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Everyone can become an agent of peace,
and together we can break the chains of violence.

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**“Everyone can become an agent of peace,
and together we can break the cycle of hatred.”**

**For the past 14 years, we have walked alongside you with
the awareness and pride of being frontline practitioners.**

In 2011, when I entered Waseda University, I learned about Somalia, which was described as an “unparalleled human tragedy”. Despite the loss of many lives due to the famine and the civil war, there were almost no Japanese NGOs supporting Somalia at the time, and international organizations were being forced to withdraw due to the worsening security situation. I went to talk to various people to see if there was anything I could do, but the answers I received were harsh: “Don’t go, it’s too dangerous,” or “Gain experience in a safe place”.

Despite being advised against it, I felt a pressing need to act, frustrated that no measures had been taken due to concerns such as danger, lack of profit, limited empathy, and absence of precedent. I believed that since the tragedy was unfolding in real time, action could not wait years—it had to happen immediately. This conviction led me to establish the first Japanese NGO that works closely in Somalia, the Japan Somalia Youth Organization, in September 2011. At its founding, the initial fund of 30,000 yen was generously contributed by my peers.

As we continued to search for a solution, in September 2013 we began working with Somali gangs, who are targets for recruitment by non-state armed groups and are also a major cause of the deterioration of public safety. Through our efforts to accept and embrace them as fellow young people and help them make a fresh start as youth, we have witnessed them experience deep realizations and actualize change. Ultimately, we were able to achieve tangible results, with the dissolution of the area’s three largest gangs, each with around 170 members.

In April 2017, after I completed my master’s degree in the

UK while continuing my activities, I once again thought about what I and we should do. The conclusion I came to was that we should concentrate on pressing issues such as displacement and poverty. A new approach was essential to address the root causes of terrorism and armed conflict, and to ultimately break the cycle of hatred that fuels them. This was the beginning of a new challenge for Accept International. After much deliberation, we decided to base our approach on the attitude of “acceptance”, which we learned from working with the gangs. Since then, we have been working to break the cycle of hatred in areas where there is a high need but limited resources to provide support, not only in Somalia.

In parallel with these frontline efforts, starting from 2021, the 10th anniversary of our funding, we have been conducting international advocacy and research activities in places like New York, Geneva, and Oxford to establish new international norms that address the rights and empowerment of youth associated with non-state armed groups worldwide. Furthermore, as a body promoting these efforts, we launched a Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants (GTY) in September 2024. Participants include people from about 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe, including those who were formerly associated with non-state armed groups, victims of the conflicts, and experts in international law and human rights, working together to establish the international norm by 2031 .

If there is no precedent, we will create one. Together with you, we are determined to create a new approach and turn it into reality. We would appreciate your continued support.

Yosuke Nagai

Founder and Executive Director
Accept International



Our Approach

Increasing Agents of Peace and Breaking the Cycle of Violence

Q. Q. What should be done to break the cycle of hatred?

A. Guide the parties in conflict to become peacebuilders, and create international norms alongside them, while achieving reconciliation within their communities.



In a divided world, we are faced with ongoing armed conflicts and an increasing number of refugees. Behind this lies a chain of hatred characterized by the mindset of “an eye for an eye”, and as long as this is not resolved, peace will not come.

We focus on those suffering in conflict zones, such as young people unable to escape from non-state armed groups, children and refugees in humanitarian crises, and individuals facing social exclusion – people universally confronted with hardship. Creating spaces for them to break free from negative cycles and increasing the number of peacebuilders, including those involved in so-called violent extremist organizations and armed conflict, is

essential for generating a cycle of peace.

To this end, our efforts towards conflict parties include not only support to escape from non-state armed groups but also comprehensive social reintegration support through counselling, education and vocational training. For local communities, we implement emergency assistance for those affected by conflicts alongside individuals who were once part of those conflicts. Additionally, as part of our initiatives for a more global society, we advocate for the creation of international norms necessary for them to become peacebuilders.

Accept International's RPA Model

Re-define

Build a new identity

Rather than rejecting them, we consider each individual's concerns and backgrounds, and collaborate to find new ways of approaching problems and finding positive solutions for them.

- Care counselling
- Awareness raising

Prepare

Get ready to make your dreams come true

We help individuals to fully understand the uncomfortable reality that they live in, and prepare them to achieve self-realization within that environment.

- Disillusionment countermeasure sessions
- Dialogue sessions with representatives from society
- Vocational training
- Business training
- Basic education
- Religious re-education

Action

Take a new step and live

Individuals are prepared to re-enter society as young people, adults, parents, or contributing members of their community. They have a positive outlook on life and are able to set personal goals for their future.

- Forgiveness/reconciliation sessions with the community
- Regular counselling and monitoring
- Continuous long-term follow-up

Reference: Nagai, Y. and Maeda, K (2021) "Practice-Based Evidence and Beyond: A Case of Violent Extremist Offender Correction in a Conflict Zone", *Advancing Corrections Journal*, Edition 11, Article 12, pp. 170-180

The approach we take to the parties involved in the conflict is based on a uniquely developed RPA model ('Re-defining' identity, 'Preparing' for the realization of one's dreams, and taking new steps into 'Action'). Rather than unilaterally attempting to "correct" the individuals, such as in traditional methods, the RPA model demonstrates our fundamental attitude of facing them as fellow human beings, taking action together to enable them to become agents of peace.

The Social Impact of Our Unique Initiatives

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These efforts were featured in the Good Impact section of the international summit "One Young World", based in London, UK.

There, a third-party committee evaluated our efforts, stating that for every dollar invested, we generate a social impact of 32 dollars (as of March 2021).



Highly acclaimed domestically and internationally

Our work has received widespread recognition and acclaim both within Japan and internationally. From our work in Kenya, to the deradicalization and reintegration of Somali gang-members into society, to our current work in Somalia, Yemen and other countries.



First time for a Japanese initiative to be selected at the Paris Peace Forum.

Main Awards / Recognitions

Received the 28th Human Power Award (Youth Version of the National Honor Award) and the Minister for Foreign Affairs Encouragement Award

Received the 55th Social Contribution Award (Japan Foundation Award) from the Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Social Contribution Support Foundation

The RPA model was selected for the first time from Japan as a "Solution to Global Issues" at the Paris Peace Forum 2020

Received the Peace Award at the King Hamad Award co-hosted by the King of Bahrain and the United Nations Development Programme

Received the Nakasone Yasuhiro Award (Encouragement Award) from the Nakasone Peace Research Institute

Received the 2nd "SDGs Japan Scholarship Iwasa Award" (Peace and Human Rights Category)

Received the 28th Earth Ethics Promotion Award and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award

2024 ACTION HIGHLIGHT

Activity Highlights

Thanks to your support, we have made great progress in our efforts to break the cycle of hatred in 2024. This page summarizes the progress of each project at a glance.

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1 SOMALIA

An ex-combatant selected as the chef of the rehabilitation facility

In Galmudug state, one of the frontlines of the conflict in central Somalia, one of the frontlines of the conflict, we are working with Federal and State governments to operate a rehabilitation facility for defectors from the non-state armed group Al-Shabaab. We recently appointed a graduate of the facility as their cook. This has enabled us to create a cycle of peace in a fiercely conflicted area.

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2 YEMEN

Further efforts on the frontlines now underway

We have begun a full-scale rehabilitation and reintegration support for the detainees from the Ansar Allah Movement in Marib Governorate, which is one of the frontlines of the conflict. At a newly built rehabilitation facility based on donations from our donors, we started to implement programs such as vocational training and an interactive religious seminar, helping young detainees to become agents of peace in Yemen.

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4 INDONESIA

Maximum security prison steps up efforts to support ex-combatants

At the maximum security prison in Nusakambangan Island, known as the Prison Island, we provide rehabilitation support such as counselling and religious re-education for ex-combatants, as well as training for prison officers and probation officers who support their rehabilitation into society. From the key points of terrorism in Southeast Asia, we are reconsidering the meaning of peace alongside these prisoners, and taking a step forward together.

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7 INITIATIVES TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL NORMS

Launch of the Global Taskforce

In order to further promote the efforts to establish international norms, which have been underway since 2021, we have launched the new Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants (GTY) to involve Youth Associated with Non-State Armed Groups (YANSAG), victims and experts from around the world, and empower them to take the lead in the efforts. With the opportunity to collect testimonies from 15 countries, members from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Latin America and elsewhere are now participating.

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3 KENYA

Maximum security prison steps up efforts to support ex-combatants

We have begun full-scale efforts to help incarcerated former combatants to become peacemakers, by building counselling rooms and providing vocational training and maximum security prisons in the capital Nairobi and on the coast of Mombasa. We were also able to carry out meaningful efforts in Somalia's neighbour country which faces threats of terrorism.

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5 COLOMBIA

New initiative launched at rehabilitation camp for ex-combatants

We have started new initiatives to rehabilitate former combatants of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the largest left-wing armed group, and their families, as well as facilitating reconciliation within their local communities. Unlike Somalia, Yemen, and other countries, Colombia has already signed a peace agreement, and a new precedent for post-conflict peacebuilding is on the way.

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8 SUPPORT FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN

Expanding support to a wider range of people

Based on our experiences of providing consultation and support to foreigners, mainly Muslims, we implemented emergency support initiatives, such as medical care, clothing, food and housing to those who fled to Japan due to political persecution or conflict and applied for refugee status. One of them was a young man who was deceived in a conflict area and joined an armed group, but somehow managed to escape to Japan. His message can be found on the project introduction page.

