Hai Phong, joined by Hanoi, launched the two year Initiative this July. The cities are joined by businesses, NGOs, militaries, and government officials from Vietnam, the U.S., and Japan to share and explore best practices in disaster preparedness and response.

We express our deepest appreciation to all those who have helped us accomplish our mission of strengthening disaster preparedness and response in Asia Pacific. We are grateful to our funders -- the foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals that make our work possible. Central to our mission are the numerous government, business, NGO, and individual partners. We highly value their collaboration. I want to call attention to Peace Winds America’s outstanding Board of Directors who have advised, encouraged, and praised our efforts. Their wisdom and deep concern for the disaster prone Asia Pacific has greatly enhanced our labor towards a disaster prepared and resilient Asia-Pacific.

Sincerely,

Charles Aanenson, CEO
Disaster Preparedness

Civil-Military Disaster Preparedness Initiative
Japan and U.S. militaries are increasingly involved in humanitarian assistance and disaster response (HA/DR). The Civil-Military Disaster Preparedness Initiative (CMI) strengthens HA/DR policies, procedures, and collaboration among Japan and U.S. militaries, aid agencies, NGOs, and the private sector.

“Our work together in the tsunami would not have been possible without years of relationships on both the civil and military side...This sort of cross-cutting cooperation is essential to success.”

Themes, Goals, and Impact
- New partnerships among Japan, U.S., and South Korea governments, militaries, NGOs, and businesses.
- Strong relationships between international disaster responders and the “host nations” that receive them.

CMI Forums and Workshops
- Held three policy forums with high ranking officials that provided input for HA/DR policy analysis and recommendations.
- Trained disaster responders and managers at an operations-level workshop targeting on-the-ground relief and recovery.

Photo: Kae Yanagisawa, JICA Disaster Relief Secretary General discusses host nations at the Tokyo CMI Workshop.

Photo: A panel discusses forming and maintaining partnerships at the CMI Workshop. Participants from left to right: Matt Swenson, Samaritan’s Purse; Tetsuto Binnaka, Peace Winds Japan; Yutaka Sekito, Japan Ministry of Defense; Al Dwyer, USAID; and, Samir Wanmali, UN World Food Programme.
Disaster Preparedness

Sister Cities Initiative
The Asia Pacific is home to millions of people in vibrant cities that drive their nation’s economies. The Sister Cities Initiative strengthens disaster preparedness and response at the city level.

Vietnam—U.S. Sister Cities Initiative
- Launched the two-year Initiative with sister cities San Francisco—Ho Chi Minh City and Seattle—Hai Phong, and the Asian Disaster Reduction Center in Japan.
- Assessed needs and exchanged information with U.S. and Vietnam sister cities.
- Signed MOUs with HCMC and Hai Phong to strengthen disaster preparedness.
- Engaged the cities’ Mayors and People’s Committee Chairmen in the Initiative.

Japan—U.S. Sister Cities Initiative
- Engaged Osaka, Kobe, and Hiroshima to share disaster response lessons from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Preparedness in Vietnam
According to the U.N., Vietnam is the world’s fifth most vulnerable nation. PWA has formed partnerships with Vietnam municipal and national governments, women’s unions, chambers of commerce, NGOs, and businesses to prepare for future disasters. From business continuity planning to flood forecasting, PWA and our Vietnam and Japan partners are reducing disaster risk in Asia Pacific cities.

“This Initiative allows both San Francisco and Ho Chi Minh City the opportunity to strengthen our city’s emergency management capabilities, public-private partnerships, economic resilience, and public safety.”
– Mayor Edwin Lee, City and County of San Francisco

Collaborations
PWA supports the disaster preparedness trainings and conferences of numerous organizations. In FY2012 PWA presented in preparedness events hosted by APEC, Asian Disaster Reduction Center, US Forces South Korea, World Affairs Council, and others.

