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## Support for wide-area evacuees of the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster



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# Self introduction



Fukushima Collaborative Revitalization Center

# About "Fukushima Collaborative Revitalization Center"? (RENPUKU)



### About "Fukushima Collaborative Revitalization Center"

#### History of establishment

3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake

Support evacuees at evacuation shelters and temporary housing individually

Support as individual NPO

Disabled persons, elderly persons, children and/or persons who need special support

Needs of collaborative support

Momentum for establishment - aiming for self-sustaining recovery with the cooperation of Fukushima University's Disaster Recovery Research Institute or other NPO groups' volunteers

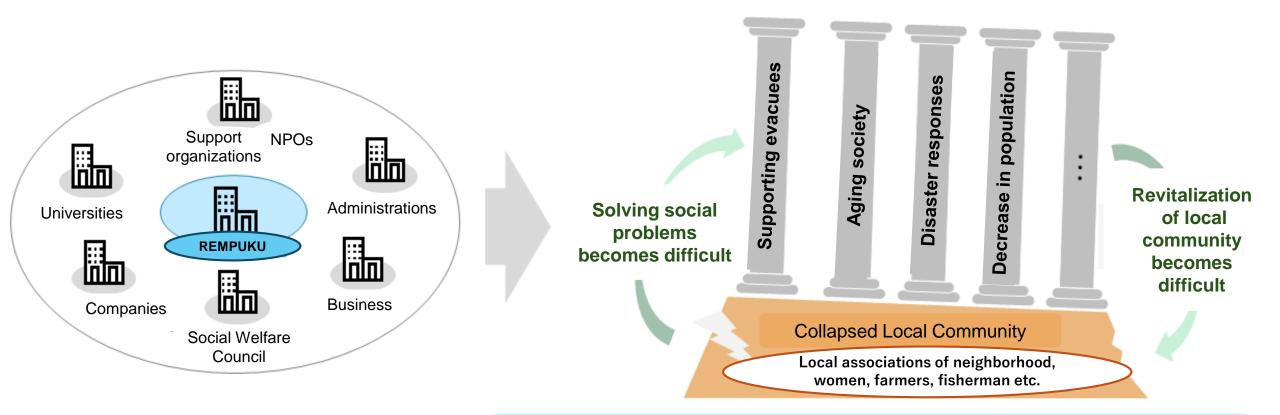
Established as an intermediate support organization in July 2011

Our organization was established to help connect people and organizations who tackle Fukushima's problems for accelerating recovery, and creating new value.



#### Vision of Fukushima

Aiming to realize **"Mutual Collaborative Civil Society FUKUSHIMA**," through learning from lessons and challenges raised by the Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear power plant accident, various groups deepen their collaboration, and working to prevent and solve ongoing problems, such as population decline, economic disparity, and social isolation



Support to revitalize local communities collapsed by the disaster as an intermediate support organization



### **Coordination Project for Disaster-Affected People**

We work together with various entities supporting recovery of the affected areas and people to promote and accelerate the revitalization of Fukushima, and provide continuous and needs-based support for each individual resident. In addition, we also implement coordination projects to strengthen connections among organizations and supporters. This includes provision of related information, and proposing new programs to government authorities.





### Support project for community leaders

We also provide comprehensive support such as recruitment, training or programs to promote the formation of a human network involved with community activities, for local community leaders including members of the Community-Reactivating Cooperator Squad or reconstruction support workers.





### Support project for wide-area evacuees

Under the contract with Fukushima Prefecture's "Consultation and Exchange Support Project for Out-of-Prefecture Evacuees," we have established "Livelihood Reconstruction Support Centers" (Consultation Counters) in cooperation with support groups throughout Japan, now in operation. At each center, we provide consultation services for evacuees and promote exchanges. In addition, we have set up "Consultation Room TOIRO" in the center to provide updated information on Fukushima and consultation services.





