

**- Report -**  
**Project for Health Interview Survey and Health Assistance**  
**for**  
**People Who Evacuated from Namie Town to Iwaki City**

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Second year: October 2013 – September 2014

Third year: October 2014 – September 2015

**Part I: Project framework and operations**

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## Abbreviations

JRC	Japanese Red Cross
JRCCN	Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing
JRCS	Japanese Red Cross Society
JRCS HQ	JRCS National Headquarters
Soso Office	Soso Public Health and Welfare Office of Fukushima Prefecture

## Foreword

In March 2015, four years have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami occurred on March 11, 2011. In Fukushima Prefecture, the Tokyo Electric Power Company's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident caused the radioactive contamination. Even four years after the earthquake and tsunami, the prospects for recovery in the affected areas are still not in sight. Under these circumstances, since 2012, the Japanese Red Cross Society (hereinafter referred to as "JRCS") National Headquarters and the Japanese Red Cross College of Nursing (hereinafter referred to as "JRCCN") have jointly conducted a project to provide health support for the evacuees from Namie Town, Fukushima Prefecture.

This report compiles the project activities. The first-year part compiles the activities conducted from October 2012 to September 2013. In the second-year part, the activities from October 2013 to September 2014 are compiled. In the third-year part, the activities conducted from October 2014 to September 2015 are compiled. This report is prepared to help the readers to understand the whole process of the project from its start in October 2012 until September 2015.

Chapter 1 describes the background of this project and how the project's framework was created. Chapter 2 describes the purpose and significance of the project. In Chapter 3, the process from the creation of the project's framework to September 2015 is summarized. The providers of this project are the JRCS National Headquarters (hereinafter referred to as "JRCS HQ") and the JRCCN. The Japanese Red Cross Fukushima Chapter (hereinafter referred to as "Fukushima Chapter"), the Japanese Red Cross Fukushima Blood Center, the Iwaki City Government and the Namie Municipal Government collaborated and cooperated in this project. Without their collaboration and cooperation, this project would not have been successful. For this reason, the process of establishing the framework, including the way of cooperating with these organizations and the subsequent relations, are also described in this chapter.

Chapter 4 compiles the health interviews and health assistance activities and refers to the activity flow from making an appointment for a health interview visit by telephone to a home visit and the questions asked during the health interview. Furthermore, this

chapter describes how the interview results were analyzed and how the project team cooperated with the public health nurses of Namie Town for continued support to the evacuees. Basically, the interview procedures have been the same since the first year of the project. In 2013, the JRCS Public Health Room for Namie started salon activities in addition to health interviews. These salon activities are also reported in this chapter. The JRCCN has a CNS (Certified Nurse Specialist) course and a DNGL (Disaster Nursing Global Leader) course as part of its curriculum, and this project accepted some students from these courses for practical training. This is also mentioned in this chapter.

The health interviews and health assistance activities of the project have been conducted by the staff of the JRCS HQ and the JRCCN and also supported by JRCS nurses dispatched from Japanese Red Cross (hereinafter referred to as “JRC”) hospitals throughout Japan. Chapter 5 summarizes the activities of the dispatched nurses.

It is hoped that this report will be used as basic materials for considering how the Red Cross’s mid- and long-term assistance after a disaster should be provided and what kind of activities JRCS nurses should engage in.