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# A place where endless research and discussion happen for a great leap forward; Good Neighbors



Ilha, Yi President, Good Neighbors International

While half of the year 2011 is passing by, a variety of incidents and changes happened in the global community, I wish the global leaders the best and hope everything goes well for you throughout the year.

Good Neighbors International (GNI) reached out to Japan where the massive earthquake hit last March and we went out to Japan for emergency relief activities to aid the suffering people in Japan. As the earthquake victims are slowly recovering from the disaster, we at GNI send out our sincerest gratitude to those helping hands from Korea, US, Japan and many other countries. GNI is planning on working with volunteers from the relief aid program by supporting personal sanitation by building shower booths, operating the Sanitation Support Project for the homeless victims. GNI is also organizing volunteers to clean up the earthquake wreckage, facilitate the Disaster Volunteer Center, and conduct the Mental Health Support Project for children and educators, as well as the Emergency Relief Foods Distribution Project with Disaster Countermeasure Center. Moreover GNI will continuously support Iwate villagers and their desire for their city to be restored so that they can return to their ordinary lives by October.

This year, the 4th High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness will be held in Korea this November. In the forum, country representatives, Civil Society Organization(CSO), Non Government Organization(NGO) participants with underdeveloped and donor countries gather together in order to review aid effectiveness in development and value improvement in terms of progress, as well as to reduce poverty via official assistance with achieving millennium development goals. With this is mind, Korean development NGOs have already organized a Korea Civil Society Forum on International Development Cooperation (KoFID) and is actively working with those goals in mind. Good Neighbors has been collaborating with KoFID as an active member and is continuously working on progress for aid effectiveness.

GNI is continuously researching and making efforts to effectively cooperate with neighbors in 149 project sites in 25 field countries. Therefore, GNI has been holding workshops since last June with field country staff in order to share and strengthen its capacity. In July and August, we facilitated a workshop on project, administration, and child sponsorship and we are planning the 20th anniversary of GNI conference in October. From workshops and the international conference, GNI will look back on the past 20 years and re-evaluate previous projects, draw lessons from our history, continue to study in this field, and make efforts to achieve our vision. Your continued interest and support is always appreciated.

# 2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Emergency Relief Middle-term Report

Fumie Honjo Domestic Division, GN Japan

#### **Situation report**

On March 11, 2011, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake occurred around 130 km off the coast of Sanriku, Japan, at a depth of about 24km. It was the biggest earthquake in Japanese history. According to official announcement of National Police Agency of Japan (May 29, 2011), 15,269 people were killed, 8,562 people were missing, and 5,363 people were injured due to this Tsunami. GN has also been operating in the Iwate region. 4,501 people



Damaged community

were killed, 2,893 were missing and 166 were injured. Moreover 20,786 buildings collapsed, 2,101 homes were flooded. Since the Tsunami, 27,279 people have been living in 326 evacuation centers.

#### **Good Neighbors Response**

Good Neighbors has been conducting emergency relief activities mainly through Good Neighbors Japan (GNJP), which was established in Osaka, 2004. After the earthquake occurred, the office responded by dispatching emergency relief teams immediately.

#### The stages of emergency relief of the earthquake-tsunami in Japan

Rescue 7 days	Relief 30 days	Rehabilitation 90 days	Reconstuction
Occuring disaster	• Supply for survival	• Support for stabilization on site	Infrastructure     Reconstruction
<ul> <li>Dispatching the emergency relief team right after an earthquake.</li> <li>Performing a field investigation and griping the location of disaster and the need of the victims</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Distributing aid based on food and daily necessities needed to survive for 40days, from an earthquake by 20th April.</li> <li>At the same time, planning a project and establishing the direction of it for the next step. Recruiting for the emergency relief team.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organizing and managing volun tary teams in order to clean up the earthquake wreckage and keep the environment clean for making temporary shelter.</li> <li>Resuming educational facilities for childcare. Running mental health care program for children to support emotion</li> </ul>	Planning to help the ministries (Emergency disaster control office Volunteer center, the education di vision) and to cooperate with then to reconstruct infrastructure.

#### **Good Neighbors Activities**

#### 1)Dispatched emergency relief teams

On March 12th, the day following the earthquake, Good Neighbors decided to initially supply \$100,000 for emergency relief in Japan. On March 14th, one of the emergency aid teams was sent to Iwate, and on March 16th, a field investigation and first distribution were done. Good Neighbors sent 17 members of the emergency aid team through three times and continued the emergency relief by hiring seven professionals the fields of architecture, education of children, and coordination of volunteer services.