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## Support for wide-area evacuees



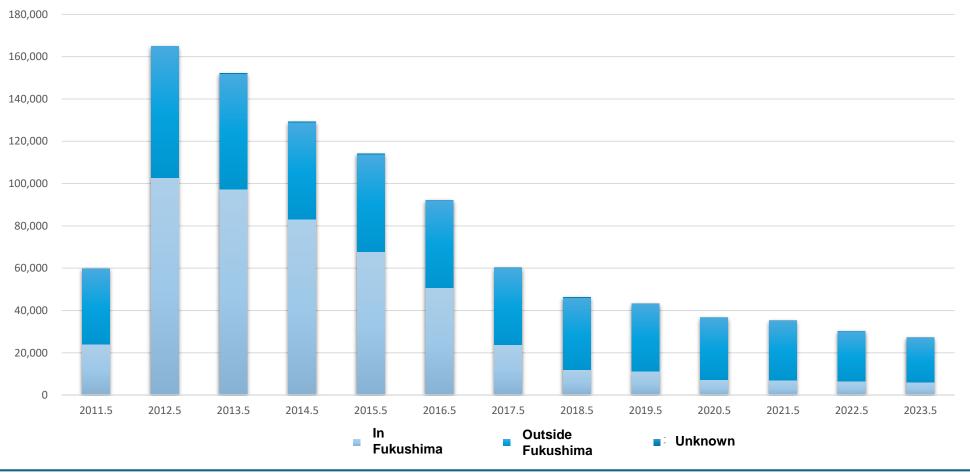
### Transition of the Evacuation Zones

Date	Evacuation zone and orders	
March 11, 2011	Evacuation order issued within the 3km radius	
March 12, 2011	Evacuation order issued within the 20km radius	
March 15, 2011	Indoor evacuation order issued within the 20 – 30km radius	
April 22, 2011	Three categories of evacuation zone were established - Planned Evacuation Zone - Emergency Evacuation Preparation Zone - Restricted Zone	
		Source:Fukushima Prefecture https://fukushima-10years-archives.jp/record/02/



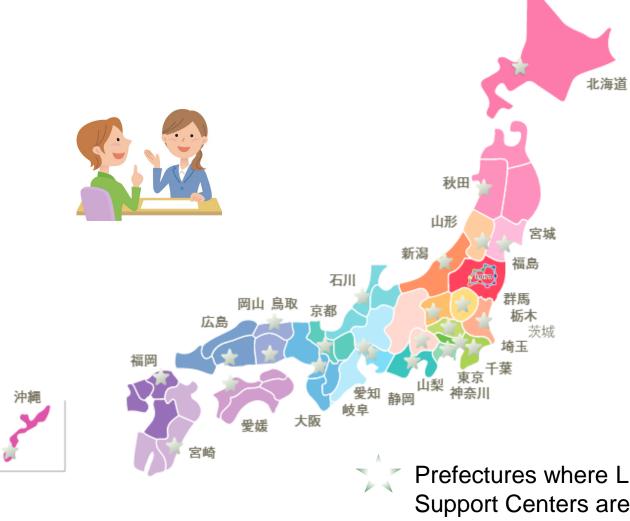
### Status of evacuation

#### Trends in the number of evacuees





### [Consultation and Exchange Support Project]



• The centers are set up as places where evacuees from Fukushima Prefecture can gather information and seek advice on returning home and rebuilding their lives where they were before evacuation.

• There are 26 centers nationwide, and we organize consultation and exchange meetings periodically.

• We have set up "Consultation Room TOIRO" in Fukushima Prefecture as the base center.

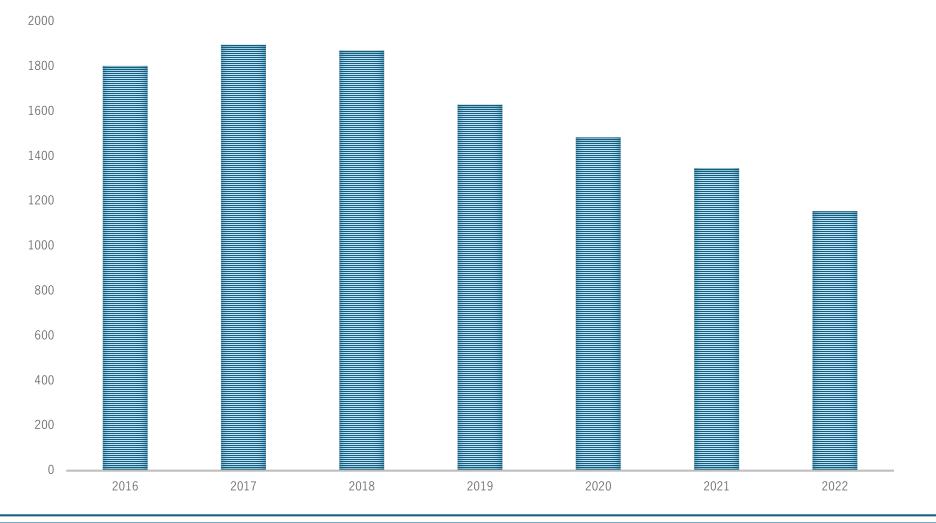
Prefectures where Livelihood Reconstruction Support Centers are in operation