Focus on Preparedness
Studies show that one dollar spent on preparedness can save up to seven dollars in response. PWA preparedness programs build capacities and strengthen coordination among governments, militaries, NGOs, and the private sector. PWA facilitates information sharing to enhance disaster plans, policies, and procedures.
Japan Tsunami Relief and Recovery

Peace Winds America partnered with Peace Winds Japan, Grace Mission Tohoku (GMT), and Samaritan’s Purse Japan to support disaster recovery in the Tohoku region. We have worked closely with community leaders from schools, districts, temporary housing complexes, and fishing cooperatives to deliver timely, appropriate support. PWA remains committed to meeting the needs of individuals and communities through the rebuilding process.

Key Accomplishments

- Delivered heaters to over 8,000 families in temporary housing in Iwate Prefecture
- Provided chemistry lab, food processing lab, media room, and sports equipment for 360 students and 30 faculty at Koyo Maritime High School in Kesennuma
- Purchased and installed office equipment to support the Udatsu Fishing Cooperative and its 400 members
- Provided abalone and sea urchin fishing equipment to 219 Shizugawa Fishing Cooperative members
- Constructed 16 work and storage sheds for fishing communities and families that lost their homes in Minamisanriku

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The Koyo chemistry lab lacked running water. Peace Winds installed hot water heaters and plumbing, a fume hood, and food processing equipment.

“The government gave us this school building, and Peace Winds made it function.”
– Principal Michio Seto, Koyo Maritime High School

“Fishing sheds are essential to fishermen. The families that can afford to rebuild their sheds already have. The families that have not built sheds need your help.”
– Mitsuo Chiba, District Leader, Minamisanriku

A family in temporary housing thanks Peace Winds for delivering a heater before winter.
(Photo by Peace Winds Japan)
Peace Winds America responds to disasters with local partners that support the short and long-term needs of affected communities. By supporting proven local NGOs PWA ensures that your donation reaches those that need it most.

“May this undertaking be the start of a strategic partnership between Peace Winds and CDRC.” — Lou Escandor, CDRC Executive Director

Philippines Typhoon Saola—August 2012
Typhoon Saola severely flooded several areas in the northern region, forcing over 17,000 families to take refuge in evacuation centers. Peace Winds America and local partner Citizens’ Disaster Response Center (CDRC) provided 360 families with food, sanitary items, and blankets in San Pedro, Laguna. PWA and CDRC continue to support affected communities.

“Disaster Response Partnerships with Local NGOs”
PWA continues to expand its network of NGO partners in Asia Pacific nations. When disasters strike local NGOs are the most effective disaster responders. They know the language, the culture, and the needs of the affected communities. PWA works closely with local NGO partners to build their capacities before and after disasters strike. Through local partners PWA reaches the disaster survivors most in need.
Financials

Statement of Financial Position

FY2012 Revenue: $625,696

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Donor Appreciation

PWA is grateful to the foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals that support disaster preparedness and response. Together, we are making a difference.

$50,000 +
GlobalGiving Foundation
Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation

$10,000 - <$50,000
Bakesale for Japan
Japanese Disaster Relief Fund—Boston
Microsoft
Russell Investments
The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership
Uwajimaya

$1,000 - <$10,000
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The Daniel and Karen Berman Foundation
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and our many individual donors
A Day of Remembrance, Preparedness, and Rebuilding—March 11, 2012
PWA joined the Consulate-General of Japan, Seattle Japan Relief, the City of Seattle, the Red Cross, YMCA, and many more to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Japan tsunami. The Seattle Center event highlighted disaster preparedness and Japan relief and recovery.

TOPS at Seward
In May 2011 third graders at TOPS, a Seattle elementary school, raised funds for PWA disaster relief and recovery in Japan. One year later, PWA reported to the students how their donations helped disaster survivors in Japan. TOPS students received photos and hand-made origami cranes from Japan.

Japan Recovery Night at Safeco Field
PWA, the Seattle Mariners, the Consulate-General of Japan, Japan Business Association, Japan-America Society of the State of Washington, and Hyogo Business and Cultural Center partnered to raise funds for disaster recovery on Japan Night at Safeco Field. Senior Consul Dodo from the Consulate-General of Japan threw the ceremonial first pitch joined by PWA and our partners.

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