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Approximately 164 billion yen was provided in one year by 174 countries and regions after the Great East Japan Earthquake: a new study report revealed

International Development Center of Japan (IDCJ) today launched a report “Comprehensive Review of Assistance from Overseas for the Great East Japan Earthquake,” online. The study reveals that the governments, individuals and groups of 174 countries and regions¹, and international organizations, made financial contributions of approximately 164 billion yen² for relief and reconstruction over a one-year term between March 11, 2011 and March 31, 2012. This is equivalent to approximately 40% of donations collected domestically. It further shows that Japan was the largest recipient of emergency assistance from the international community in 2011³. Japan also received human resource cooperation from 99 countries and regions, and donations of goods and services from 73 countries and regions. Out of 174 countries and regions, 119 were Japanese ODA recipients and 35 were among the so-called “Least Developed Countries (LDC)” in Asia and Africa.

Note 1: The number of countries and regions excludes cases where 1) assistance was not confirmed as accepted even if it was pledged; 2) the information did not identify the country to which the assistance belong; and 3) assistance was provided outside of the target period.

Note 2: This value may require upward revision to around 60 billion yen. Possible margins of error include: downward revision due to a small range of overlap, and large-size upward revisions due to information that the study failed to cover and information that was excluded due to the potential for overlap. The figure does not include the monetary value of in-kind contributions (material and human resource cooperation).

Note 3: According to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Somalia received the largest amount of humanitarian funding of 868,139,570 US dollars during 2011 (equivalent to 71.3 billion yen at the exchange rate used for this study).

<Background>

Comprehensive data on the assistances from governments, international institutions, private entities, and individuals from overseas for the Great East Japan Earthquake does not exist as of today. We believe that consolidating the overall view of the assistances from overseas and then feeding the results back to the world is the least responsibility of Japan as a member of international society. “Comprehensive Review of Assistance from Overseas for the Great East Japan Earthquake” was undertaken by concerned volunteers from the following organizations, chaired by Kazuo TAKAHASHI, former professor of International Christian University: Japan Red Cross Society, Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC), Japan Plat Form (JPF), and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). IDCJ served as the secretariat and conducted the survey and analysis.

<Methodology>

The figures have been calculated based on published information with additional information obtained from some organizations, while eliminating overlap whenever possible. The report analyses financial and in-kind (material and human resource) contributions in terms of donor attributes, region, ODA recipient /non-recipient countries, contents, timing, and the channels of assistance.

The full report in Japanese and the English abstract are available at:

<http://www.idcj.or.jp/activities/inhouse.html>

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