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## **Consultation results**

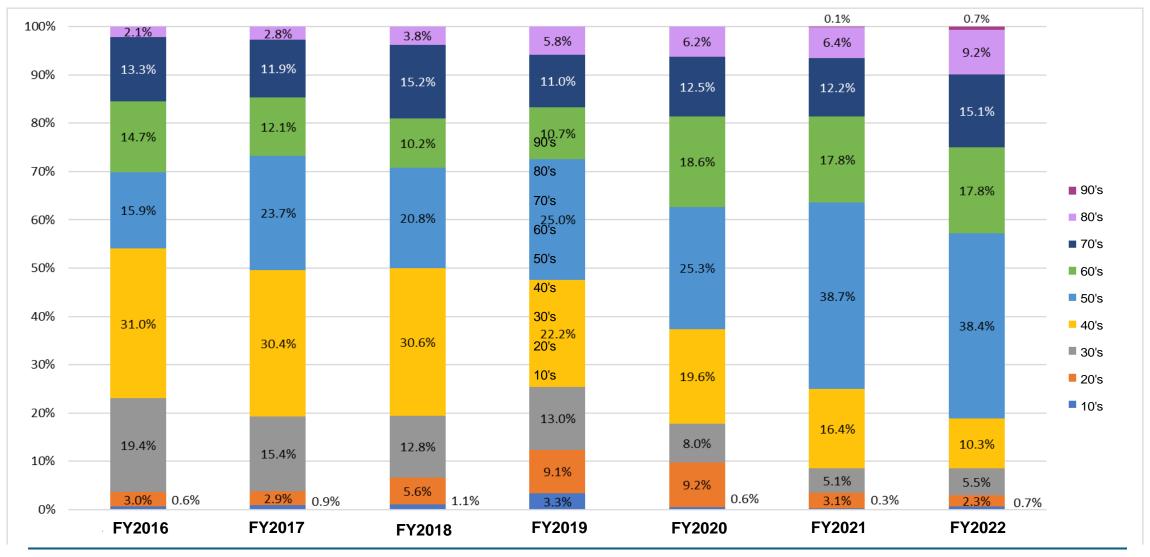


#### Number of consultations



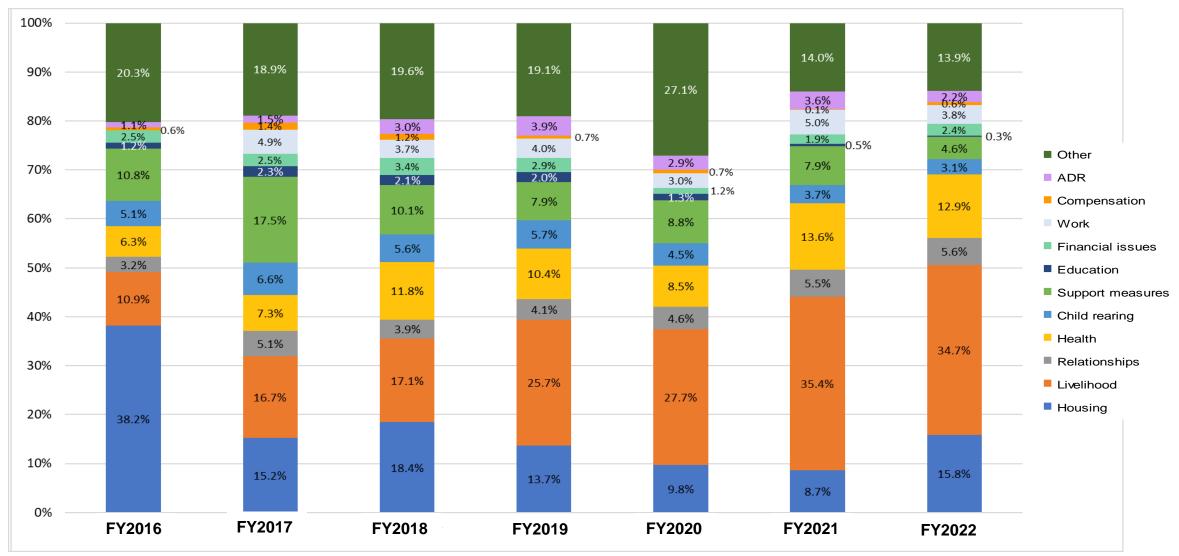


### Trend by age groups





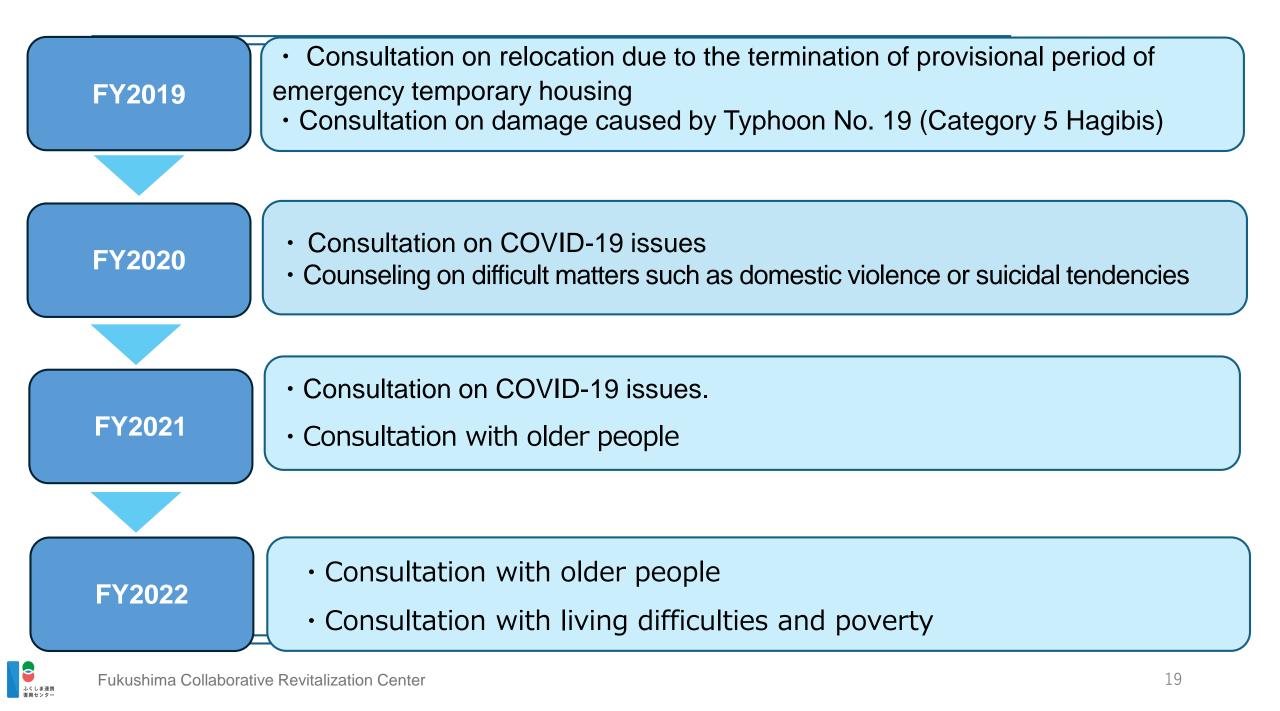
#### Categories by consultation contents





### Trends in consultation contents

FY201	<ul> <li>6</li> <li>Consultation on housing due to termination of provisional housing (rent-free housing)</li> <li>Thyroid Ultrasound Examination, radiation levels in Fukushima Prefecture, and consultation on radiation concerns</li> </ul>
	Consultation on housing for evacuees from evacuation-designated areas following the lifting of evacuation orders
FY2017	
FY201	<ul> <li>8</li> <li>Consultation from evacuees who appear to have mental health issues</li> <li>Consultation on property or residence before evacuation</li> </ul>
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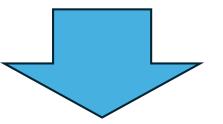
# Things we can tell from the changes of the consultation contents



O Support needs change, along with the termination of support measures and/or the changes in the living conditions of evacuees.

O As time goes by, the issues change from evacuation-derived issues to living issues.

## The issues that evacuees are facing ....



### **Isolation from the local community and interrupted**

### connections among neighbors due to evacuation



## [Isolation from the local community]

O Evacuees who are isolated from the local community tend not to be cared for in their surroundings even when they are in serious situations, and they also tend not to communicate with others from themselves.

