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## JEN'S SUMMER NEWS LETTER

Countries: Sri Lanka, Haiti, Jordan, Tohoku, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq

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Sri Lanka

## JEN, keeping assistance in Sri Lanka



*Demining work progress*

7th Jul. 2015

JEN has been implementing the assistance in agricultural income Livelihood and Community Strengthening for the returnees. About the project sites, there are some locations across the northern part of the country.

In Mullaitve District, electricity is not entirely installed thus the roads are not maintained, which makes it difficult to access to the town and markets nearby. In the district, although there are electric lines, there is no electricity for office. Also, the region is located at prefectural boarder, which is far from the Divisional Secretary centre, where infrastructure maintenance is delayed.

In Kilinochchi District, many returnees have already returned within few years after demining was over. Also, in the other region, there are still some villages where demining works are not done yet. There is a possibility for more returnees after the completion of demining work.

In Vempodukerny, Grama Niladhari (GN), some of the returnees are still living in temporary shelters, and many of them are waiting for the assistance for their housing construction.

Demining is still on-going in Muhamalai GN, and it is expected to be completed soon.

Various assistance activities will be implemented from now on.

Haiti

## Construction of water facilities has been completed!!

4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

JEN Haiti office has conducted renovation of 6 existing fountains to 6 kiosk style water facilities in Haut Gerard in Leogane commune and 3 existing fountains to 4 kiosk shaped water facilities in Bas Gerard in Grand Goave commune.

Our next step is to inspect the constructions, and for the Water Management Committee to (WMC) take over them.

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JEN will train the WMC to help them manage water facilities properly such as introduction of collection of subscription fees for the usage of water facilities.

As features of kiosk, the long-term sustainable maintenance by the WMC is expected through introduction of the fee collection system, it can also prevent from wasting water and water borne diseases because the supply of water can be controlled by the WMC.



*The water facility in Haut Gerard*

Jordan

## Water distribution and discharge

24th Aug.2015

About 80,000 Syrian refugees live in the space of less than six square kilometres in the Za'atari refugee camp.

If you just see the number of population density, it seems to have more populated cities in the rest of the world. However, you may find it difficult to simply compare the housing density when you think about the fact that each of the buildings has only one floor in this camp.

It is not only the housing density, but also there are no water supply and sewage systems. Water is supplied by lorries, and then stored in the public water tanks everywhere in the camp, which are open for the public. Refugees transfer water from these tanks then bring them to their houses. Also, since there are no sewage water systems, wastewater has been drained out of the houses without any treatment.

In order to solve these problems, JEN has been trying to build water supply and sewage systems. It is clear that the refugees' everyday life will be more convenient by building those systems.

It has taken for three years since the camp has been established. There is no prospect that the situation around Syria will be stable in the near future, supports from the mid and long terms point of view are essential. The development of water infrastructure is one of these efforts.

Such big projects require a huge amount of resources and we have been doing anything we can do to support Syrian refugees improve their living conditions, though the steps are little by little.



*A queue, waiting for water distribution*

Tohoku

## Volunteer Work Turns into a New Style

18th Jun. 2015

“Let’s go to the sea!” is a project launched in March 2014 as a new style of volunteer activity. It was created to support disaster stricken areas while enjoying hands-on opportunities to tour around fishing communities. This has been hosted by “the executive committee of ‘Let’s go to the sea!’” formed by locals in the Oshika peninsula, Miyagi Prefecture with JEN’s support.

The 16th “Let’s go to the sea!” was held on Saturday May 23rd and the following Sunday.

Day 1: Ochakokai, a tea party with the staff members of mutual aid organization called “Why not stop by Oshika” at Kyubunhama on the Oshika peninsula; a visit to eleven headed deity, a national important property.

Day 2: fishing experience guided by local fishermen at Sasunohama; participation in the San Juan festival. There were lots of plans worked out for the tour. Participants came from various countries and regions, including Taiwan, China, Tokyo, Sendai and so on.

Once the next tour is set, its itinerary will be posted on the web site of “Let’s go to the sea!”. (<http://hama-e-iko.com/>)



*Fishing experience at Sasunohama*

Pakistan

## Completion of JEN’s distribution



*The distribution resources*

13<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015

JEN has completed distribution activity of livestock feed and shelter to Temporary Displaced Persons (TDPs) in North Waziristan. The total beneficiaries were 500 households.

Prior to the distribution, JEN field staffs have been visiting the targeted areas to deliver tokens to the beneficiaries. Each of the token contains information of a household head e.g. name, ID card number, venue and timing of the distribution. Also, they are coordinated with all relevant authorities i.e. the police, the district officer and other stakeholders like village elders.

The distribution was carried out in three phases. Households were provided with livestock feed and shelter respectively.

At the end of distribution, JEN staffs have handed over the livestock feed and shelter package to the beneficiaries. In return, JEN staffs have collected the tokens from beneficiaries for its record and documentation.

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Afghanistan

## Warning Boards Installation

27<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2015

JEN is committed to ensure the provision of safe drinking and non-drinking water i.e. hand washing water to the targeted schools. For this reason, JEN conducted the quality tests in all the schools where JEN had done the activities. The test revealed that some schools were not safe for drinking. We encouraged chlorinating water, which some of them became drinkable after the treatment. However, the water of 25 schools was not treatable due to chemical issues and these water could only be used for washing hands.

To tackle the issue, JEN facilitated to install warning boards that was created by local staff in consultation with the Department of Education. JEN organized workshop for School Health Committee (SHC) in 21 out of 25 schools to prevent pupils from drinking contaminated water.

Finally, measuring the performance and effectiveness of the activity before and after the workshop, pre and post Knowledge-Practice-Attitude (KAP) survey will be conducted for 10 children of the 25 schools. So far pre KAP survey was conducted in 21 schools. As per the pre KAP survey, the situation in these schools is not good enough, but the result will be different after warning board installation and SHC activities.



*Pupils in the workshop*

Iraq

## Ramadan in Kurdistan

9th Jul. 2015

July is Ramadan month in Kurdistan this year.

During the month, many people who follow the religion refrain eating or drinking between sunrise to sunset, which can be as long as 15 hours during the summer. This is extremely difficult especially in Iraqi Kurdistan where the summer temperature can rise over 40 degrees Celsius.

In order to avoid the heat, many people rest during the day and become active at night, which can be seen from the empty streets in a camp for internally displaced persons (IDPs). Even during Ramadan, however, we work tirelessly to ensure that water is delivered to each household every day. Our engineer provides water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) maintenance support to around 5 households a day, in addition to handling larger communal WASH maintenance. It must be really difficult to work in the sun for long hours without any water, but we admire and appreciate their spirit and dedication to the communities JEN serves.



*Empty streets in a camp*



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