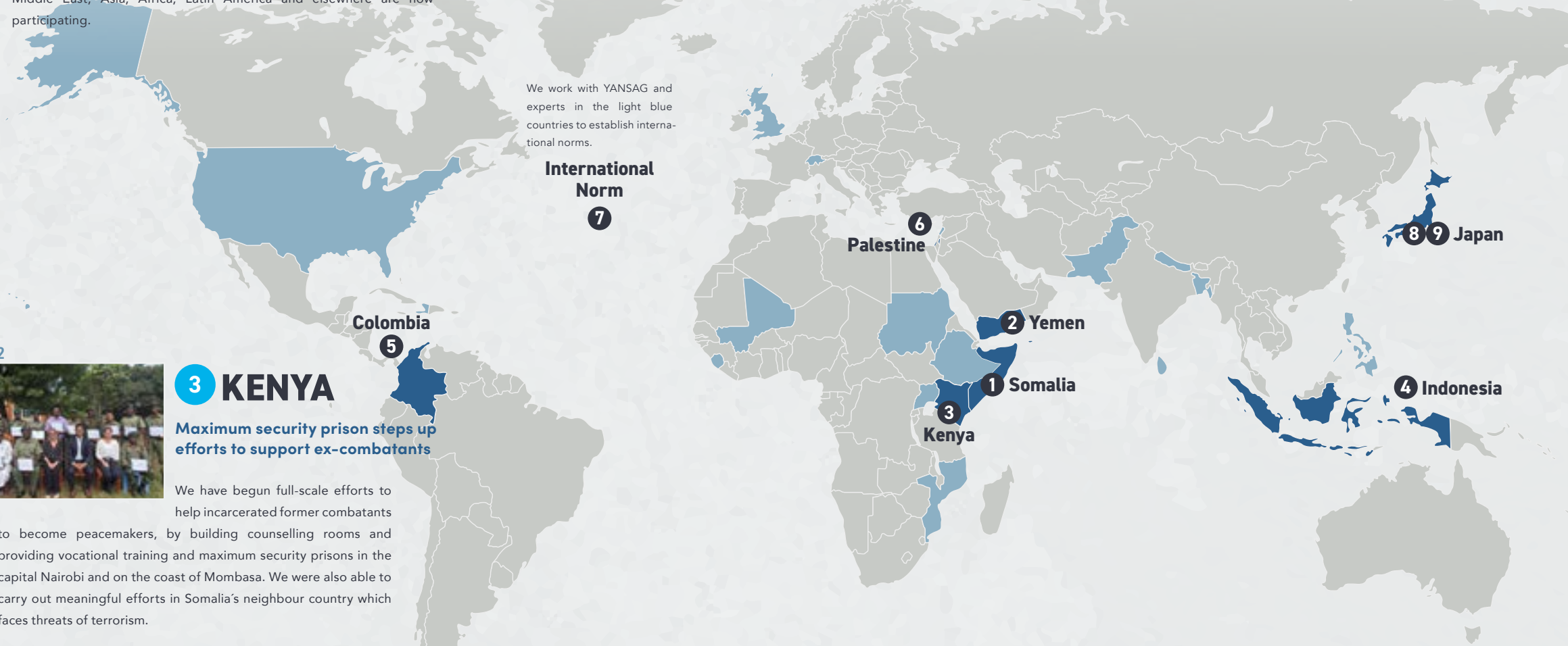
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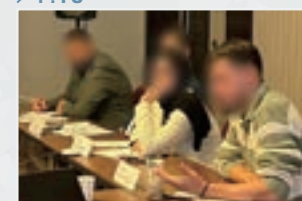
9 REHABILITATION SUPPORT FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENTS IN JAPAN

Those who once participated in rehabilitation support have now become counsellors

Just as in our overseas projects, we have promoted young people who were beneficiaries of the support to become supporters in various ways. In Japan we were able to involve former delinquents, who had been released from juvenile prisons as volunteer counsellors, so that they can utilize their unique potential. This was an important step towards making the system of support for young people more comprehensive.



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6 PALESTINE

Youth Leaders Dialogue for new peace process

In response to the worsening situation since October 2023, we began working in Palestine as a specialized organization for conflict resolution and peacebuilding. In addition to providing emergency humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, we established a platform for dialogue among young leaders from major political parties, organizations, and civil society. Through this initiative, we were able to begin developing a new peace process together with them—one aimed at bridging the division within Palestine, supporting its social restoration, and exploring new approaches for the future.

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10 AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN AND ABROAD

Winner of the 28th Global Ethics Promotion Award and the Minister of Education, Sports, Science and Technology Award

We are pleased to announce that we have received the 28th Global Ethics Promotion Award and the Minister of Education, Sports, Science and Technology Award, sponsored by the Ethics Research Institute. The awards are given annually to organizations that contribute to the promotion of global ethics in the fields of education, culture, medicine, environment, and regional development.



ESTABLISHING PEACE AMIDST SEVERE ARMED CONFLICT IN SOMALIA, THE WORLD'S WORST CONFLICT ZONE

The project aims to create a virtuous cycle of conflict resolution by helping young people leave Al-Shabaab and reintegrate into society, while fostering reconciliation with the local community.



What's happening in Somalia?

BACKGROUND

The civil war that began in the late 1980s has led to a steady increase in the number of refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as frequent famines. The situation has been prolonged by the control of territories and violent attacks by the non-state armed group, Al-Shabaab. As they refuse to engage in dialogue with the government and the international community, the traditional methods of conflict

resolution, such as concluding a peace agreement, are not effective. In these harsh conditions, young people are forced to join Al-Shabaab either out of necessity to survive, or through intimidation or brainwashing. There is also the serious problem that once they join, they are unable to leave due to fears of not being accepted by society or fear of retaliation by Al-Shabaab.



APPROACH

With the aim of creating a virtuous cycle towards conflict resolution, we are primarily working to achieve reconciliation with the local community, in addition to supporting young people to leave Al-Shabaab and reintegrate into society as peacemakers.



1 Promotion of defection from armed groups

In collaboration with local security forces, information on disengagement is disseminated through radio broadcasts and leaflets. In addition, we directly support the defection process by accepting phone inquiries.

2 Rehabilitation and social reintegration support

At the Central Prison in Mogadishu, the capital, and at a rehabilitation facility for defectors in Galmudug state, on the frontline of the conflict, we aim to help these defectors reintegrate into society as unique agents of peace through basic education in literacy and arithmetic, vocational training in sewing and carpentry, care counselling, and religious re-education.

3 Fostering reconciliation with society

We work with young people formerly associated with Al-Shabaab to provide emergency assistance such as food and water to conflict-affected communities, and also hold dialogue sessions aimed at reconciliation.

Beneficiary story

former Al-Shabaab combatant
Faisal (pseudonym)



From now on, I will support other youth as a cook

I was born in southern Somalia, where Al-Shabaab controlled the territory. I grew up in a poor family and didn't have the money to go to school. I heard that I could learn Islam for free at a school run by Al-Shabaab. At the time, I didn't know much about Al-Shabaab, and the young people around me were also involved, so I started going to the school and eventually started on the path to becoming a combatant.

However, I was not allowed to speak freely in the group, and I was deeply concerned about innocent people being caught up in the consequences. I decided to surrender, and was able to come to Accept International's rehabilitation facility for defectors like me.

I was a little worried at first, but the kindness of the staff made me realize how wonderful it was to be able to sleep peacefully. I have now completed the one-year program and I am working as a cook at the facility. When I was with Al-Shabaab, I was not only a combatant, I was also a cook, and I am making use of that experience. As a senior to the young people who come to the facility, I want to be someone who can guide them from now on.



From left to right: Vocational training in a woodworking center; religious re-education seminar; surrender promotion operation on the frontline in the central region.

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

525
PEOPLE
Facilitating voluntary
defection from Al-Shabaab
(since 2021)

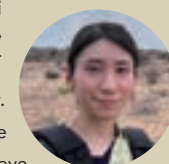
854
PEOPLE
Supporting the reintegration
of ex-combatants of
Al-Shabaab into society
(since 2019)

183,119
PEOPLE
Outreach and awareness-raising,
including providing information on
defection and reintegration programs
and dialogues toward reconciliation.

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Mizuki Takahashi
Deputy Director of the
International Project Department



Bridging the critical gaps in conflict resolution that few have been able to address.

On the frontlines of the conflict, every day we work with the constant question of how we can remain flexible and accomplish what must be done, even in unstable and unpredictable situations. In 2024, in response to the unstable continuation of the military operation against Al-Shabaab and suspension of support from international donors to some defector rehabilitation centers, we have strengthened our support to ensure opportunities to accept young people who have barely escaped violence. The defector rehabilitation center in Galmudug, which we established and operated with the state government, has accepted over 100 people so far, strengthening its role as a place where young people can get back on their feet in such an unstable situation. We have also been able to start ICT education. On the other hand, an armed uprising by Al-Shabaab inmate broke out at Mogadishu Central Prison, where we have been providing support for many

years and we had to suspend support to ensure safety. The perpetrators were all young people and I have been thinking back and forth about what I could have said to them before they turned to violence. Since the beginning of 2025, attacks by Al-Shabaab have become stronger than ever. The situation has become unstable not only on the frontlines in the Galmudug state, but also around the capital Mogadishu. Even in these circumstances, we will continue to work hard to fill the gaps in what needs to be done to resolve the conflict and to enable young people to return to society as positive peacebuilders. We will continue to engage in dialogues with various stakeholders and strengthen support for encouraging voluntary defection, which increases during times of instability, so that we can create opportunities for young people to leave violence. In addition, we will improve the quality of support at rehabilitation facilities for defectors, while strengthening support for other facilities and prisons where support has been suspended.



YEMEN

SO THAT ALL PEOPLE CAN HAVE HOPE, NOT WEAPONS

Comprehensive rehabilitation support for young individuals held as detainees and efforts towards their release. Aiming to create momentum for ending the conflict through negotiations and dialogue.



What's happening in Yemen?

Yemen has been suffering devastating damage from more than 10 years of violent conflict. Multiple factions, including the Ansar Allah Movement, commonly referred to as the Houthis, southern separatists, and other non-state armed groups are operating within the country, making it difficult to resolve the conflict. To date, more than 4.8 million people have become internally displaced, and 19.5 million people, or roughly half of the population, need humanitarian assistance, creating what has been called the

"world's worst humanitarian crisis".

There are many cases of young people being forced to join armed groups or joining out of necessity to ease the economic burden on their families. Even if they leave the armed groups, it is not easy to properly reintegrate into an already divided society. Additionally, young people who are captured in fighting are kept indefinitely, which further perpetuates the cycle of hatred and violence.



APPROACH

Aiming to create momentum towards an end to the conflict, our main activities include negotiating the release of young former combatants from the Houthis who are being held as detainees and supporting their reintegration into society, as well as providing support to local communities that have been affected by the protracted conflict.



①Negotiation on the exchange of detainees

We participate in negotiations regarding a detainee exchange between the Yemeni government and the Houthis, and we are working to achieve the release of all detainees being held indefinitely and their desired reintegration into society.

②Rehabilitation and social reintegration support

In the special detention center in Taiz Governorate in the southwest, which is on the frontlines of the conflict, and Marib Governorate in the central region, we are preparing them for their reintegration into society by providing them with basic education focusing on literacy, care counselling, and vocational training in areas such as sewing, electrical work, and interactive religious seminars.

