

Support Activities for Children in Japan and Around the World

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**Dāna for World Peace** 

The Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (Nishi Hongwanji) promotes the *Program toward the Realization of an Ondobo Society (Jissen Undo: Ondobo Program)* based on the principle of sharing with the others the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata, and, in doing so, working toward the realization of a society in which everyone, both within and outside of the organization, is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment. Within this program, certain initiatives are designated as *Core Projects*. These projects are carried out over a defined period and are intended to make clear and tangible contributions to society.

For many years since the postwar period, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha has been committed to the pursuit of peace and nonviolence. Specifically, from the perspective of pursuing a peace in which the causes of war such as violence, poverty, discrimination, and inequality are absent, we have set practical goals. Since 2018, we have pursued these goals through the Core Project titled “Overcoming Poverty, Dana for World Peace, Nurturing Our Children,” focusing on efforts to reduce poverty both in Japan and internationally as a pathway toward lasting peace. In particular, child poverty is one in which the children themselves, being socially vulnerable, cannot overcome, and where this situation tends to be passed on to the next generation. For this reason, we focus on initiatives specifically targeting children.

As part of this initiative, the *Donations for Children’s Smiles Campaign* was established in 2018 to support children who are in vulnerable positions in society and to help bring more smiles. Participation is encouraged not only from temples in Japan but also from overseas districts, allowing people of all ages to take part together. Rooted in the Buddhist value of dana, or selfless giving, cherished since the time of Shakyamuni Buddha, the campaign encourages individuals to start with what they can do to support.

Funds raised through this campaign are used to support programs that nurture and assist children in Japan and around the world. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and generous support.

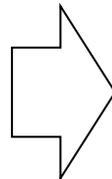
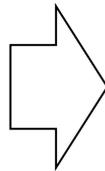
## Areas of Support

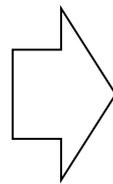
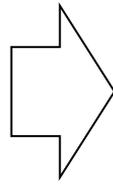
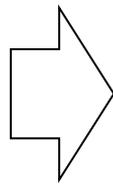
### 1. Dana for World Peace: Supporting the Smiles of Children Around the World

Through its network and related organizations, the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha provides support that contributes to the well-being and happiness of children worldwide. This support includes the following:

1. Support in response to applications from internationally active organizations formed by members of the Jodo Shinshu tradition.
2. Assistance for children in Nepal, carried out in cooperation with Kathmandu Hongwanji.
3. Providing support overseas as needed.
  - Support for children in Ukraine Donation of 10 million yen to UNICEF has been done.
  - Support for Palestinian children (especially in Gaza) Donation of 10 million yen to UNICEF has been done.

Reconstruction of Temporary Classrooms at Kodari Secondary School in Nepal





Activities of Organizations  
Receiving Overseas Support Grants

「子どもたちの笑顔のために募金」支援先を助ねる 海外支援

**「母国に帰れる日まで」  
ミャンマー難民キャンプに教育支援**

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## 2. Supporting Safe and Welcoming Spaces for Children

Support is provided based on applications received from organizers of initiatives. One such example is the building of children's cafeterias. Assistance is also offered to help establish new activities of this kind. This includes support for organizers who run programs at temples that create safe and welcoming spaces for children, such as children's cafeterias and learning support activities.

Activities of grant-support of a children's cafeteria and learning area



## 3. Supporting the Smiles of Children Living in Care Facilities

Support is provided to child welfare institutions that care for children living without parental guardians; who cannot be raised by their families; and who have experienced abuse. This support includes assistance for fifteen child care facilities affiliated with the Nationwide Council of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Child Welfare Institutions, as well as support for the Hongwanji Wisteria Garden, a residential support facility for mothers and their children.

Thank-you letters from the children who received support