#### 2)Distribution of emergency relief goods

Good Neighbors researched the most urgentlyneeded supplies, cooperated with the emergency disaster control office in Iwate, and distributed the emergency relief supplies to Kamaishi-shi, Otshchi-cho, and Yamada-machi, with the majority of donations coming from enterprises in Korea, USA and Japan.



Aid relief workers giving out supplies

NO.	Date	Goods list	Target Area
1	3/16	Mask 1,600, Toothbrush 200 T-shirts 327, Snack food 300	KAMAISHI evacuation centers, 2places
2	3/18	Socks 470, Underwear 436 Mask 3,060, Sanitary napkin	emergency disaster control office of OTSUCHI town
3	3/24	23 ER item 2,306 (Medicine, Clothing, Portable gas, gas burner, Water etc.)	emergency disaster control office of KAMAISHI city KAMAISHI evacuation centers, 4places
4	3/28	Food can 300	OTSHCHI evacuation center and YAMADA evacuation center (FUNAKOSHI kindergarten, OURA kindergarten)
5	3/30	Underwear 850	emergency disaster control office of KAMAISHI city emergency disaster control office of YAMADA town
6	4/13	Blankets 1,000, Sanitary napkin 7,200 boxes	emergency disaster control office of KAMAISHI city
7	4/20	Clothing 3,311	emergency disaster control office of KAMAISHI city
8	4/22	Stationery for kids	USNOMAI kindergarten, KAMAISHI kindergarten OSANAGO kindergartens, ANDO daily care center

#### 3)Sanitation Support

Through research conducted by Good Neighbors, our organization was able to recognize a key need in Kamaishi, Otshchi, and Yamada: shower facilities. Good Neighbors has since set up seven shower booths and has been managing them continually. Also, remains from destroyed buildings and amassed soil and sand in communities made it difficult for victims to return home. Good Neighbors started to clean up the wreckage with volunteers organized throughout in Otshchi. Relief activities have been focused on senior citizens living alone and children's educational facilities that have been damaged by the tsunami.



Shower booths were installed



Clean up the wreckage

#### 4)Child support

Good Neighbors is helping counsel children from the aftershock of the earthquake and tsunami and during their current unstable living situation. We visited damaged schools and nurseries in Kamaishi, Otshchi and Yamada, researched what was needed, and collected the necessary goods and support the children needed. Also, Good Neighbors has been building a network of professionals in order to create a psychotherapy program for children suffering from PTSD(Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), and working with kindergarten and nursery teachers. Also, we've created a Mental Health Support Project as a recreationtional activity for middle and high school students.



Children participate in an art program

#### 5)Volunteer Organization and Operation

After a request from the Disaster Volunteer Center in Otshchi, Good Neighbors sent volunteer coordinators to manage the daily activities and operations of volunteers to ensure we were working as efficiently as possible. As a result, volunteers throughout Japan were able to take charge of important tasks needed after we worked to place the right talent in the right roles. We have also been coordinating volunteers online.

Good Neighbors Next Plan 1)Sanitation Support

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Children's painting be posted in evacuation center



GNJP staffs and volunteers

- Help about 150,000 victims and volunteers to use the shower booths set up in the affected areas and volunteer centers.
- Help with a faster recovery by organizing experienced volunteers and supporting the service of removing debris from streets and house.

#### 2)Child Support

- Continue psychotherapy program for children and parents of 10 kindergartens and nurseries in Kamaishi, Otshchi to help them return to their regular routines as soon as possible.
- Carry out special support activities for children kindergarten-middle school so they can begin to release their fears and move on with their lives.
- Improve the living environment of children by supplying them with toys, books, and decorations for their rooms.

• Help reconstruct education facilities in affected areas and support tools and supplies for education.

#### 3)Community Support

carried out.

• Support a local festival for people still suffering emotionally in hopes of giving them an encouraging, fulfilling experience.

#### 4) Volunteer Organization and Operation

- Send professional volunteer coordinators to Otshchi so that tasks can be accomplished smoothly and quickly.
- Organize and send about 500 volunteers to help reconstruct damaged areas.

