Emergency response to COVID-19

Providing food and toys for single-parent families "Support Package for Single Parent Families" report

Save the Children



Unauthorized reproduction prohibited


Unauthorized reproduction prohibited


Unauthorized reproduction prohibited




Unauthorized reproduction prohibited





Unauthorized reproduction prohibited

To all supporters for "Support Package for Single Parent Families": Your support helped children and families.

Under the influence of COVID-19, impacts on children and parents are severe. In May 2020, Save the Children provided food and other supplies for 310 households that applied for "Support Package for Single Parent Families" in Tokyo's 23 wards. This activity revealed a tough situation surrounding single-parent households; some keep hunger away with water. Therefore, in June, we added three prefectures to Tokyo as the target areas and provided as many as 1,010 households with the support package.
Your support has greatly helped improve single families' food situation and guarantee the rights of children to live and grow in difficulties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. We published a report on the situation of single-parent households facing difficulties and suggested to relevant ministries and agencies, administrative bodies, and assembly members that they strengthen supportive measures.
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for extending support and report the results of our emergency response activities.

1,320 households

We delivered the "Support Package" to 2,255 children and 1,472 adults (aged 19 or over).



"Support Package for Single Parent Families" in June





Staff preparing for shipment

■Voices from recipients

Thank-you messages have arrived.

Thank you very much for the "Support Package for Single Parent Families" I received today. I was surprised at the large amount! Every item in the box is indeed gratifying and appreciated.
The gift makes me feel that staff members selected and packed each item, considering our convenience and pleasure. As a mother, I am most grateful for the rice.
My daughter, who is adolescent and talks only when she is in a good mood, was unusually pleasant while checking the contents and soon satisfied eating the gummy candies.

The enclosed PFA leaflet is also very helpful. Thank you so much.

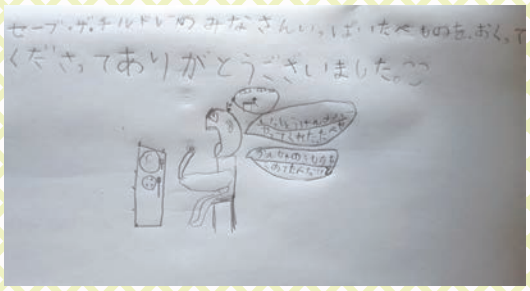
[From a mother in her 30s of two junior high school students]

Thank you for the "Support Package."
The moment I opened the box, my seven-year-old son delightedly said, "It's amazing that there are so many items! How did you collect them?"
The enclosed leaflet is also helpful.
In the current difficulties, I am relieved to know that some people care about us.
Thank you with sincere gratitude.

[From a mother in her 40s of an elementary school student]



Unauthorized reproduction prohibited



Thank you for the "Support Package for Single Parent Families."
I have been off from work since April. It is unclear when I can resume my job in the tourism industry. The support is, therefore, of great help. I as well as my son will enjoy the food with gratitude.
My son plays with the cardboard box as a train or a vending machine (lol).
Thank you for your support.

[From a mother in her 40s of an elementary school student]

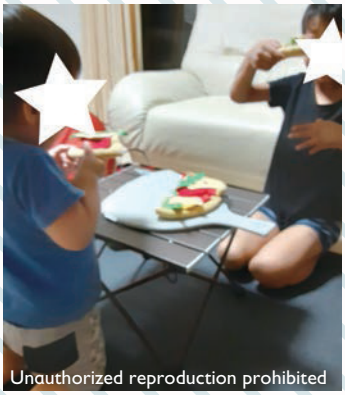
Thank you so much for a lot of food, snacks, and even toys! My children were curious about the box when delivered and then crazy about the toys they found in it!
For both of them who love playing house, the toy pizza seems to be an absolute favorite (* ^^ *). Their happy faces make me happier than anything else.

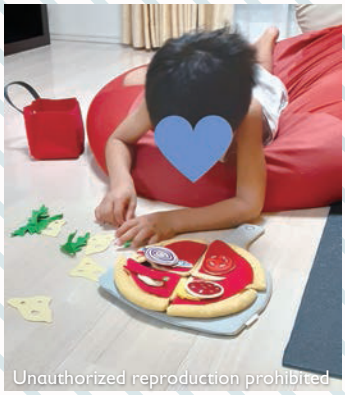
It took a year to finalize my divorce. There has been little payment for our living expenses from my ex-husband because of COVID-19-related reasons. I have been jobless for nearly three months because of the reduction of labor cost and the closure of my workplace. I have been in distress with no income.

COIVID-19, however, has made me realize that many people are trying to help us.
I will do my best!!! Thank you (* ^^ *).