③Support for victims

We are providing support to internally displaced persons, such as food, cash assistance, mental and physical healthcare, and vocational training. We are also proactively creating opportunities for the former combatants from the Houthis to participate in food distribution and other activities, leading to reconciliation.

Beneficiary story

Former combatant of the Houthis

Abdelghani (pseudonym)



I was given a second chance and now I'm in a position to spread peace.

I grew up in an area controlled by the Houthis, which led me to join the fight at a young age. However, I began to feel a deep sense of discomfort with the orders that targeted innocent people and the destruction of education. I had no choice but to continue fighting in a situation where I could not resist orders, but I was eventually captured by Yemeni government forces and sent to a rehabilitation facility supported by Accept International.

I was nervous at first, but I was touched by the kindness of the staff, realized how wonderful it was to be able to sleep peacefully, and began to feel a change deep inside. Now, based on the skills I learned in the program, I am a vocational instructor for solar panel installation at the special detention center, and I have been released. I also work as an electrician in my local area, and I am now living a stable life. My experience is an example of how people can change for the better. I am determined to continue sharing and spreading this experience around others.



Left to right: A workshop to improve the lives of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), vocational training in sewing, a discussion between detainees at the interactive religious seminar

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

850
PEOPLE



Disengaged from the Houthis
received rehabilitation support
(since 2023)

2,318



INTERNALLY DISPLACED

Persons and communities received
cash transfers - raising awareness
to improve their livelihoods

75



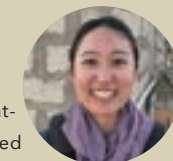
DISABLED PERSONS

Injured in the conflict received
mental and physical healthcare,
particularly vulnerable young
people

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Maruta Hikari
Yemen Division Staff



Working together to create a future for young detainees who are difficult to support

I was born in Hiroshima and have had a strong interest in peace and conflict resolution since I was in Junior high and high school, so I started working in the field of humanitarian aid three years ago. Currently, I oversee everything from fundraising to the operations and management of our projects in Yemen. In 2024, thanks to generous donations, we were able to fully move our projects forward, including building a rehabilitation facility in Marib Governorate, one of the frontlines of the conflict, as well as providing medical support and starting vocational training in sewing.

The situation of the detainees to whom we mainly deliver aid in Yemen may be difficult to imagine for those of us who live in places without

conflict or war. Detainees are mainly former combatants who have fallen into enemy hands during armed conflicts.

It is very difficult to provide support from the outside, but I think that our approach of dialogues and interaction with young detainees is the unique strength of Accept International.

When I talk to them, I find that many of them are young people who have been caught up in the conflict. I am moved by the way they work hard at rehabilitation and change for the better, as they are making up for lost time. I feel satisfied and rewarded to be able to support the future of these young people as part of creating change, "turning negatives into positives", together with the reliable local staff. We will continue to expand our activities in Marib Governorate and will work sincerely to eventually expand our rehabilitation support to all detainees throughout Yemen.

KENYA

TURNING MARGINALIZED YOUTH INTO LEADERS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

The aim is to help inmates who have participated in armed conflicts and vulnerable young people to find a path away from violence, while also strengthening support systems on the ground.



What's happening in Kenya?

Kenya is a country with a rich culture and leads the economy in East Africa. However, it is also heavily influenced by the non-state armed group Al-Shabaab, which is mainly active in the neighbouring Somalia. Many casualties have been caused by attacks in the northeastern part of the country near the Somali border, the coast, and the capital Nairobi.

In Kenya, high unemployment rates have led young people to turn to crime such as theft and

drugs to survive. Many of the inmates we work with are isolated from society, putting them at risk of joining Al-Shabaab. In addition, comprehensive rehabilitation support for inmates convicted of violent extremism is significant to better support their rehabilitation, empowerment, and successful reintegration into society while reducing the risk of recidivism and extremism.



APPROACH

In addition to helping prisoners related to non-state armed groups and unemployed young people find a path away from violence, we are strengthening the support systems available to them.



① Prevention of Joining Armed Groups

By supporting vocational training and business plan development, as well as providing life skills training such as goal setting and financial management, we promote income generation among unemployed youth and those involved in gangs, thereby preventing their recruitment into armed groups.

② Rehabilitation and social reintegration support

In the maximum-security prisons in Nairobi and Mombasa, we support existing vocational training programs such as sewing and carpentry by providing equipment and renovating facilities, while also implementing care counseling and religious re-education for inmates involved in any form of attack, and creating dialogue spaces that promote mutual understanding and reconciliation with the community.

③ Strengthening Support Systems

We conduct training to enhance the capabilities of local government officials who support marginalized youth and prison officers and probation officers who assist in the reintegration of inmates, as well as establishing counseling facilities and repairing vocational training centers.

Beneficiary story

Former combatant of the non-state armed group Al-Shabaab

Hassan (pseudonym)



I can now have hope for reintegration into society

I am 26 years old and from the coast of Kenya. I was separated from my family as a child and grew up in a slum.

But then I was attracted to people who told me they had work for me, and I chose to follow them. After that, I participated in combat training, but I'm not ready to talk about the details yet.

I've been in prison since my late teens, and I've been living with regret and anxiety about the past. The turning point for me came when Accept International offered me the opportunity for business management skills training. It was the first time I felt that I still had potential. I am learning the basics of entrepreneurship, such as market analysis and financial planning. With the help of senior inmates, I am gradually acquiring skills. In fact, my attitude has become more positive as I spend time in the clean facility. My dream is to have my own workshop and start my own business after I finish my sentence. Before, I couldn't even imagine such a future. But thanks to the support from Accept International, I am able to live my life with a positive attitude.



From left to right: donation of vocational training equipment to prisons; dialogue session with religious leaders, police, and prison counselors; newly established counseling room inside the prison.

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

116
PEOPLE



Income generation support for unemployed youth, including gang members

180
PEOPLE

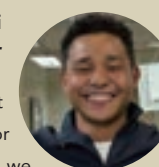


In maximum security prisons providing reintegration support to Al-Shabaab and other terrorism prisoners

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Kanyakiso Souhei Phiri
Kenya Division Manager



Helping others move forward by drawing on diverse roots and practical field experience

I was born in Zimbabwe and raised by a Malawian father and a Japanese mother. My experiences growing up in different cultures and value systems have become unique perspectives and strengths for me. While working in sales and planning roles in a private company, I began to think, "I want to engage in work that directly impacts people's potential," which led me to join Accept International.

In Kenya, I am responsible for building relationships with local government and prison officials, conducting research, and preparing reports, as well as managing global awareness events as part of the overseas business department, serving as a link between the Japan headquarters and the local area. I am also working on improving vocational training for unemployed youth. This year, we conducted training in smartphone repair skills in the semi-slum areas of Nairobi. To enhance the quality of the training, we are

working on improving operational aspects for the next fiscal year. Additionally, in our rehabilitation support for young people formerly involved in extremist activities, we are involved in program design, facility development, and building collaboration with the local community. In the early stages of our activities, it was challenging to gain the motivation of those young people and the understanding of the community, leading to a continuous process of trial and error. However, careful dialogue and consistent efforts on the ground are gradually yielding results.

My experience in coordinating tasks in private companies and the flexible response and problem-solving skills I developed through volunteering directly relate to my current work, which aims to foster consensus while understanding the perspectives of others. No matter how difficult the situation, the joy of witnessing positive changes in people is invaluable. Moving forward, I will continue to challenge myself to expand systems that create sustainable change throughout Africa.



INDONESIA

REDEFINING PEACE AND ACHIEVING IT TOGETHER

The aim is to support former members of non-state armed groups and young people who have been imprisoned for terrorist acts throughout the region, and to help them live peaceful lives rather than returning to violence.



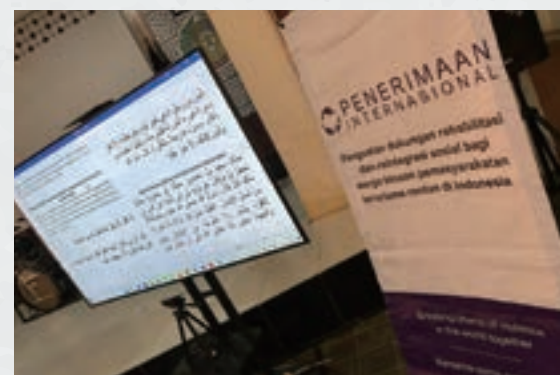
What's happening in Indonesia?

BACKGROUND

One aspect of Indonesia is the growing damage and risk of terrorism caused by non-state armed groups such as Jemaah Islamiyah and Jamaah Ansharut Daulah. A large number of perpetrators and suspects have been arrested and incarcerated, but they have not received adequate care and support for the reintegration back into society, which results in some of them continuing to hold extremist views even after completing their sentences.

In addition, non-state armed groups are still

active, increasing the risk of radicalization among vulnerable young people. There have been many reported cases where some mosques and social media sites have been used to spread radical messages and contents to incite social discontent, inviting young people to join these groups. In response, relevant ministries and agencies have taken technical control measures. In some cases, however, it sparked resentment among young people and promoted radicalization.



APPROACH

Our organization provides rehabilitation support to inmates who are incarcerated in connection with extremist activities, as well as former inmates who have been released. Additionally, it works to promote reconciliation with the local community and prevent radicalization



① Rehabilitation and reintegration support

Compared to other areas, Indonesia has a higher number of cases where inmates have joined armed groups for religious or ideological reasons, so we focus on providing care-counseling, religious re-education seminars, and disillusionment countermeasures for inmates involved in so-called violent extremist organizations. Our main location is the maximum-security prisons on Nusakambangan Island, known as the prison island.

② Promoting reconciliation and preventing radicalization by involving local communities

We create a place for dialogue to promote reconciliation between former inmates associated with non-state armed groups and the local community, and also work with local people to prevent radicalization through educating young people.

③ Strengthening the support system

We also provide capacity building training on counseling and relationship building for prison officers and probation officers who support the social reintegration of inmates, and improve counseling facilities.

Beneficiary story

Former member of
Jamaah Ansharut Daulah
Wawan (pseudonym)



Realization through human dialogue

I became involved with the armed group because I wanted to learn more about religion. I attended a study group held at a nearby mosque and learned about Islamic law and Islamic states, which led me to think that Indonesia should also be an Islamic state. Then, someone invited me to join the group. I was subsequently arrested for attacking a police station, and I am currently in prison.