#### Bittersweet Graduation Ceremonies...

On April 22, a late graduation ceremony was held at Otshchi Nursery School. This nursery school was built only two years ago, this earthquake and tsunami flooded nearly up to the ceiling of the 1st floor. The nursery suffered catastrophic damages inside the building and the yard. There is no plan for reconstruction so their graduation ceremony was cancelled.



Father received the graducation certificates instead of his killed child

Staff members, including the head of the nursery school,

wanted to hold the graduation ceremony even if it was delayed. The school built up many memories for them. They tried to clean the site and sort out items, such as drawings and pictures, which remained after the disaster. However, the parking lot and entrance area were not touched until the day before the graduation ceremony. To help out the situation, 14 volunteers of GN scraped sludge and cleaned the nursery school. Teachers looked surprised at the miraculously clean parking lot and entrance area. The best reward for the volunteers was seeing the teachers' expressions of amazement and their big smiles. The graduation ceremony was successfully

2 out of 27 graduates were killed in the disaster. The fathers of the 2 children received the graduation certificates instead of their child. The head of the nursery spoke kindly and wholeheartedly to the attending children, wIt was really scary, wasn't it? You ran a lot, didn't you?" and explained to them that their two friends were taken to God's house and they didn't have to suffer anymore.

# Well, Education and the world's first NTD clinic

Su-Young Chang Country Director, GN Tanzania





Lake Victoria View

#### Two sided face of Lake Victoria

"Back then I thought Lake Victoria and its water save my life. It's doesn't anymore. I advised my son to give up his dream to be a fisherman. "

- Revocatus Nyampwelwa (42 years old) has been living as a fishermen for 10 years in lake Victoria. However 4 years ago, he began to feel abdominal pain and had a bloated stomach, as well as suffering from shortness of breath.

Tanzania is a country located in the Eastern part of Africa with the world's second largest lake, Lake Victoria. This lake and its water saves lives but at the same time it brings fatal organ damage to threaten life. It is that contradiction that we must live with.

Kome Island in Lake Victoria is the symbol of the Good Neighbors Tanzania (GN Tanzania) Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD) project.

More than four million local people drink the lake water and use the lake's water for daily needs. This is contaminated with schistosomiasis1 which causes diseases such as anemia, hematuria, fibroid organs, and cirrhosis.



Water of Lake Victoria has been used to daily and drinking water

### The world's neglected disease that infected by a billion of people

One billion people (1/6 of the world's population) suffer from Neglected Tropical Disease (NTD). NTD consists of fourteen elements of diseases that occur in 'tropical' regions and it is mainly caused by polluted water contaminated with parasites and insects. Unlike malaria or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), where the global community including pharmaceutical companies and some governments is aware enough to support ways to combat those particular diseases, NTD is not severe enough to gain global attention. Considering there are cases of malaria and HIV in developed countries practically forcing the international community pour astronomical amounts of funds into the African continent; schistosomiasis or NTD is only occurrs in underdeveloped countries where under extreme poverty and poor sanitation circumstances which in turn, receives less attention from the world.

#### For the sound future of Tanzania

On february of 2010, the result of a survey among Come Island local people who took anthelmintic revealed that 47% of local people were re-infected by schistosomiasis. This means that



Stomach infected with schistosomiasis has begun to swell

people keep using the water from Lake Victoria which is already contaminated with schistosomiasis. One dose of anthelmintic will not be able to exterminate schistosomiasis; therefore it has to be resolved through its fundamental problem. GN Tanzania cooperated with local representatives, schools, and Tanzanian government to give out anthelmintic and worked on to assist 7 million NTD infectious people back to health. There has been an effort made to lower the schistosomiasis infection rate from 50% to 10% by 2013. In



Community people using new wells



Distribute medicines to the Children

addition to supplying safe-drinking water, GN Tanzania has built 21 new wells (2011. June), and has developed educational material on the prevention of schistosomiasis and helminth as well as conducting preventive education programs for local people. Moreover, on March 10, 2011, GN Tanzania, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and (Tanzania) National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) cooperated to open the world's first Mwanza NTD Clinic.

In opening ceremony, there were many internal and external participants including the president of GNI, senior executive officials of Tanzania and Health researchers. It shows that the NTD clinic is the most needed in Mwanza area. GN Tanzania hopes that through its activities to keep our children secure future.



