

## 58-1 Collaboration and Posterity (Cooperation and division of roles between public and private sectors)

Case study	Kitakami Reconstruction Support Collaborative				
Location	Kitakami City, Iwate Prefecture				
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Members	Kitakami City, Kitakami City Council of Social Welfare, Kitakami Employment Measures Council, Kurosawajiri-Kita District Self-Governance Promotion Council, Iwate NPO-NET Support, Iwate Fukko Collaboration Center				
<p>Activity overview:</p> <p>In August 2011, Kitakami City, Kitakami City Council of Social Welfare, Kitakami Employment Measures Council, Kurosawajiri-Kita District Self-Governance Promotion Council, Iwate NPO-NET Support, and Iwate Fukko Collaboration Center established the Kitakami Reconstruction Support Collaborative to provide support in the areas of health, day-to-day life, employment for disaster victims, and community support, as well as information and support know-how for support groups. Kitakami Shinsai Fukkou Station was established as a base for these activities in September of the same year.</p>					
<p>Activity details:</p> <p>■ Livelihood support for evacuees and logistical support in coastal areas</p> <p>Coastal municipalities in Iwate Prefecture lost many of their city functions and functions needed for day-to-day living in the Great East Japan Earthquake, mostly due to tsunami damage. Meanwhile, the inland areas of Iwate Prefecture, although they suffered damage in the earthquake, were largely spared of damage to infrastructures needed for day-to-day living, and local authorities in these areas took on roles that were needed for reconstructing the coastal areas, such as mobilizing to the coast immediately after the disaster to provide emergency assistance.</p> <p>Approximately 580 people from the coastal areas of Iwate Prefecture, and from Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures evacuated to Kitakami City after the Great East Japan Earthquake. In August 2011, Kitakami City, Kitakami City Council of Social Welfare, Kitakami Employment Measures Council, Kurosawajiri-Kita District Self-Governance Promotion Council, Iwate NPO-NET Support, and Iwate Fukko Collaboration Center established, as local authorities located inland, the Kitakami Reconstruction Support Collaborative to provide livelihood support for these evacuees and to build a logistical support system for coastal areas. The Collaborative collaborated with various organizations to provide support in the areas of health, day-to-day life, and employment. It also provided community support as well as information and support know-how from coastal areas in the Kurosawajiri-Kita area where many evacuees lived. A system was set up where Iwate NPO-NET Support, an intermediary organization in Kitakami city, would coordinate these efforts with weekly meetings held to share information, identify issues, and determine the support measures needed.</p>					

#### ■ Functions of the Kitakami Shinsai Fukkou Station

The Kitakami Reconstruction Support Collaborative established the Kitakami Shinsai Fukkou Station as its base of operations on September 1, 2011. The purpose of this station was to provide a space for evacuees and supporters to exchange information and have personal interactions, and to consolidate and disseminate information about the affected areas to help resolve issues in each of their communities. This created a forum for personal exchanges between the various volunteer groups that provided support for disaster victims who have evacuated inland, providing a one-stop contact that gave evacuees access to effective services including consultations on employment and daily living, and support for community building, etc.

##### Station's activities

- Installed an office for personal exchange and research
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- Operational support for volunteer buses
  - Supports busing service for students and community volunteers.
  - Temporary Housing Living Environment Enhancement Project (implementation of the temporary housing customization project)
- Concierge for various organizations and researchers
  - Refers researchers and volunteers to accommodations and other services.
  - Support for inspection visits to disaster-affected areas
  - Support for volunteers, NPOs, etc., in holding conferences (e.g., reserving venues, etc.)
- Meetings for exchanging information on reconstruction
  - Implementation of the Reconstruction Salon (information provided by researchers)
  - Invites officials from local authorities in affected areas to explain their recovery plan

#### ■ Why was Kitakami able to set this up? -- Kitakami City's push to promote community development

A major factor behind the establishment of the Kitakami Shinsai Fukkou Station and the creation of a system capable of supporting both inland evacuees and the wider community was the foundation of cooperation that was in place between the public and private sectors in Kitakami City.

For example, the city has had a history of researchers, NPOs, local communities, and government agencies working together to examine the directions of city development. An example of this is how researchers, Iwate NPO-NET Support, related departments of Kitakami City (planning, urban planning, agricultural policy, commerce, etc.), and local government councils collaborate to hold workshops under the "Kitakami City Comprehensive Plan: Second Phase Basic Plan" to examine the establishment of sustainable social structures in Kitakami City, the results of which are reflected in various policies. This existing foundation played a major function in establishing the Kitakami Reconstruction Support Collaborative, and Kitakami Shinsai Fukkou Station's operations.

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**Systems and mechanisms applied:**

**Project cost:**