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and Many Individuals
2016 Achievements

19,525 individuals in Nepal provided with materials and training to repair and rebuild homes damaged in the 2015 Gorkha Earthquakes

3x

Tripled the amount of individual donors who contributed to PWA on Giving Tuesday

5,500 families in the Kumamoto Prefecture from tent camps and shelters into temporary housing

Conducted business resilience trainings for more than 950 companies in Hai Phong, Vietnam

5,066 women, girls, and their families in rural Nepal provided with clean water, irrigation systems, and sanitation facilities

2,000 household items provided to Kumamoto earthquake victims as they moved into temporary housing

Programming in 7 countries in the Asia Pacific

2,200 iron sheets and tool kits provided to families whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti
Peace Winds immediately conducted search-and-rescue and provided evacuees basic necessities: food, water, shelter, sanitation facilities, blankets, and hygiene kits. Peace Winds erected tent camps, housing units, trailers targeting evacuees particularly those with special needs and with pets. In September, the Central Government constructed temporary housing for 5,500 families. Peace Winds helped the families move into the temporary housing and also distributed household kits (AC, air filter, heating carpet, etc.) to 2000 families. By the end of 2016 all Kumamoto evacuees were in housing. Peace Winds ended the year holding several “community building” events for the temporary housing residents, targeting the elderly and children.

The earthquakes of April 2016 devastated a wide swath of the Kumamoto Prefecture resulting in 180,000 evacuees losing their homes. PWA’s long involvement in Tohoku provided the know how to immediately find partners and supporters.

Since the 2015 disaster, PWA has provided immediate assistance and shelter to thousands of Nepali citizens affected by the quakes. In 2016 PWA and our NGO partner SABAH Nepal constructed multi-functional community centers that provide space for women workers to regain their livelihoods and to bolster community recovery. The centers provide training and support including classes in economic education, adult literacy, on-the-job training, psychosocial counseling, and also serve as a safe haven for women and girls. PWA worked with Rural Reconstruction Nepal (RRN) to reconstruct water systems/piping, to develop irrigation systems, and latrines in the mountainous home of the Thamiil people. The low caste Thamiil has historically been left out of the earthquake recovery process.

The 5,000 primary beneficiaries, women and girls, now have access to water in their homes or nearby, latrines so they can attend schools, and water for the fields and livestock. RRN conducted numerous sanitation plus hand-washing classes in schools and communities.

In November 2016 Hurricane Matthew ripped through houses and farmlands leaving very little for people in western Haiti. Soon after, Peace Winds distributed tarpaulins and blankets to 500 families in the Torbeck commune. One survivor reported, “My family took refuge at our neighbors with a stronger house when the hurricane went through our area. I had never experienced anything like that before. We found out the next day that our house was mostly gone. All my family was safe, but we had no safe home anymore. Then Peace Winds provided a tarpaulin and a blanket. We used the tarpaulin to make a living room in our temporary shelter, where we can eat and children can play.” Peace Winds continues to assist the Torbeck families with construction materials and tools for housing and rebuilding safe schools.
Since our beginnings in 2008, Peace Winds America has become more efficient, effective, and wiser. In 2016, Peace Winds America responded to back to back earthquakes in Kumamoto, Japan as well as to Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. We continued to help Nepal recover from its 2015 earthquakes, as well as helping northern Japan (Tohoku) rebuild the fishing industry and elderly communities. In relief and recovery, Peace Winds targeted those most in need the elderly, the isolated, and women and girls. Peace Winds not only delivered much needed aid to disaster victims, but also provided building materials, trainings on constructing durable structures, and new community centers that offer livelihood trainings. By doing so, Peace Winds seeks to rebuild communities affected by disaster to be stronger and more resilient to the next disaster.

PWA’s growth depends upon our excellent partnerships. A critical partnership is with our sister organization, Peace Winds Japan, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2016. We’re glad to continue to share best practices and lessons learned while we work independently and together. Other pivotal partnerships this year have been with cities like Seattle and Hai Phong; government ministries and aid agencies (Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, U.S.); militaries including national guards (U.S., Philippines, Japan); businesses (Boeing, John Deere, and Takeda); and, foundations (Newman’s Own, Annenberg, and Carnegie).

In closing 2016, Peace Winds America stands ready to meet the challenges of strengthening preparedness and response in the Asia Pacific. We are grateful and ready because of our strong and committed partners.

Charles Aanenson

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**Total Expenses**

- **Preparedness Programs** 6%
- **Administration** 6%
- **Japan Relief and Recovery** 33%
- **Vietnam Business Resilience** 28%
- **Nepal Recovery** 27%

**Total Support**

- **Businesses** 9%
- **Individuals and Community Groups** 10%
- **Foundations** 49%
- **Governments** 32%

Peace Winds begins 2017 with five projects across Taiwan, Japan, Nepal, Haiti, and the U.S. that will further its mission to foster preparedness and provide relief and recovery for people affected by natural disaster:

- **Taiwan** - Disaster preparedness initiative with international partners
- **Japan** - Building community for the elderly in Kumamoto
- **Nepal** - Clean water for women and girls in rural Ramechapp
- **Haiti** - Back to safe schools after Hurricane Matthew
- **US** - Business Continuity Program for stateside partners