

August 22nd, 2011

Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council Inc. (IDRAC)

Organization Overview

1. History

In response to the Great East Japan Earthquake that occurred on March 11th, 2011, the Ishinomaki NPO/NGO Assistance Network Conference was established with members of the Ishinomaki Junior Chamber International as a center. It was held in the Ishinomaki Senshu University, along with the Ishinomaki Disaster Volunteer Center as a voluntary organization. It then became a general incorporated association in April to support recovery from the damages caused by the earthquake/*tsunami* and other natural disasters in the future as well as to coordinate the relief NPO/NGOs working in Ishinomaki.

March 20 th , 2011	Held the first “NPO/NGO Assistance Network Conference”
April 2 nd , 2011	Renamed “Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council”
May 13 th , 2011	“Ishinomaki Disaster Recovery Assistance Council Inc.” was established.

2. Members

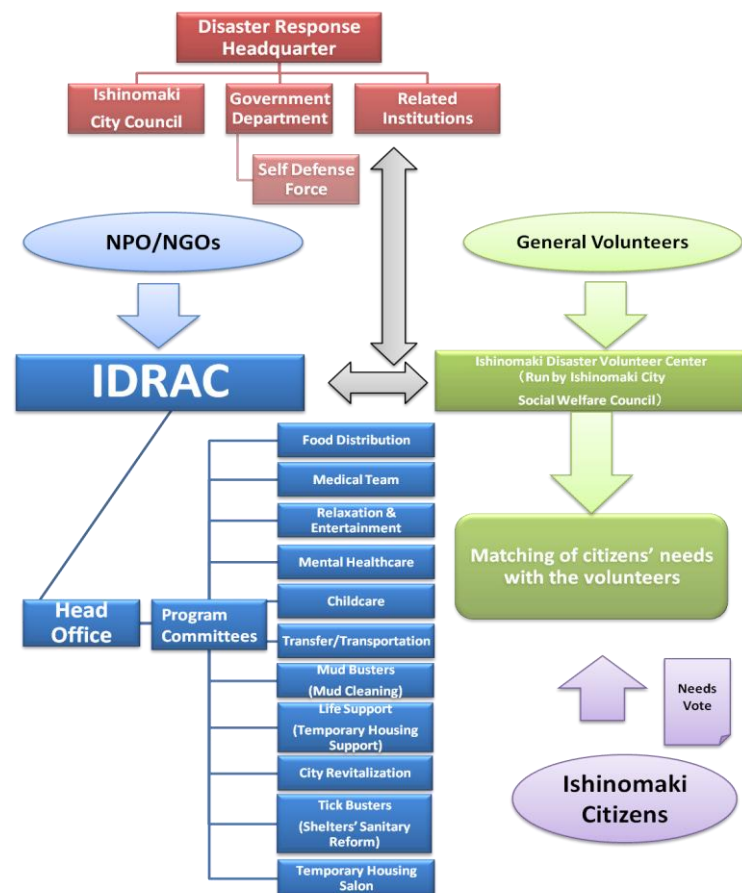
Chairman: Shuki Ito

Three Directors (including Chairman), One Auditor, One Accounting Auditor,

Approximately Ten Head Office Staffs

3. Activity Outline

- Coordinates the NPOs/NGOs as well as individual specialist volunteers involved in disaster recovery assistance in Ishinomaki to conduct smooth and efficient functioning of disaster relief.
- Cooperates with the Ishinomaki Disaster Volunteer Center run by the Ishinomaki City Social Welfare Council to dispatch individual volunteers to places of the citizens' needs.
- Holds a council meeting and a program committee meeting everyday.
- Sets up the eleven program committees for each field of activity and coordinates the organizations within each committee; Food Distribution, Medical Team, Relaxation & Entertainment, Mental Healthcare, Childcare, Transfer/Transportation, Mud Busters (Mud Cleaning), Life Support (Temporary Housing Support), City Revitalization (Events & Entertainment), Tick Busters (Shelters' Sanitary Reform), and Temporary Housing Salon.
- Communicates with the Disaster Response Headquarter, the Self Defense Force, and the City Council through meetings and fosters the information sharing between the administrative institutions and the NPO/NGOs.
- Cultivates the coordination of the special vehicles and manpower work within the Mud Busters.