Opening ceremony of the world's first NTD Clinic & NIMR Health Center



Inside the NTD Clinic

Good Neighbors Tanzania (GN Tanzania) > Registered officially as an International NGO in the Tanzania government since 2005 and actively working. To improve poverty, unhealthy sanitation environments, and poor societal infrastructure, GN Tanzania is facilitating local development projects in five different regions. Especially Korean professional medical team and local agencies are co-operating together in Mwanza on NTDs Project and making efforts on eradicating diseases through improvement of environment and education.

### Health Movement for the Community People in Bogale

Soe Moe Kyaw Operation Department, GN Myanmar

The Bogale Community Development Project began in 2009 focusing on 7 village tracts which include 34 villages and is located on the southwestern part of Myanmar. Bogale is located on the base of the delta downstream of the Ayeyarwaddy River. Because of these geographical factors, the people use small boats as their main transportation. Since the villages don't have medical facilities, they have to travel, typically by boat, to the nearest village with a medical facility. Due to the inconvenience of transportation, not many people utilize the medical facilities and it is difficult to recognize certain diseases in its early stages.

For this reason, to help the environment and improve health conditions, Good Neighbors Myanmar(GN Myanmar) has been supporting infrastructure in the community in various ways. GN Myanmar has been supporting toilet installations by providing fly proof latrines for 500 households. It is implemented with community participation. The toilet is designed to reduce the bad smell and prevent the access of flies. There is a big bottle under the ground and it is connected to the toilet stool with a pipe. Previously, most of the villagers used holes in the ground as a latrine and some villagers built their latrines along the bank and so we encouraged them to build fly proof latrines. Now, the villagers use fly proof latrines systematically and we hope that it will help decrease the rate of waterborne diseases. Also, we developed 2 wells, supported a drinking water pond fence, and distributed treadle pumps to keep the drinking water source clean.

Moreover, GN Myanmar is making efforts to improve the health status of Bogale in many ways. We supported 3,290 children to get medical checkups and operate primary health care and hygiene training with doctors and nurses to 3,000 community adults. GN Myanmar has been conducting health prevention education about



Toilets built by GN Myanmar's support



Developed well



Water pond surrounded by fences which supported by GN Myanmar

balanced diet, dengue fever prevention and importance of personal hygiene. We conducted training about hygiene and it covered: 1)Washing hands before eating food and cutting nails to keep their hands clean. 2)Cleaning environment to reduce access of flies. 3)Drinking boiled water and 4)keeping a clean toilet. Through this education, GN Myanmar hopes that the community people have a better understanding and more knowledge about the importance of hygiene and health care. As the saying goes, "Health is Wealth", and GN Myanmar will not only try to support community development, but also try our best to build a healthy environment in Bogale.



Conduct medical check up



Conduct health prevention deucation

## **All Together Right Now**

Motsia Marcel Damma GN Chad Volunteer

There are things you cannot do alone in the world. So, I suggest joining all together right now. We met Motsia Marcel Damma and talked about his life as a volunteer. Shall we go together?



#### Chapter 1. Meeting

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My name is Motsia Marcel Damma. I am 29 years old and was born in Ndjamena, capital of Chad. I am a technician in environment science and biodiversity and I am also a building and practical work engineer. I taught mathematics, chemistry and physics in different secondary schools in Ndjamena.

#### \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ How did you join Good Neighbors Chad as a volunteer member?

#### Could you tell me what kind of volunteer work you do?

Interested in the development of my locality, I was motivated to use my ability to come up with a solution for the problems in my community and so I joined the Karwei community development committee. The Karwei community development committee meeting was run by Good Neighbors Chad (GN Chad). It was my first direct contact with GN Chad.

Now I am the general secretary of the committee of Karwei community Development. I am the first volunteer of the community so I am like the engine of the other volunteers. I convene meetings, plan activities, and coordinate educational activities for children.

#### **Chapter 2. Realization**

#### $\_$ $\!$ $\!$ $\!$ What was the most impressive and memorable experience during volunteer work?

The biggest thing that impressed me was the distribution of school and living supplies to sponsored children in Karwei Community Development Project (CDP). It is also important to share information that Karwei CDP sponsored children receive various support from sponsors through GNI. Moreover a series of these supplies would be carried out with the community development committee. Since then I began to believe that Good Neighbors International (GNI) will fulfill their goal of improving the children's living and studying condition.