It was a big turning point for me to be able to participate in Accept International's religious re-education seminars while in prison. In the seminar, I learned that "jihad" is not just armed struggle, and that it is God, not man, who defines "infidels". This made me realize that not all my previous beliefs were correct. I am also grateful that Accept International took the trouble to come to the prison and hold a direct dialogue with me, even though contact with the outside world is limited. It was a moment when I felt that I was being "treated as a human being" through warm interactions with people I hadn't had in a long time. Accept International's efforts are very meaningful and give me great hope. I hope that they will continue in the future.



Left to right: training for prison officers at a maximum security prison; religious re-education seminar; disillusionment countermeasure session

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

40
PEOPLE



Supporting the reintegration of 40 prisoners in maximum security prisons

30
PEOPLE



Capacity building training for probation and prison officers

47
PEOPLE



Creating space for dialogue between for reconciliation between 31 members of the local community and 16 inmates

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Yosuke Mukaide
Indonesia Division Manager



Creating peace with our own hands

Having been interested in issues of peace and conflict since my student-days, I studied peacebuilding in graduate school and then worked as a researcher at the Japanese Embassy in Kuwait before joining Accept International. As the head of our Indonesia department, I am primarily responsible for overseeing and managing our operations there, approaching each day with the awareness that I am contributing to peace through my own efforts.

In 2024, we stepped up rehabilitation support for inmates who are considered high-risk by prison authorities on Nusakambangan Island, known as Indonesia's prison island, and provided care counseling, religious re-education seminars, and disillusionment countermeasures sessions. In terms of physical infrastructure, we have begun construction of counselling facilities within the maximum security prison and renovation of meeting

halls for holding various workshops and seminars. In addition, to establish a base for activities locally, we established an Indonesian subsidiary of Accept International and signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indonesian Directorate General of Corrections, which expanded our collaboration with local government agencies and civil society organizations. As a newly established local organization, we were still inexperienced, and there were times when we encountered cultural differences and miscommunication with our counterparts, but we were able to resolve these issues one by one by engaging sincerely with our counterparts. In 2025, we intend not only to complete the ongoing projects commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, but also to continue to deepen cooperative relationships with local authorities in order to sustain the projects, and to work on formulating new projects in other Southeast Asian countries, such as the Philippines.



COLOMBIA

CREATING A NEW SOCIETY TOGETHER WITH EX-COMBATANTS AFTER THE PEACE AGREEMENT

Starting with a reintegration support camp for ex-combatants, we will create a model for social integration and reconciliation with local communities after the peace agreement.



What's happening in Colombia?

BACKGROUND

After more than 50 years of civil war between government forces and non-state armed groups, including the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the largest left-wing armed group, a peace agreement was signed in Colombia in 2016. Some former combatants are living in reintegration camps run by the government, but they are economically unstable, have few connections with the local community, and have not made much progress in reconciliation.

Among them, some former combatants from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia have formed armed groups, which are involved in crimes such as violence and drug trafficking. There have also been cases where the lives of former combatants and their families have been threatened, forcing them to repeatedly relocate. As a result, this has further widened social division and increased the risk of young people becoming drawn into violence.



APPROACH

The organization aims to foster reconciliation while providing rehabilitation and reintegration support to former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia combatants, their families, and people living near reintegration camps.



① Rehabilitation and reintegration support

In the reintegration camp in Caquetá department, where many ex-combatants live, we provide comprehensive services, such as: group counseling; vocational training in cocoa cultivation, sales, and sewing, and support for building business plans for ex-combatants and their families, as well as for people living in the local community.

② Fostering reconciliation

We have built a multi-purpose facility in the reintegration camp that is accessible to local people, and are promoting exchanges with local people through sports events and holding dialogue sessions for reconciliation.

③ Strengthening the support system

We are conducting capacity building training, such as dialogue skills, both for government agency staff who support ex-combatants and their families, as well as people living around the reintegration camp.

Beneficiary story

Former combatant for the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (AFCC)

Maria (pseudonym)



Even in the depths of despair, hope for peace will not disappear

Wanting to escape domestic violence and poverty, I joined the group at the age of 18 and worked as a nurse. However, life in the forest was unimaginably harsh, and the reality of the conflict gradually numbed my mind. When I was 34, a peace agreement was signed, and a new life began for me in a rehabilitation camp. There, while contributing to the local community through organic farming and handicrafts, I began to think deeply about what I really wanted in life.

Then when I was forced to leave my familiar land due to threats from a faction of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, I was once again on the brink of despair. However, my hope for peace has not disappeared. I am currently working independently on a project to distribute coffee together with the local producers, and I am also exploring the path to independence by participating in sewing training sessions held by Accept International. I hope to continue to cherish opportunities for dialogues and to continue working to bring true peace to Colombia.



From left to right: Vocational training in a woodworking center; religious re-education seminar; surrender promotion operation on the frontline in the central region.

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

35
PEOPLE



Rehabilitation and reintegration support to former combatants of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and their families

57
PEOPLE



Providing rehabilitation support for communities affected by civil war and creating spaces for reconciliation

40
PEOPLE



Training to improve the dialogue skills of government officials who support former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia combatants and their families.

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Mayo Suzuki
Colombia Division Manager



Although some people have questioned the support given to ex-combatants, this was a definite step forward

I first learned about Accept International's activities when I was looking for a Japanese peacebuilding NGO while studying peace and conflict resolution at graduate school. After gaining experience in starting up a company and an NGO, I started working as a freelancer. I decided to join Accept International as a representative in Colombia with a strong desire to get involved in Colombia's social issues as an NGO staff member. I have been living in Colombia for six years, but before I joined Accept International, I mainly interacted with victims of the conflict and those who support them. Although the value of "forgiving perpetrators" is important, there is a lack of resources to support perpetrators. In addition, some victims of conflict have doubts about NGOs that support former combat-

ants. In the midst of this, we began activities in the reintegration camp and surrounding areas in Caquetá Department, where needs are high, but support is particularly lacking. When supporting ex-combatants, it is important to patiently support them at their own pace and to motivate them. In the early days of our activities, there were times when it was difficult to build relationships, such as low attendance rates for vocational training and loss of contact with participants. However, as they understood our enthusiasm and the importance of each session, their attitudes began to change. We are also working with the local government to achieve reconciliation throughout the region. What was particularly impressive was when a conflict victim who served as an instructor for vocational training spoke about the former combatants who participated, saying "They are also members of our community. I would like to continue to promote these activities in the future". Although it is still only the first year, I strongly feel that we have been taken a definite step forward.

PALESTINE

PAVING THE WAY TO PEACE FROM A NEW PERSPECTIVE

In addition to providing emergency humanitarian assistance to the Gaza Strip, we will promote a new peace process led by women and young leaders.



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What's happening in Palestine?

BACKGROUND

With nearly 80 years of armed conflict and occupation continuing, the situation in Palestine has become even more chaotic since October 7, 2023. In particular, the number of Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip has exceeded 50,000, including many women and children. In the midst of this emergency, humanitarian assistance is being provided to the Gaza Strip, but a new peace process is underway.

Much of the dialogue both between Palestine and Israel, and within Palestine, has been led by senior political leaders, with very limited participation by women and young people who will be the future leaders of society. We see this as a contributing factor to the lack of solutions to the ongoing problem, especially since past peace processes have not included the key parties to the conflict.

APPROACH

We are creating a new peace process led by young leaders and working together with them to provide emergency humanitarian assistance.



① Dialogue meeting for a new peace process

In order to repair the division of Palestine and create a new approach, we are creating a forum for dialogue to promote a new peace process by inviting the participation of young leaders from major political parties, organizations, and civil society.

② Capacity Building Training for Youth Leaders

In collaboration with international organizations and universities, we provide training in international law, peacebuilding, negotiation, media strategy, etc., to strengthen the capabilities of young leaders and promote the peace process.

③ Emergency humanitarian assistance in the Gaza Strip

We are coordinating and collaborating with the United Nations, other NGOs, and young leaders to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to protect lives currently under threat in refugee camps in Gaza, including improving sanitation and providing food and water.

Beneficiary story

Palestinian Youth Leader Aiman (pseudonym)



The biggest victory for any party is to make peace

Since the invasion began, I have been working as a member of an NGO to provide humanitarian aid while continuing to write reports on violations of human rights and international laws in Gaza. The situation on the ground was unimaginably harsh, and I was prepared to die when an attack happened right in front of me while I was delivering supplies to a hospital.

Since it is not possible to attend the dialogue meeting held by Accept International in person, people participate online from places such as refugee camps, but there have been times when attacks have occurred during meetings, and we have had to move to another location to continue the meeting. There are times when a deep gap can be felt between young leaders of political parties and civil society. However, the existence of a place where people from different positions can exchange words is extremely valuable.

Where will we end up in this jungle that painfully surrounds us from all sides? The greatest victory for all parties must be peace. I would like to hone my advocacy and negotiation skills and achieve tangible results on the ground, not just in the dialogue room.



Left to right: hygiene awareness activities, children helping with water supply support, discussion at the dialogue meeting

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

4,622
PEOPLE



Distribution of hygiene kits and awareness-raising activities in the Gaza Strip for vulnerable people

8,340
PEOPLE



Providing water to vulnerable war victims in the Gaza Strip

37
PARTICIPANTS



Youth leaders participating in the dialogue meetings towards a new process until April 2025

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Yosuke Nagai
Executive Director



Together with the Palestinian youth who made the courageous choice to engage in dialogue

Since October 7, 2023, we have been thinking about what we should do. Emergency humanitarian assistance in the Gaza Strip is obviously important, and we are providing it. However, given the dire situation in Palestine, we felt that this alone would not be enough. So, by utilizing our experience and network, we have been engaging in dialogue with many leaders, including young individuals, from various organizations and political parties, and we have come to the conclusion that now is the time for a new dialogue process that is more inclusive and goes beyond just words.

After about a year of negotiations, the key players in the Palestinian peace process have finally reached a formal agreement and decided to participate in dialogue meetings to advance a new peace process. I would like to express my sincere respect for their courage. There were heated debates at the meeting, but it was agreed that they would go beyond political parties

and ideologies to further advance the new peace process. We are also speaking not only to major political parties and organizations, but also young people in the Gaza Strip and those who have managed to escape, risking their lives. Some of them have said things like "We are not involved in political decisions, but we are just being killed and driven away". These young people must also be included in the new process. And above all, I believe that young leaders who have been officially entrusted with the responsibility of the older political leaders must have the courage to face the voices of these citizens and move forward together.