[From a mother in her 30s of a preschooler and an elementary school student]


Unauthorized reproduction prohibited


Unauthorized reproduction prohibited


Unauthorized reproduction prohibited

■Support Provided

Aiming to improve children's food situation and provide opportunities to play, Save the Children helped a total of 1,320 single-parent households experiencing a fall in income affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing rice and other foods, useful information, and a toy set (for those who requested it) from late May to late June.



May 23	Call for entries for "Support Package for Single Parent Families" for residents of Tokyo's 23 wards
May 25 and after	Applications reviewed, preparation for shipment
Late May	Shipment to 310 households
Early June	・ Announcement of the results of our survey about life situation answered by the households when they applied for the "Support Package for Single Parent Families" in May. Decision of the additional emergency support to help more households in increased regions, in response to the hardships of single-parent families. ・ Calls for entries for the additional emergency support, "Support Package for Single Parent Families" for residents of Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, and Saitama
Mid-June	Application reviewed, preparation for shipment
Late June	Shipment to 1,010 households
July	Analysis of the results of our survey about life situation answered by the households when they applied for the package in May and June. Lobbying mainly the members of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly and the 23 ward assemblies, as well as local governments and relevant ministries and agencies, to expand support for single-parent families.
August and after	・ Announcement of the results of our survey about life situation answered by the households when they applied for the additional emergency support in June, "Support Package for Single Parent Families." ・ Continuation of lobbying the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the Cabinet Office, metropolitan and prefectural governments, relevant ministries and agencies, administrative bodies, Diet members, and local assembly members.

On the basis of the results of our survey performed at the time of application, Save the Children lobbies the national and local governments in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, and Saitama to provide urgent support for single-parent families facing severe economic difficulties. In addition, to address the financial constraints experienced by single-parent households, we, in cooperation with other organizations, continue to lobby the national government and relevant ministries and agencies to improve support systems and social security.





Financial report

Thanks to donations by individuals and corporations, we could conduct 20,347,877　yen worth of support activities: “Support Package for Single Parent Families” and the urgent additional support from May through July. The activities include delivery of food and other supplies to target families; survey, analysis, and reporting of the life situation of these families; and policy recommendations.

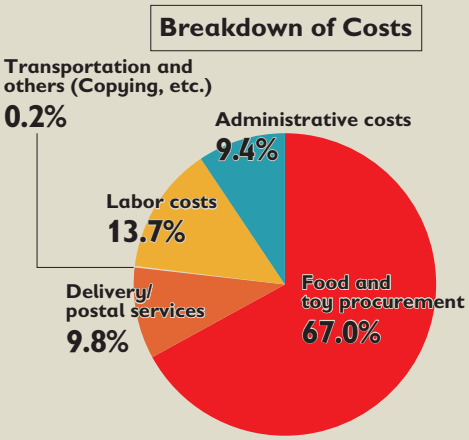
Total donations

JPY 20,347,877

(May-end of July 2020)

Expenditure item	Amount
Food and toy procurement	¥ 13,636,881
Delivery/postal services	¥ 1,989,824
Transportation and others (Copying, etc.)	¥ 34,392
Labor costs	¥ 2,778,383
Administrative costs	¥ 1,908,397
Total	¥ 20,347,877

Breakdown of Costs



Right now, children are living through a global pandemic against the backdrop of poverty, conflict and natural disasters.

We prepare for crises and protect the future of children through "Inochi Mirai Fund" (Inochi/Mirai Chokinbako) to respond to emergencies such as natural disasters and humanitarian crises.



Your gift can provide lifesaving relief.

Donation by credit card

computer or smartphone

You can donate from your computer or smartphone

Donation from the post office (Japan Post Bank)

Postal transfer account:**00190-8-791030**

Name: **Inochi Mirai Fund**

(Inochi/Mirai Chokinbako)

＊Please write "Inochi Mirai Fund" in the remarks column.
＊Please bear the transfer fee. If you would like a receipt, please indicate so in the transfer form.

■ For requests and consultations regarding corporate donations, please contact us below.
■ Donation to Save the Children Japan is tax deductible.

Save the Children is a pioneer of children's rights with a 100-year history of supporting children.

Save the Children is a non-profit international organization that supports children in 120 countries around the world, including Japan. We have been working since 1919, aiming for a world where children's rights are realized.



Save the Children

Save the Children Japan

Yamada Bldg. 4F 2-8-4 Uchikanda Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0047 JAPAN
TEL : 03-6859-0070 (Weekdays 9:30 to 18:00)
www.savechildren.or.jp

November 2020