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### $\_$ What is one thing needed to be a GNI volunteer?

To participate as a volunteer, you should have the motivation and understanding of other people. People are all different and all volunteers have different motivation and purpose to join as volunteers. So if we don't have mutual understanding, it's hard to keep on going and encourage other people to join our volunteer group.

### Chapter 3. Together

### $\_$ What is your goal or future plan during volunteer work?

My main objective as volunteer is to contribute as much as I can to help my community enhance its living condition and to help children to get educated. My future plan is to be a role model in order to attract other people to join volunteer work that can work hard to develop their community and will be able to share love with others by doing concrete actions. So, I must help other people by being available in our community work and I will be happy if these activities can continue.

### \_\_\_\_\_\_ Any words of encouragement to volunteers in other countries of GNI?

In spite of the difficulties we volunteers are facing, I would like to encourage volunteers to persevere and keep on going. I am sure we will not work as volunteers our entire lives, so while we are doing volunteer work, we must do our best with love and enthusiasm. Also, we have the biggest responsibility to begin volunteer work when given to us, because it's the beginning of the development in our community. Finally, I want to say thank you to GNI and greet all my volunteer colleagues all over the world.



Report on volunteer work



Mr. Motsia Marcel Damma with children

### **Opening Doors to International Cooperation**



Haeun Seong Representative, Good Neighbors International Cooperation Office in Geneva

International Cooperation is a crucial component or humanitarian relief and development as it synergizes the capacity and expertise of various stakeholders and increases the efficiency of limited resources. This article series on international cooperation will look into the partnership with major international development organizations and stakeholders with the aim of widening the scope of Good Neighbors International activity in collaboration with other stakeholders.

#### International Aid: Myths and Facts

We live in an era where more people are devoted to humanitarian work, more money is spent for aid and development and more technology is developed to fight poverty and hunger. However, the true reach and solutions brought by these ever-growing commitments are still too meager.

In 1970 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 2626(XXV) calling advanced nations to gradually increase their annual official development assistance (ODA) to developing and underdeveloped countries up to 0.7% of their Gross National Income by mid-1970. If accomplished today, this would be close to the annual Gross National Product (GNP) of Switzerland, the 15th economy in the world, i.e. 280 billion US dollars.

However, 40 years since the promise, and with only 4 years left for the targeted achievement of the Millennium Development Goal, the average Gross National Income proportion of OECD countries in 2011 is expected to reach a very modest 0.32% with the total of 129 billion US dollars. Although the global budget for international aid experienced a constant expansion, it did not significantly exceed the proportion of global economic growth and inflation.

With the proliferation of humanitarian crises all over the world, and massive media coverage providing popular support for humanitarian action, governments and donor agencies have been increasingly committed to international aid and assistance, but a big part of such commitment was never honored.

Although international organizations, governments, business sector, donor agencies, and individuals are more and more outspoken in international aid and development, the actions are far from meeting the needs coming from new challenges such as climate change, globalization and ever-high internal conflicts.

#### **Good Neighbors International and Cooperation**

With more people to feed, more poverty and more crises, the problem of limited resources and limited expertise is a growing challenge rather than an unsolved problem of the past. The only way to face such challenge is making the most of what little is provided and share and learn as much as possible information and know-how. Indeed, cooperation is not a strategic option to improve results but a moral obligation to achieve basic humanity.

Cooperation is a very familiar notion for everybody based on the simple principles of mutual trust and common good. However, cooperation in practice is a difficult task requiring large investment and carrying high risks.

Good Neighbors International has successfully paved the ground of cooperation among aid and development agencies in Korea through the National Council of Non-Profit Organizations based on its unconditional dedication for the humanitarian community. And today, is opening wide its doors of cooperation toward the international community.

#### International Cooperation: Who, Where and How

WHO: This article series will shed light on major international organizations and stakeholders working in the field of emergency relief, humanitarian aid and human development with which Good Neighbors International has cooperated or will cooperate in the future.

WHERE: It will explore their field of expertise, strengths and weaknesses and map the areas upon which cooperation can be achieved.

HOW: The series will focus on practical issues for international cooperation including the nature and process of partnership with those entities and the approaches to be adopted by NGOs.

To be continued.