The path to peace between Palestine and Israel has collapsed many times. Furthermore, efforts to overcome divisions and conflicts within Palestine have not worked well. This is why we are now working with young leaders of civil society, major political parties and organizations to take on a new challenge, a process that transcends political parties and ideologies. We will support their progress as a good third party, working in cooperation with courageous people both domestically and internationally.



INTERNATIONAL NORM

TURNING YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN ARMED CONFLICTS AROUND THE WORLD INTO PEACEMAKERS

We aim to establish international norms for the rights and empowerment of young people involved in armed conflict so that they can live as peacemakers

Our awareness of the issues

In our work to date, we have recognized that many young people in non-state armed groups are complicit in violence not because of extremist beliefs, but mainly due to forced recruitment, threats, economic and social hardships, marginalization, and anger toward the government and the international community.

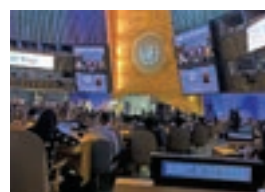
Youth Associated with Non-State Armed Groups (YANSAG) involved in terrorism and armed

conflict are also the future of society, and also have the potential to become unique Agents of Peace because of their experiences as former conflict actors. However, they have been viewed as simply a threat and left behind. This makes it difficult for them to break free from the cycle of hatred and is a major obstacle to sustainable peace.



APPROACH

We work alongside YANSAG themselves to raise international awareness and establish international norms regarding their rights and empowerment, while developing and implementing programs that enable them worldwide to become unique Agents of Peace.



① International advocacy activities

In order to raise international awareness of the rights and empowerment of young people involved in armed conflict, we hold and participate in conferences and symposiums, collect testimonies from those involved, and conduct research activities.

② Establishment and operation of a global taskforce

We have established and operate the Global Taskforce for Youth Combatants (GTY), engaging YANSAG themselves and victims in the development of concrete international norms, while ensuring that they take an active, leading role in these initiatives.

③ Development and implementation of empowerment programs

In collaboration with educational institutions and specialized skill-development organizations worldwide, we develop and implement comprehensive empowerment programs that enable conflict-affected individuals around the world to become Agents of Peace, drawing on our accumulated knowledge and experience.

Beneficiary story

Former member of a Philippine non-state armed group

Nahara (pseudonym)



Our past is a source of strong will for a bright future

When I was a 19-years-old university student, I was recruited through a sermon at a mosque and later married one of the organization's leaders. However, my husband was killed in battle, and I began to feel the stupidity of fighting and question whether armed combat is really just, so I left the organization. I am currently living in a military-controlled facility and attending university with the aim of becoming a lawyer.

I am honoured to be a part of the Global Task Force on Peace (GTY). Although we are often viewed in a one-dimensional way, I believe we have great potential to grow and flourish as peacebuilders. The road to a peaceful future is not always smooth, but together we can become powerful agents of peace that create sustainable positive change and hope. Through GTY, we hope to prove that we are not defined by our past, but that our past is the source of determination for a brighter future.



Left to right: testimony collection in the Philippines; interview with a female combatant in Sri Lanka; hearings at a training institute for peacekeeping in Ethiopia

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

497
PARTICIPANTS



Awareness raising and outreach through international symposiums and GTY

450
TESTIMONIES



Collected from combatants involved in conflict in over 15 countries around the world

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Yuna Minami

Advocacy Officer of the International Norms Development Division



Taking on the challenge of creating an international framework by utilizing knowledge gained on the ground

I am proud to be a member of Accept International because, while adhering to a thorough on-the-ground approach, we are also seriously working to reform the social structure that is essential for conflict resolution. We are working to establish international norms that support the care and empowerment of young people who have been involved in armed conflict, in order to build a foundation for them to leave organizations and return to society as people who can contribute to peace. In fiscal year 2024, we established a Global Taskforce with members including former combatants and victims of conflict from around the world, human rights lawyers active in various countries, and peacebuilding experts.

Through online events and symposiums, we have begun creating a space where these people can share in their own words the background to their joining the organization, their experiences, and their thoughts on peace. We have also steadily advanced our advocacy activities, such as working with civil society in each country to issue policy recommendations to the G7 on empowering parties in conflict. Furthermore, we will be conducting interviews with former combatants in 15 countries and creating an empowerment program in the form of a textbook aimed at teaching them the skills they need to become peacemakers. We plan to begin implementing this program in conflict-affected countries next year. We will continue to make the most of the experience we have gained on the ground, accelerate our efforts while involving more stakeholders, and move steadily and swiftly towards the establishment of international norms.



JAPAN

CREATING A CYCLE FOR PEACE AND COEXISTENCE IN JAPAN

Promoting peace and coexistence within Japan by supporting Muslims—who often face marginalization in the country—and assisting refugee applicants in distress.



Our awareness of the issues

In Japan, where the population is steadily declining, the number of foreigners is increasing year by year, and they are becoming an important presence in the Japanese economy. However, among them, Muslim people have customs and traditions that are significantly different from those in Japan, and as a result, they often face complex difficulties in life, including children, and are easily isolated in society. There are only a few support groups that have a strong presence for Muslims, and they tend to be left out of social support.

In addition, the number of applicants for refugee status has increased due to the relaxation of entry restrictions since the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these people do not have a resident status, and if they do, they are unable to register as residents due to their short period of stay and are therefore unable to receive social security benefits such as national health insurance and child allowances. Many households are in dire straits as they do not have work permits, and some are forced to live on the streets, increasing the risk of health problems and becoming involved in crime.



APPROACH

We support these people to realize their potential by providing consultation support to address the issues they face, as well as food and housing assistance and basic Japanese language lessons. We also work to improve the environment surrounding these people by promoting cooperation between mosques and multicultural coexistence.



① Consultation support

Through our website and WhatsApp, we respond to consultations regarding visa status, employment, education, medical care, daily life, and concerns about the future. We provide information, support, and legal advice in cooperation with experts as needed, as well as assistance in finding housing.

② Food support, housing support, and Japanese language instruction

We provide food and daily necessities to those who are particularly in need. We also provide temporary shelter as needed and simple online Japanese language instruction to prevent isolation.

③ Promotion of mosque cooperation and multicultural coexistence

We connect mosques across the country and provide a mosque representative meeting to share and discuss the common concerns of Muslims, as well as a place where female Muslims can share their concerns about raising children and connect with each other. We also hold events aimed at multicultural coexistence in cooperation with them.

Beneficiary story

Former combatant of a rebel group in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Patrice (pseudonym)



Overcoming hardships at home

I lost my father when I was 18 and lived apart from my mother, but I returned to my hometown when I was 31. Eventually, a friend invited me to work on a farm, but it turned out to be an armed group's base. Armed men threatened us, saying "Fight as a rebel, and if you run away, we'll shoot you" but I decided to escape with my friend. We fled under gunfire and encountered government forces a few days later. However, seven of us were arrested as rebels and killed in prison without trial. It took me a month to escape back to my hometown.

After returning home, I was attacked by masked men, and my mother and cousin were assaulted. My mother, fearing for her life, gave me a backpack and some cash and arranged for me to escape to South Africa. I managed to get a new passport and was finally able to come to a safe place, aiming to go to Japan in 2023. I met Accept International when I was living as a homeless person in Tokyo. It was a painful past, but now I am able to talk to people. Now I participate in Accept International's activities as a volunteer interpreter, and feel that my heart is gradually brightening.



Left to right: food support for refugee applicants who are forced to live on the streets, consultation support for Muslims, multicultural coexistence event in Saga Prefecture

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

1,006
PEOPLE



Received employment and life consultations, aimed at foreigners, mainly Muslims, and support for their children and young people

1,200
PEOPLE



Received emergency assistance, who were distressed refugee applicants, in the form of medical care, clothing, food, housing, etc.

120
PEOPLE



participated in events aimed at the multicultural coexistence held in Saga Prefecture and other areas.

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Kyoko Yoshino
Director of the Domestic Department



A world where everyone can realize their potential

I joined Accept International in January 2023 and have been involved in refugee support for about 18 years, including my experiences at my previous job. Utilizing the knowledge and insight I gained from interacting with the stories of tens of thousands of refugees, in 2024 we provided emergency humanitarian assistance for seven months to more than 1,000 people in total, including the provision of emergency accommodation, food, hygiene products, and Japanese language courses, focusing on refugee recognition applicants who were unable to register as resident and did not have work permits due to the lack of residence status requirements. This project was notable for the fact that there were several homeless minors and pregnant women, and that some young people had been forced

to become militant fighters in their home countries but had then escaped.

It's not just a story of a distant war zone; now there are such people here in the peaceful Japan. Some of them cried when they saw their children dancing the Bon Odori (Japanese traditional dance) at the summer festival, saying, "I never knew there was such a beautiful and peaceful time on Earth". There are children and adults who grew up without knowing this, right next to us.

In 2025, in addition to continuing to support the people we met through this project, we will also provide Japanese language courses to teenagers who are unable to attend school due to the lack of residence status requirements, and comprehensive living support to those without work permission.



JAPAN

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN JAPAN AND CARVING OUT A NEW FUTURE TOGETHER

We aim to understand the complex backgrounds of young people who have become involved in crime or cannot rely on adults close to them, and to paint a new future together with them.



Our awareness of the issues

Young people who engage in delinquent behavior are often stigmatized by society. While support for victims of juvenile crime is, of course, important, helping young people who have committed offenses reintegrate into society and preventing recidivism can reduce the number of future victims. Many of these youths face challenges they cannot address on their own, including domestic violence, poverty, mental illness, and

disabilities. Providing support for young people with such complex needs is often difficult within existing rehabilitation and welfare frameworks. That is why comprehensive support addressing their diverse needs is essential.



APPROACH

We provide consultation support, lifestyle support, and housing support to young people in their teens and twenties who have been released from juvenile detention centers or prisons, young people on probation, those in custody awaiting trial, and prisoners, and we also carry out activities to prevent the risk of becoming involved in crime.



① Consultation support

Through daily communication, meetings, and correspondence, we provide consultation support to help these young people have hope for life and live a positive social life.