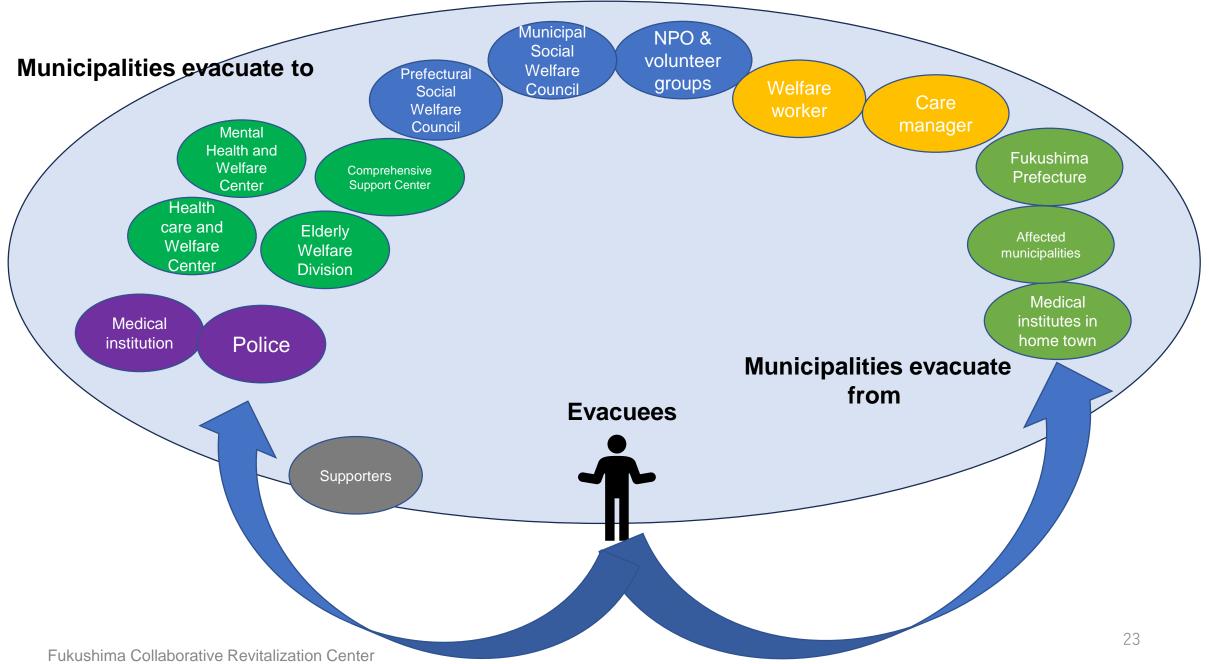
O Older people and people with mental health problems have difficulty obtaining necessary information on their own, and that makes difficult for them to rebuild their lives on their own.



Need to connect evacuees to government services as members of a community.

Multiple organizations and groups need to be involved and respond to the situation by sharing their information and roles.





[Multi-layered Support System Development Project]

•The project was launched as one of the new project reflecting revisions of the Social Welfare Act.

•The background of this project is that gaps have emerged among welfare systems, policies, the support needs arising from the diversity and complexity of people's lives, and the difficulties they face.

•The concept is to build a system so that any and all support organizations and community stakeholders throughout the municipality implement integrated support together for consultation, participation and community development, regardless of their attributes.

> Sauce: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare https://www.mhlw.go.jp/kyouseisyakaiportal/jigyou/



## [Disaster case management]

Disaster case management is the effort to help disaster- affected people to become self-reliant, and help to rebuild their livelihood by providing continuous support to resolve their issues in cooperation with related parties with specialized skills as needed.

> Sauce: Cabinet Office, Government of Japan https://www.bousai.go.jp/taisaku/hisaisyagyousei/case/index.html



# 05

# Summary



•Latent problems of a local community may surface because of the loss of support from communal functions by the collapse of communities due to the earthquake. This may cause various difficulties in resolving problems at the place of evacuation.

•The framework for various types of collaboration on a regular basis is important. As to creating that framework, the multilayered support system development project and the disaster case management movement are helpful.

•We have been involved in the support of wide-area evacuations caused by the 3.11 Great East Japan Earthquake and the nuclear disaster. We believe that we must take the lessons from this experience and disseminate what we've learned for disaster preparedness.



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