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PEACE WINDS MISSION

Peace Winds America and Peace Winds Japan partner in response to natural and man-made disasters. The enhanced Peace Winds partnership increases collaboration and program implementation and reinforces synergies among the two countries' governments, militaries, civil society, and private sectors.

Peace Winds has four goals:

- Respond rapidly to save lives and reduce suffering
- Improve access to shelter, water, sanitation, and basic needs
- Enable effective recovery, including livelihoods
- Provide "whole of society" preparedness and civil-military coordination training

About Peace Winds

Peace Winds has established itself as one of the few international NGOs with expertise in Japan and U.S. responding to natural disasters and man-made crises throughout the world. Peace Winds Japan and Peace Winds America have been working with host nations, governments, militaries, NGOs, U.N., foundations, the private sector, and individuals. Together we prepare and respond with a "whole of society" approach. Response and mitigation programs have led to legislative and procedural changes, greater networking and connectivity among responders, and most importantly, to improved results. Peace Winds reaches those most in need. **Please join us!**

Where We Work



Response and Recovery in the Asia Pacific

Peace Winds rapidly responds to disasters in **Japan** and stays through recovery. In 2017 Peace Winds deployed search-and-rescue, immediate shelter/food/sanitation, temporary housing, elderly and pet care, and livelihoods.

Working with prefectural and local governments, we provided evacuation centers and tents after **Kumamoto** earthquakes and **Kyushu** floods. At the end of 2017, Peace Winds continues to provide community, dignity, and hope to more than 1,500 families in temporary housing, and are assisting hundreds of evacuees while working with governments to find housing.

Earthquakes and floods brought Peace Winds to **Nepal**. Peace Winds constructed community centers for safe-havens and livelihood training for women, water/toilets for schools, irrigation for farmers, all followed our immediate relief of shelter, food, blankets and sanitation. Local NGO partners greatly facilitated our efforts and reduced costs. At end of 2017, we remain on-site in vulnerable Nepal.

For many years, Peace Winds aided development projects in **Myanmar**. Peace Winds recently has been helping the government improve agriculture, schools, and sports, and establish a disaster mitigation/management center--all priorities of the Myanmar Government. Since September 2017, Peace Winds has also targeted assistance to thousands displaced in Myanmar, providing shelter, water, food, sanitation in **Myanmar** and **Bangladesh**.



Middle East

Peace Winds has a long, established presence in the Middle East. Today the primary focus is refugees and displaced persons affected by conflicts in the region.

Since 1996, Peace Winds has provided relief and support to **Iraq** in the form of medical care, water and sanitation, livelihood training, shelter and housing construction, and social welfare. Since 2012, Peace Winds has distributed emergency relief food and non-food items to **Syrian** refugees in Domiz Camp in the Dohuk Governorate. Peace Winds has also supported residents in the Gawilan Refugee Camp by constructing shelters and wells. Peace Winds is focusing on education by constructing and maintaining schools for refugee and displaced children.

Peace Winds began emergency support to **Afghanistan** in 2001, implementing development projects, including school construction, road restoration, agricultural assistance, well excavation, and income-generation for women. Peace Winds has targeted the chronic water shortages and land use of the Serepul River basin. Today, following the deterioration of local security, Peace Winds is strengthening local capacity of civil society cooperating with several NGOs in Japan and Afghanistan.

Throughout the region, Peace Winds has been focusing on livelihood training. In **Gaza**, Peace Winds has implemented a cash-for-work training program for youth, helping improve livelihoods and develop career experience.

Class in Peace Winds constructed school in Iraq



Refugee in Uganda camp

East Africa

In 2017, Peace Winds has focused on refugees and displaced persons affected by growing conflicts and climate change in the east African region. Peace Winds provides support through WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) programs, shelter and housing construction, education/training, and livelihood programs.

Peace Winds provided shelter construction to two camps in **Kenya**: Dadaab refugee camp in eastern Kenya and Kakuma refugee camp on the South Sudan/Kenya border. Both camps house refugees fleeing conflict. Residents can remain in the camps for years. Peace Winds has overseen the construction of temporary housing and shelters and now provides support to families in the camps.