② Housing support and lifestyle support

For young people who have troubles with delinquency or crime and have no place to go back to, we provide housing for a period of about 3 to 6 months and provide lifestyle support for independence, such as financial management and employment/study support.

③ Calling out to them and support for a place to belong

We call out to young people who go to busy areas in search of a place to belong and are at risk of becoming involved in crime, and provide support for finding a place to belong through temporary spaces.

Beneficiary story

A former delinquent who was released from a juvenile detention center

Suzuki Yoto (pseudonym)



I want to be able to provide employment support someday

When I first left the juvenile detention center, I thought, "I'm free now, and there are plenty of jobs available," but there were times when I quit jobs quickly or couldn't go to work at all. During that period, I was supported by Accept International and the people at my company. When I was struggling, they listened to me, and by gradually trying out the advice I received, I was able to overcome that unstable time.

Now, I am able to work properly, feel recognized through my job, and earn a stable income. Lately, I have been listening more to people who are in situations similar to what I experienced, or who have gone through even tougher challenges. I empathize with those who say, "I want to work, but I can't keep it up," and I have started thinking about how to support them. I haven't found a clear solution yet, but I hope to use my own experiences to provide employment support someday.



From left to right: Volunteer staff involved in support activities, Learning support in mathematics, Materials distributed during outreach activities

OUTPUT Results in numbers

501
PEOPLE



Participated in outreach activities through gatherings in Tokyo, probation offices, law offices, etc.

31
PEOPLE

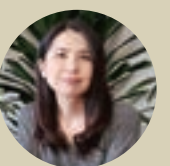


Supporting the social integration of young people with complex backgrounds, including criminal delinquents (including the support continued from last year)

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Chitose Kiribayashi
Rehabilitation Support
Division Manager



Bringing about real change through everyday interactions

Until now, I have personally worked on both psychological interpersonal support and environmental issues, but starting this year, I have been involved in a new field, that of rehabilitation, in addition to my work as a probation officer. While supporting young people who have engaged in delinquency or crime, or who cannot rely on adults close to them, so that they can live stable lives within the rules of society, I am also deepening my understanding of rehabilitation and welfare systems.

In 2024, we established a foundation for grasping the tendencies of the target people through individual and specific support and implementing stable support. In particular, we aimed to help young people who have not had the opportunity to learn the implicit rules of society through daily

interactions rather than classroom learning to acquire social skills.

We provide thorough support while exploring the best way to respond. As a result, young people who initially make plans but then change them without notice are now diligently reporting and consulting with others, and young people who were not good at expressing gratitude or apologies are now able to do so naturally. They are starting to notice, think and change on their own.

In 2025, we will continue to provide comprehensive individual support as before, but we will also work to make connections at an earlier stage for both crime prevention and rehabilitation support, work with companies to provide support that enables people to acquire social skills without separating their daily lives and work, and in particular strengthen care for those with developmental challenges.

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL

OVERCOMING DIVISION WITH MORE FELLOW PEACEMAKERS AT HOME AND ABROAD

We will increase the number of "peacemakers" who are the driving forces behind society's improvement in Japan and around the world, and work together to break the cycle of hatred.

Our awareness of the issues

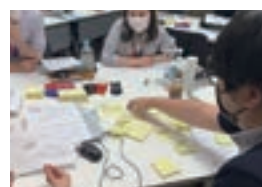
In order to break the cycle of hatred both domestically and internationally, we have been working in areas where little effort has been made despite the severity of the issue. In the process, we have come to recognize the need to engage not only the marginalized populations who are the primary targets of our support, but also the people living in their surrounding environments, both locally and globally.

We alone are not strong enough to break the cycle of deep-seated hatred and conflict. As divisions deepen around the world, including in Japan, we are called upon to overcome these challenges and create a cycle of truly sustainable peace.



APPROACH

In parallel with raising awareness towards the establishment of international norms, we aim to raise awareness of the issues of armed conflict among civil society both domestically and internationally, and to enable more people to become "peacemakers" who are the driving force behind improving society.



① Information dissemination/Event hosting

To raise awareness of the issues we address and our approach to solving them, and to inspire action toward peace, we share information through various channels, including online media, and organize a range of events.

② Training/Empowerment

Through our experience in peacebuilding and international engagement, we deliver training that fosters effective communication, critical thinking, and empowerment for people in Japan and beyond.

③ Collaboration with the private sector

We are fostering collaboration with private companies, which play a vital role in creating a sustainable society, as strengthening these partnerships will enhance our overall impact.

Topics

OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED

In 2024, we received the 28th Global Ethics Promotion Award and the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Award, sponsored by the Ethics Research Institute. The awards were established in 1998 and are awarded annually to organizations that contribute to the promotion of global ethics in the fields of education, culture, medicine, the environment, and regional development.

Our activities often face challenges in gaining support within Japan due to the unique characteristics of the regions we work in and the people we target. Receiving this award has been a tremendous encouragement for our team and our mission. We will continue our efforts together with all those who believe in and support our work.



Left to right: booth exhibition in the central ward of Tokyo; communication skills training for employees of a major food manufacturer; lecture at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies

OUTPUT

Results in numbers

3,161
PEOPLE



Reached through awareness-raising and empowerment through events, lectures, training, etc.

245,399
PAGE VIEWS



Awareness raising and outreach through the website and articles

17
POSTS



Television appearances, newspaper and web articles.

STAFF INTERVIEW

the voice of the person making change

Takuma Yamazaki
Communication Division Manager



Continuing dialogue to resolve issues both in conflict zones and in Japan

We are communicating with a wide variety of people, including those who already support us, as well as those who are learning about our organization's activities for the first time. We are involved in a wide range of awareness-raising activities, but I am particularly focusing on creating spaces where more people can learn about global problems and take action to solve them, using my experience working in Africa.

In 2024, through the action of making continuous monthly donations, the number of Accept Ambassadors who participate in our activities increased by 605, and the number of people appointed in any one year reached an all-time high. The background to this realization is that we were able to meet many more people than usual at events and lectures, as well as

through various media appearances. We were also able to create face-to-face opportunities in Kansai, Tokai, Kyushu, Tohoku, and other areas, in addition to online meetings. This was an opportunity to once again realize that the possibilities that can be generated through face-to-face dialogue are the same whether in a conflict zone or in Japan. Furthermore, starting this year, we have also begun raising awareness in English-speaking countries. We need to continue to consider how to disseminate information from the perspective of risk management, and how to expand the circle of support, but we plan to tackle this as one of our key issues for fiscal 2025. Since there is only so much that one group can do, we will continue to work towards realizing our purpose in 2025 with the support of many people. Please take a look at the information on how to support and participate, which is summarized on page 28 and following.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF HATRED TOGETHER.

We appreciate your help in any way possible to ensure our independence as a non-governmental organization (NGO) and to set a precedent in an area where the need is high but there are few to provide support.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

You can choose from a variety of ways to give, including making a donation as an Accept Ambassador.

CONTINUOUS DONATION (Accept Ambassador)

With a continuous donation of 10 USD, you can participate in our activities as a "fellow peacemaker". Our unique initiative to create a precedent in a field where grants are difficult to obtain and business solutions are difficult to implement, is made possible by your generous donations. It is thanks to your continuous donations that we can support the process of young people becoming peacemakers in the long term.

We report the progress of our activities to our Accept Ambassadors, including information that is difficult to disclose to the public, and you can participate in events where our representative, Yosuke Nagai speaks. We also regularly hold message exchange events with local young people, so you can feel the support close to you.

▶ To become an Accept Ambassador, please visit our website.



Accept Ambassador Search

AMBASSADOR INTERVIEW



Sadanori Murase
(Aichi Prefecture)

Just thinking about it in your mind won't do anything. What's important is taking action.

Giving back to my local community through rehabilitation support and disaster prevention is my priority, but I wanted to support Accept International in whatever way I could, so I became an Accept Ambassador. When I think about what kind of life I would have had if I had been born in a conflict zone, I feel strongly that it would be great if there was an environment where each and every person could realize their potential, no matter where they were born in the world. However, nothing will happen if you just think about it in your mind. The important thing is to take action. It may be a small power, but I believe that if 10, 100, or 1,000 people come together, it will become a much bigger power!!



Ayumi Ishibashi
(Tokyo)

Everyone is in a different position and situation. Just do what you can.

When I found out about Accept International, I was shocked to learn that there are people in the world who wish for peace and are working honestly, regardless of the dangers they pose, and I felt that I wanted to support this organization. Since I was a child, I have always wished that there would be no more wars, but I never did anything about it. Then I found out about Accept International, trusted my intuition, and became an Accept Ambassador. While I was involved with Accept International as an Ambassador, I used to feel frustrated with myself for only donating, but now I feel that I can do what I can, and I feel that I can contribute to solving social issues, even though I am a full-time housewife who works alone.

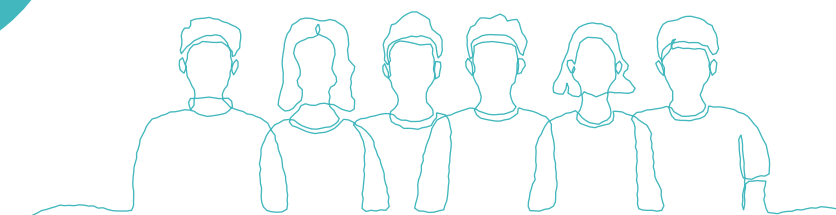


Ayumi Matsumoto
(Osaka Prefecture)

I hope that by thinking about the lives of others, the circle of "Sharing a little of what you have" will expand.

I was shocked and deeply impressed by Mr. Nagai, Executive Director of Accept International, who spoke calmly about his desire to reintegrate former members of armed groups into society and resolve conflicts. I hope Accept International will move forward, even if only little by little, so that as many young people as possible can have hope and enjoy life, toward the realization of a world without armed conflict. I would like to continue to support Accept International to the best of my ability, using my skills as an Ambassador and engineer. I hope that the circle of "sharing a little of what you have" will expand as we think about the lives of others.