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# GN Indonesia holds wish-making event to celebrate Children's day



Good Neighbors Indonesia (GN Indonesia) conducts the 'Tell the president your wishes' campaign for Indonesia children from 17 June to 26 June in Jakarta downtown. It's part of upcoming celebration of Indonesia Children's Day on 23 July, 800 children and their parents were participated. GN Indonesia will hold the ceremony of Indonesia Children's Day including Runing competition, wishes card exhibition and performance.

#### GN Chad holds Sports day



A sports day event held on May 5th by Good Neighbors Chad Karwai Community Development Project, proved to be a day of fun and joy for all those involved. Among the 400 children participants, eight types of game were contested during the course of the day such as relay jumping, pulling rope and foot ball. After the end of the game, participants were awarded with prizes. These games were mainly prepared by the community people.

# GN Cambodia and Kountrei community repair village ponds together



On April 30th, Good Neighbors Cambodia (GN Cambodia) completed repairing two ponds in Kountrei, a project for the community people to access water easily for drinking and home gardening. GN Cambodia staff coordinated with CDC members and a village chief to conduct a meeting to inform them about the project, collect their contributions and to raise people's awareness. As a result of the meeting, all of them agreed with the project to repair the ponds for community use. Villagers voluntarily put fences around the ponds to protect animals from accessing the ponds, so that people can have clean water. These ponds will benefit not only 150 families for home gardening and storage for drinking water, but it will also benefit the school to implement GN Cambodia's feeding project smoothly.



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# Good Neighbors and communities feed 3,200 students in Malawi



Good Neighbors Malawi (GN Malawi) is continually supporting a school feeding program at Chata, Therezi and Chiwoza primary schools where over 3,200 students are eating likuni phala (porridge). GN Malawi continues to support them with the supply of likuni phala flour. Community members surrounding Chata, Therezi and Chiwoza primary schools pledged to take part in the feeding system by preparing the porridge and finding firewood. Parents, students and teachers are so happy with the feeding system that GN Malawi has introduced because the students are more motivated to learn under better condition.

# GN Tajikistan trains local women basket crafts



Good Neighbors Tajikistan held basketwork seminar training for

women of the Rash region. This training lasted 12 days; from April 4th till the 15th and the curriculum consisted of 4 steps. 1) Theory explanation about basketwork. 2) Introduction to the different kinds of trees for making basketwork 3) Tool used for basketwork (secateurs, screwdriver) 4) Practice. This seminar was held as part of income generation and basketwork is available for women at the same time to take care of chores and bring in additional income to the family.

# GN Philippines' Learning Center celebrates 2nd batch graduation



Good Neighbors Philippines (GN Philippines) Learning Center held its second graduation and recognition rites for the 2010-2011 school year in the covered court of Brgy; San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal. It was held last March 17, 2011; this ceremony aims to provide a formal graduation program and closing ceremony to recognize the achievements of the students for the school year. In the learning center, there were a total of thirty four (34) students in an advanced class who graduated and twenty two (22) from the beginner class who will be moving-up to the advanced class in the next school year.

# 200 fire-affected families supported by GN Kenya

There was a fierce fire outbreak as a result of a gas cylinder explosion in Mukuru located 10km from the capital city of Nairobi of Kenya on February 28th, 2011. The fire started around 9 am and

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burned until 4 pm. Due to the fire, over 3,700 houses were burned down and over 10,500 people were affected. 97 of our sponsored children were injured during the fire, so GN Kenya conducted emergency support to 200 families by distributing daily necessities and food.

# Sangla CDP trains local women sewing skills



On March 15, 2011, the Sangla Community Development Project of Good Neighbors Nepal has started the sewing training for some of our sponsored children's mothers to enhance the sustainable income of the females by providing vocational skills. The training duration is fixed for four months from March 15 to July 15. The classes are four hours per day from Sunday to Thursday. Before the start of training, the project director made an agreement and commitment with the trainer and participants for punctuality and regular attendance. During the training, they are taught how to sew clothes for the children along with providing the techniques of measuring and cutting the clothes.

### GN Egypt celebrates Mother's day



On 21th March, Good Neighbors Egypt (GN Egypt) held a celebration of Mother's day. In this celebration, 186 women attended as well as two other NGO chairman and a government official. Moreover, as part of the improvement of women's rights, we had time to share about GN Egypt's vocational training program. So some of the wives who were already trained shared to the attendees how their lives completely changed after gaining new skills and the courses they took to manage a hairdressing shop through GN Egypt's micro credit.

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