Beginning in 2014, Peace Winds has been supporting internally displaced people in Juba City, **South Sudan** and refugees in **Uganda**. Today Peace Winds provides materials for residents to build their own simple homes in residential districts, helping provide stability for families. Peace Winds has also focused on hygiene education programs for adults and children by teaching hand washing and overseeing latrine installation. Peace Winds is providing healthcare assistance, hoping to reduce infant and maternal mortality and to foster a healthier camp environment.

The Americas

Following the October 2016 Hurricane Matthew in **Haiti**, Peace Winds provided emergency food and shelter, targeting the hard-hit Saint Jean du Sud commune. In 2017, Peace Winds rebuilt schools and homes using local carpenters, and roofing and construction materials. Peace Winds distributed teaching kits, blackboards, and books.

Beginning in 2018, Peace Winds is initiating a construction/livelihoods program to support training in earthquake resistant construction for local leaders and residents, and for carpenters and masons.

Reconstructed primary school in Haiti



“Whole of Society” Preparedness Training

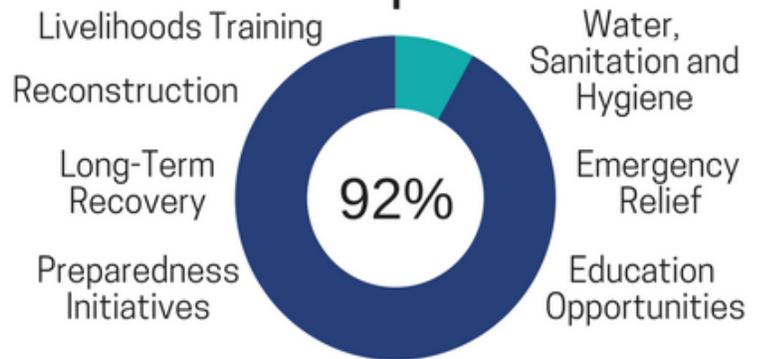
Peace Winds is continuing to explore a 2017-2018 US-Taiwan Disaster Preparedness Initiative to strengthen domestic and international disaster preparedness and response in Taiwan.

PWA is also developing a US-Japan-Korea Disaster Initiative to improve networking and enhanced response to natural disasters in SE Asia.

Previously, Peace Winds has implemented the Japan-U.S. and the Japan-U.S.-Philippines Civil Military Initiatives. Both initiatives led to policy and procedural changes how civil-society organizations, militaries, and private companies work together to more effectively respond build on each other's strengths while reducing overlap and costs.

For every dollar we invest in preparedness initiatives, we save between 4–11 dollars in future response costs.

Cost-Effective Impact



**Percentage of total funding for
Peace Winds relief and recovery
programs around the world.**



Partners

Peace Winds is most grateful to our numerous partners and supporters. Our work would not be possible without the many individuals who support our relief and recovery efforts around the globe. We also appreciate our generous foundation and private sector partners, including Global Giving, Boeing Foundation, Japan Business Associations and Chambers, Carnegie Peace Foundation, SYL Foundation, Japan Central Railway, Microsoft, Google, Amazon, and many others.

The Japan Government, U.S. Government, and U.N. have also provided significant support of Peace Winds. Other partners include the numerous local NGOs and governments of the host or recipient nations who respond and assist in recovery, without whom our effectiveness and efficiency would be greatly reduced.

We deeply appreciate and respect your continued support!

Thank You from Peace Winds

The U.N. predicts that more than 135 million people across the world will need humanitarian assistance in 2018 due to natural disasters and conflict. The needs for response and preparedness are increasing globally, and Peace Winds is expanding the scope of its operations and programs to address them. Peace Winds America and Peace Winds Japan are joining forces, building on our collective strengths and unifying our approach with donors. The enhanced partnership will make our joint response more effective, efficient, and cost-effective

With the generous support of our donors, Peace Winds responds to disasters in Asia and the Pacific, East Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. We provide shelters, water, sanitation, and hygiene, and we distribute food, blankets, building materials, and other basic necessities. We construct evacuation centers and schools, meet temporary housing needs, provide safe-havens, and train youth and women for employment.

Peace Winds remains anchored in the U.S.-Japan strategic alliance, channeling the expertise and goodwill of both countries to where it's most impactful. Together with its many partners and donors, Peace Winds is saving and changing lives and promoting peace.

Thank you for joining us!