4. Achievements

(1) *Coordination*

Timeline : March 20th, 2011 to present

Funding : The Nippon Foundation as well as other general donations

Objective : To coordinate the activities of NPO/NGOs in Ishinomaki

To encourage reconstruction and development of the local community

Participants: 300 IDRAC-registered organizations

- Hosts the Council Meeting and the Program Committee Meeting everyday with NPO/NGOs in Ishinomaki. A total of 143 meetings have been held to the present.
- Organizes the participant registration for the NPO/NGOs working in Ishinomaki (we have 300 registered NPO/NGOs to the present).
- Created the Ishinomaki Senshu University Tent Site Regulation as well as made notices for the NPO/NGO volunteers in Ishinomaki in cooperation with the Ishinomaki City Disaster Volunteer Center.
- Attends every Ishinomaki City Disaster Response Headquarter meeting (everyday until May 12th, every Mon. and Thurs. until June 27th, every Mon. since then), and reports the relief activities as well as cultivates information sharing with the local administration and the related institutions.
- Assigns 5 to 20 organizations everyday to each division of the Food Distribution, and since April 3rd, making 700 to 15,000 servings everyday, with a total of over 740,000 servings to the present.
- Using computers, printers, and other electronic devices donated by the NIED (National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention), created the map data for the disaster relief (such as food distribution, mud busters, and tick busters) and distributed the hard-copies to the NPO/NGOs to promote information sharing within each program areas.
- Created the IDRAC official website on April 11th. Provided the basic information, such as the Tent Site Regulation, as well as frequently updating the blog to publicize the relief activities in Ishinomaki.



Council General Meeting



Information Sharing with
Self Defense Force



Tent Site Map



Meeting with the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan



IDRAC Official Website

(2) *Relief Projects*

Timeline : March 20th, 2011 to present

Received Funding : The Nippon Foundation as well as other general donations

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April 9th Child Smile Project : Kazuma Nursery Cleaning

April 10th Downtown Smile Project : Initiation Ceremony Cleaning
(1,000 people around Tachimachi area)

April 11th Downtown Smile Project : Tachimachi/Chuo/Station North Street Cleaning/Debris Removal



April 26th to May 4th Festival Project: Omiya Shrine Cleaning

May 5th Festival Project: Omiya Shrine Hosts the Annual Spring Festival



April 29th to May 5th Child Smile Project : Suimei Nursery/Fukuroyachi Park Cleaning
 May 6th Child Smile Project : Suimei Nursey Entrance Ceremony Presentation of Flowers



May 9th to May 20th Free bus ride for the victims between Japanese Red Cross Hospital and Watanoha
 May 19 to the present Heavy Machinery Project : Using Zetros and Unimog donated by the Daimler



May 30th to the present : Shelters' Sanitary Reform (Tick Busters)



June 8th to June 12th : Canoe Days (Cleaning at Oshika Peninsula with canoes)
 June to the present : Side Ditch Festival (Local initiated side ditch cleaning project)
 June 11th to June 12th : Koinobori Festival
 June 16th to June 17th : Citywide Cleanup at Minato/Watanoha District
 June 26th : Watanoha Genki Festival



June 30th : The 100th Council Meeting
 July 12th to July 14th : 2nd Canoe Days (at Ohara Beach)
 July 20th to the present : Flood Disaster Relief Support at Kaneyama Town, Fukushima Prefecture



July 31st to August 1st : Ishinomaki Kawabiraki Festival



August 10th : The 1st Temporary Housing Support Network Conference
 August 22nd to the present : Public Bath Service (at two locations in Ishinomaki City)