Join as a member

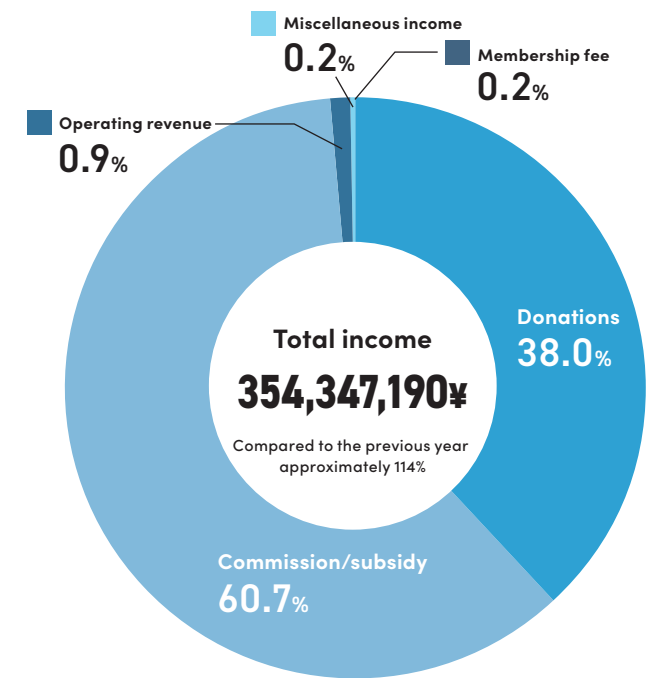


We are looking for members who can contribute their skills and time to our activities.

Regardless of whether they are paid or unpaid, we call people who work on the tasks assigned to each post a member. You can join as a member in various ways, including those with specialized skills such as graphic designers, engineers, and web marketing, as well as those who do not have such skills. Please feel free to contact us.



Financial Report



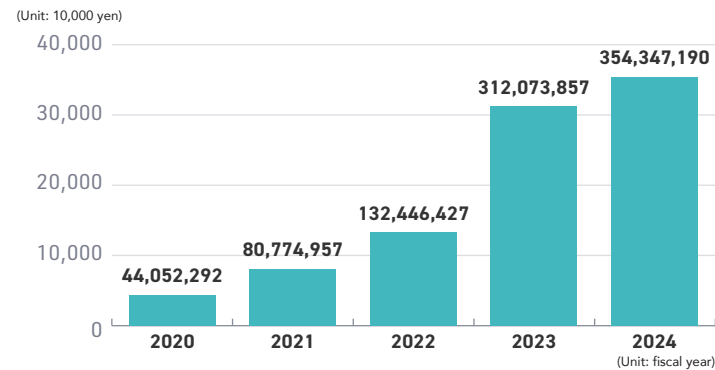
Total revenue for fiscal year 2024 is approximately 350 million yen

Thanks to your support, we have increased our revenue by approximately 42 million yen from last year, which is 114% of the previous year's figure. This is mainly due to an increase in donations, commissions, and grants. We have received commissions and grants for Official Development Assistance (ODA) projects from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in countries such as Kenya, Indonesia, and Colombia, emergency humanitarian assistance for people in conflict-affected areas, and assistance and rehabilitation for foreign residents in Japan. However, our work with parties to conflicts in Somalia, Yemen, Palestine, and elsewhere is unable to receive grant funding due to the high risks involved, and continues to be work that can only be carried out through donations. Regarding donations, the total number of Accept Ambassadors who support our activities through continuous monthly contributions is expected to exceed 2,000 in April 2025. Their support serves as a vital source of funding for expanding essential initiatives toward conflict resolution. Continuous donations play an extremely important role in enabling us to formulate medium- and long-term plans and steadily advance our work. Through our activities to date, our organizational foundations have become stronger, and with increased income, we will be able to create even greater impact. This year, we will further strengthen our efforts in Palestine, as well as enhance our administrative and organizational structures, including accounting and financial management. While using our carryover funds, we also plan to step up our appeal for additional support.

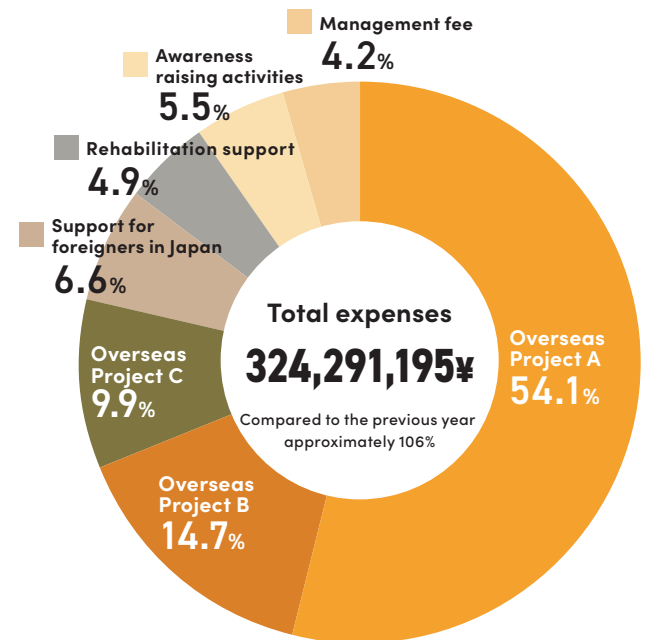
Current Revenue Trends

Income trends over the past 5 years

Our activities are focused on problem-solving and could be harder to understand compared to pure humanitarian aid, but thanks to your support, we have been able to grow steadily. However, because we continuously update our work with a focus on solving problems, our workload increases almost every year. As we work to strengthen our independence as a non-governmental organization (NGO) and pursue essential initiatives that can only be realized through donations, we hope to work with you to reach a scale of 500 million to 1 billion yen in the coming years.



Overseas Project A: Initiatives to support parties in conflicts to break free from the cycle of hatred and become agents of peace
Overseas Project B: Emergency humanitarian assistance to affected communities and efforts toward reconciliation and peace
Overseas Project C: Working with the parties involved in conflicts to establish international norms



Total expenditure for fiscal 2024 is approximately 320 million yen

Due to the increase in total income, total expenditures also increased by about 19 million yen from last year, which is about 106% compared to the previous year. In addition, we have devised a way to report the allocation of funds in more detail by classifying each project expense from this time. Overall, just under 80% was spent on overseas projects, just over 10% on domestic projects, and 5.5% on awareness-raising activities both domestically and overseas, including public relations and fundraising. Overseas project expenses are categorized into three areas, based on the approach diagram shown on page 4. As noted in the section on total income, donations are primarily allocated to frontline activities in Somalia, Yemen, Palestine, and other regions. More than half of the total amount goes to Category A, which supports young people as they put down their weapons and begin the process of becoming peacemakers. Efforts related to reconciliation and peacebuilding in Palestine—including dialogues and negotiations aimed at developing a new peace process—are mainly recorded under Category B. For Category C, most expenses were dedicated to collecting testimonies from former combatants and conducting research in 15 countries to generate evidence for the development of international norms. This category also includes costs for organizing and speaking at international symposiums in the United States, Canada, Europe, and other regions. As the weak yen and rising domestic prices continue to have a significant impact on our business this year, we intend to implement more appropriate expenditure management and make necessary investments.

Financial Accounting Report

Statement of activities

(Unit: Yen)		
Subject	Amount	Subtotal/total
[A] Ordinary revenue		
Membership Fees Received		760,000
Regular member membership fee	110,000	
Supporting member membership fee	650,000	
Donations received		134,631,535
Donations received	107,450,409	
Volunteer Acceptance Evaluation Gains	27,181,126	
Grants and other income received		203,439,003
Grants received	203,439,003	
Business revenue		14,714,748
Contract business revenue	11,545,779	
Event and lecture fees	3,168,969	
Other income		801,904
Interest received	681,808	
Miscellaneous income	120,096	
Total regular income		354,347,190
[B] Ordinary expenses		
Business expenses		
(1) Personnel costs		108,343,779
Executive compensation	3,800,000	
Salaries and allowances	69,935,800	
Volunteer evaluation fee	26,372,786	
Statutory welfare expenses	6,968,527	
Commuting expenses	1,266,666	
(2) Other expenses		202,351,569
Outsourcing expenses	15,093,458	
Honoraria	10,532,557	
Printing and binding expenses	863,351	
Meeting expenses	2,517,296	
Travel and Transportation Expenses	21,239,486	
Communication and transportation expenses	1,994,253	
Consumable fees	60,049,259	
Construction and repair fees	42,672,058	
Utilities	3,789,289	
Land rent	9,256,874	
Lease payments	5,900,582	
Public relations expenses	1,297,221	
Foreign affairs expenses	26,364	
Protection expenses	17,148,861	
Newspaper and book expenses	929,624	
Insurance premiums	93,799	
Equipment expenses	5,514,082	
Membership fees	718,998	
Taxes and public charges	740,727	
Training expenses	447,850	
Payment fees	1,508,331	
Exchange losses	9,430	
Miscellaneous Expenses	7,819	
Business expenses total		310,695,348
Management expenses		
(1) Personnel expenses		5,053,839
Executive Compensation	3,800,000	
Statutory welfare expenses	385,499	
Volunteer evaluation expenses	808,340	
Commuting expenses	60,000	
(2) Other expenses		8,542,010
Outsourcing expenses	1,871,791	
Printing and binding expenses	15,985	
Travel and transportation expenses	2,732	
Communication and transportation expenses	99,243	
Supplies expenses	28,102	
Repair expenses	576,840	
Utilities expenses	140,403	
Land rent	2,458,689	
Depreciation expenses	158,330	
Public relations expenses	126,854	
Insurance premiums	13,530	
Membership fees	113,200	
Taxes and public dues	29,100	
Payment fees	2,316,815	
Miscellaneous expenses	590,396	
Total management expenses		13,595,849
Total regular expenses		324,291,197
Current Period Regular Increase/Decrease Amount [A] - [B] ... ①		30,055,993
[C] Extraordinary income		
Gain on sale of fixed assets	0	
Prior period profit adjustment gain	0	
Total extraordinary income		0
[D] Extraordinary expenses		
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	0	
Disaster Loss	0	
Prior Period Profit Adjustment Loss	0	
Total extraordinary expenses		0
Current Period Extraordinary Increase/Decrease Amount [C] - [D] ... ②		0
Pre-tax Current Period Net Asset Increase/Decrease Amount ① + ② ... ③		30,055,993
Corporate Tax, Resident Tax, and Business Tax ... ④		0
Net Assets Carried Forward from Previous Period ... ⑤		47,726,721
Net Assets to be Carried Forward to Next Period ③ - ④ + ⑤		77,782,714

- Donations received...**These funds are used to support young people in conflict zones such as Somalia and Yemen in putting down their weapons and reintegrating into society, and to hold dialogue meetings for a new peace process among young Palestinian leaders. These frontline activities are difficult to qualify for grants, and we cannot do this without donations. In particular, we rely on the continuous monthly donations of our Accept Ambassadors.
- Evaluation of volunteer acceptance...**About 60 to 70 students and working members participate in the activities every year without pay, and their contributions are visualized by converting them into monetary amounts. The same amount is also recorded in the expenditure department.
- Grants received...**We have been able to receive grants for emergency humanitarian assistance to communities affected by conflict, as well as for efforts in relatively stable countries such as Kenya, Colombia, and Indonesia, and for efforts in Japan. However, funds are not available for the main efforts in Somalia, Yemen, Palestine, etc., so we urgently need to continue to increase donations.
- Event and lecture fees...**These are fees received as honorarium when speaking at private companies and organizations as part of awareness-raising activities both in Japan and overseas.
- Miscellaneous honorarium...**Most of the expenses are paid to external lecturers and advisors at the site of each project, and to doctors and nurses dispatched to emergency humanitarian crises.
- Travel and transportation expenses...**This includes security management costs such as bulletproof vehicles and guards for overseas projects, as well as travel and transportation expenses for participants in the dialogue meeting for a new peace process among young Palestinian leaders.
- Consumables expenses...**This expense is largely made up of food, clothing, hygiene products, and medical expenses provided as emergency humanitarian aid to communities affected by conflict.
- Protection costs...**These costs include the cost of purchasing items necessary for employment, etc. as part of social reintegration support, and the cost of providing cash benefits to respond to the various needs of recipients in emergency humanitarian crises.
- Current period ordinary income increase/decrease...**The severe depreciation of the yen has further increased our operating expenses, and the total number of young people accepted from Somalia and Yemen has increased. In addition, we are also carrying out additional very important but costly initiatives such as the Palestinian peace process and the establishment of international norms, so our independent financial resources, mainly donations, have either decreased or not increased as planned.
- Net assets carried forward to the next term...**Because we are working on resolving particularly difficult conflicts and creating unprecedented new approaches, we basically operate with the assumption of unforeseen circumstances. Also, because we are directly involved with people, we are conscious of always being prepared for a few months of no-income life (a period during which essential activities can be carried out even if income becomes zero). On top of that, we intend to continue making efforts to increase donations as we increase the number of tasks that use our own financial resources, mainly donations, such as efforts toward Palestinian peace and the establishment of international norms.

Auditor's Audit Report (Excerpt)

In accordance with Article 18 of the Act on Promotion of Specified Nonprofit Activities, we have audited the performance of the directors' duties for the fiscal year from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

- We find that the business report is in accordance with the laws and regulations and the articles of incorporation and accurately reflects the status of the corporation.
- We find that there are no illegal acts or significant facts in violation of the laws and regulations or the articles of incorporation regarding the performance of the directors' duties.
- We find that the financial statements and their supplementary details, as well as the property inventory, fairly reflect the assets and profit and loss status of the corporation in all material respects.

June 24, 2025 Auditors Ogawa Takahiro Shimano Tamao

Regarding accounting audits, our corporation undergoes accounting audits by independent auditors who are certified public accountants.

Balance sheet

(Unit: Yen)		
Subject	Amount	Total/subtotal
[A] Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and deposits	226,190,850	
Accounts receivable	6,189,557	
Inventories	1,260	
Prepaid expenses	8,671,072	
Prepaid costs	81,510	
Advances	82,598	
Total current assets ... ①		241,216,847
Fixed assets		
(1) Tangible fixed assets		354,114
Auxiliary equipment	205,306	
Fixtures and fittings	148,808	
(2) Intangible fixed assets		0
(3) Other investment assets		1,806,647
Deposits	10,000	
Security deposit	1,090,227	
Long-term prepaid expenses	706,420	
Total fixed assets ... ②		2,160,761
Total assets ① + ②		243,377,608
[B - 1] Liabilities section		
Current assets		
Accounts payable	10,080,752	
Advance payments	1,594,221	
Deferred grants	151,397,827	
Deposits	2,437,333	
Temporary receipts	84,761	
Total current assets ... ③		165,594,894
Fixed assets		
	0	
Total fixed assets ... ④		0
Total liabilities ③ + ④		165,594,894
[B - 2] Net assets section		
Previous year's net assets	47,726,721	
Current year's net asset increase/decrease	30,055,993	
Total net assets		77,782,714
[B] Total liabilities and net assets [B - 1] + [B - 2]		
		243,377,608



Kyoko Yoshino
Director of the Domestic Department

I joined Accept because I thought that my knowledge and experience gained through my long experience as a refugee support specialist could be useful. Now, in addition to that, I believe that my role is to bring out the potential of the young people who gather at Accept, and to support, watch over, and lead their hopeful energy. I believe that this is my role and will help bring about world peace.



Mizuki Takahashi
Deputy Director of the International Project Department

Since I was in high school, I have believed in resolving armed conflicts. I realized that because the international community has not been able to find a solution, I needed to think deeply and continue to take meaningful actions and challenges, and I am working at Accept with a strong sense of mission. I will continue to face the difficult problems that no one else will do about armed conflict, and will continue to work hard with the awareness that we are the ones who will give young people an opportunity to get back on their feet.

Kanyakiso Souhei Phiri
Kenya Division Manager

I participate in Accept's activities because I want to support young people who have been deprived of opportunities due to armed conflict and other factors, so that they can become peacebuilding leaders in society through education. I use my roots, which have exposed me to diverse countries and cultures, to work every day to break the cycle of radicalization. This work gives me a deep sense of fulfillment, as I can see the life of someone in front of me changing little by little.



Yosuke Mukaide
Indonesia Division Manager

I joined Accept because I wanted to contribute to resolving armed conflicts with my own hands. Since I was a student, I have had a strong desire to somehow save the people around the world who suffer from never-ending conflicts. When I learned about Accept, which has been active in both name and reality on the front lines of conflict resolution, I became interested in Accept after seeing that Japanese people like me can achieve tangible outcomes with its unique approach.

Mana Matsushita
International Norms Development Division

I joined the organization because of my strong desire to seriously tackle conflict resolution and peacebuilding. My grandparents experienced World War II as soldiers and civilians, and I have been sensitive to the themes of war, peace, and human rights since I was a child. I have taken the passion for peace that I inherited from my grandparents and turned it into energy to resolve current armed conflicts, and I am driven by a sense of mission to change reality, even if only a little, with my own hands.



Chitose Kiribayashi
Rehabilitation Support Division Manager

The organization's goal of "young people putting down their weapons and becoming peacemakers" coincides with my own wish. I see weapons in a broader sense as "things that threaten oneself and others" and include any way of thinking that does not bring happiness to others or oneself. People involved in various positions can keep an appropriate distance from such things, attain calmness, and bring a positive influence to those around them. I find the activities that aim for this to be rewarding and enjoyable.



Kanu Maeda
International Norms Development Division

Originally, I worked with criminal offenders, so I had the relevant knowledge and skills, but I felt that I should give back to society as much as possible outside of my main job, as a duty to the people who raised me and the good fortune I was given. I think there were other places, but I wanted to see the young people who continue to burn with passion at Accept International, so I kept a close eye on them and have been involved for a long time.



Rio Tomiyama
Secretariat Division

I wanted to contribute to Accept International by addressing issues that are often overlooked and based on actual needs. During my student years, I interned at civil society organizations and supported Muslims in Japan, where I encountered people who fell through the cracks of existing support systems. This experience motivated me to contribute to this unique organization, which tackles global challenges in innovative ways. Currently, I am honored to support the organization as an accounting officer.



Member's Interview

Why I am working at Accept



At Accept International, every year, we have about 60-70 paid and unpaid Japanese members. There are more than 20 local staff members working here. We asked each of them why they are working at Accept (some excerpts).

Abdullah
Country Director of Somalia Division

I work at Accept because I want to support young people in leaving armed groups behind. I have witnessed many young people put down their weapons and start a new chapter in life, and I believe that these positive changes are key to achieving peace and stability in Somalia. Although we face various risks, the Accept team remains committed to engaging with and supporting these young people.



Ahmed Dirie
Somalia Division

Because I have experienced imprisonment, I can understand the backgrounds of young people who become involved in violence. I want to use my own experiences positively to support them as a member of Accept, contributing to efforts to transform conflict situations. I hope to continue supporting Somali youth, alongside Representative Director Nagai, Japanese staff, and ambassadors who patiently guide them, so that these young people can find a new path in life.

Amgad Shargabi
Country Director of Yemen Division

Before joining Accept, I worked with other NGOs to provide support to the local community, but due to organizational policy, I was not able to work on issues that directly led to conflict resolution. However, when I learned about Accept's unique activities that directly lead to peace, I felt that I had found that I wanted to do, and so I decided to participate. I strongly believe that our activities are the key to sustainable peace, and I will continue to work hard toward my mission together with the other members.



Mohammed Entehab
Yemen Division

I am from Yemen and currently living in Japan. Joining Accept has been one of the best decisions of my life, as it allowed me to find a mission that aligns with my values. I also feel that the work environment is truly special—everyone treats me like family, making my work here both warm and meaningful. I hope to continue contributing to the realization of peace through my efforts.



Deiby López
Colombia Division

I have worked for 20 years in my hometown, where Accept currently operates. The area has suffered from armed conflict for over 70 years, and I have a strong connection with the needs and stories of people involved. Joining Accept was a great step towards building peace from the local level, because Accept's philosophy has a great impact on people like me who want to stop the cycle of violence.



Laila Indriyanti Fitria
Indonesia Division

My fields of expertise include international relations, international law, and issues related to the financing of armed or high-risk activities, which align closely with Accept's areas of work. As someone living in this country, I feel a personal responsibility to contribute to society, and I believed that working with Accept would allow me to fulfill this mission. I hope to continue making a positive impact while collaborating effectively with local authorities and others to help realize lasting peace.



Wrishmeen Sabawoon
Foreign Residents Support Division

I was born in Afghanistan during the war, and experienced isolation and prejudice while living as a Muslim in Japan. During that time, I encountered the activities of Accept International, that works on peacebuilding and supporting foreigners in conflict areas, and I was deeply touched by their philosophy of realizing a society of coexistence. I am working to utilize my own experiences and strengths as a Muslim person to convey the voices of Muslims and minorities to society and contribute to the realization of peaceful coexistence.





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