

# **Global Partnership for Sustainable Peace GPSP**

## **A New Movement for Humanitarian Efforts**

**GPSP** is AMDA's new movement for the *Open Sogo-Fujo*<sup>1</sup> humanitarian efforts. It is based on broad and comprehensive network covering the four fields, which are peace building, comprehensive livelihood support, educational support, and promotion of health. It is founded on AMDA's 30 years of experiences in the humanitarian efforts defining the future course of actions and guidelines.

## **The Purpose and Meaning for the Launch of GPSP**

The most important purpose of our new movement, GPSP, is to disseminate AMDA's philosophy throughout the world. The concept of *OpenSogo-Fujo* for the peaceful coexistence of diversity has always been at the core of our activities over the past 30 years. By expanding the network and strengthening our expertise under GPSP, we are confident that we will be able to send AMDA's message of peace to wider group of people around the world.

Secondly, to cope with the fast-changing economic environment of the world, AMDA needs to build up stronger funding basis for the future. We also need to create a new business assistance model incorporating the business sector and commercial banks in our programs. It means to bridge the needy communities with the real financial world bringing the poor into the mainstream of economic activities. In order to realize this, we need the cooperation and advice from businesses and banks. GPSP will expand its network to include these specialized fields in order to broaden our sphere of activities with stronger financial foundation.

The experiences and knowledge AMDA has cultivated since its inception in 1984 should be passed down to future peace makers of the world. With the understanding and help of so many people around the world, AMDA has grown from its humble origin

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to p.9 for explanation of the term "*Open Sogo-Fujo*".

to an international NGO. We all owe to the world and especially to our supporters to pass this tradition to our young people so that they may continue what we have begun 30 years ago. Our young people should be given opportunities to do good for the world community, the same opportunity we were given when we were young. The wide network of GPSP will provide AMDA and its young partners with better training and educational milieu.

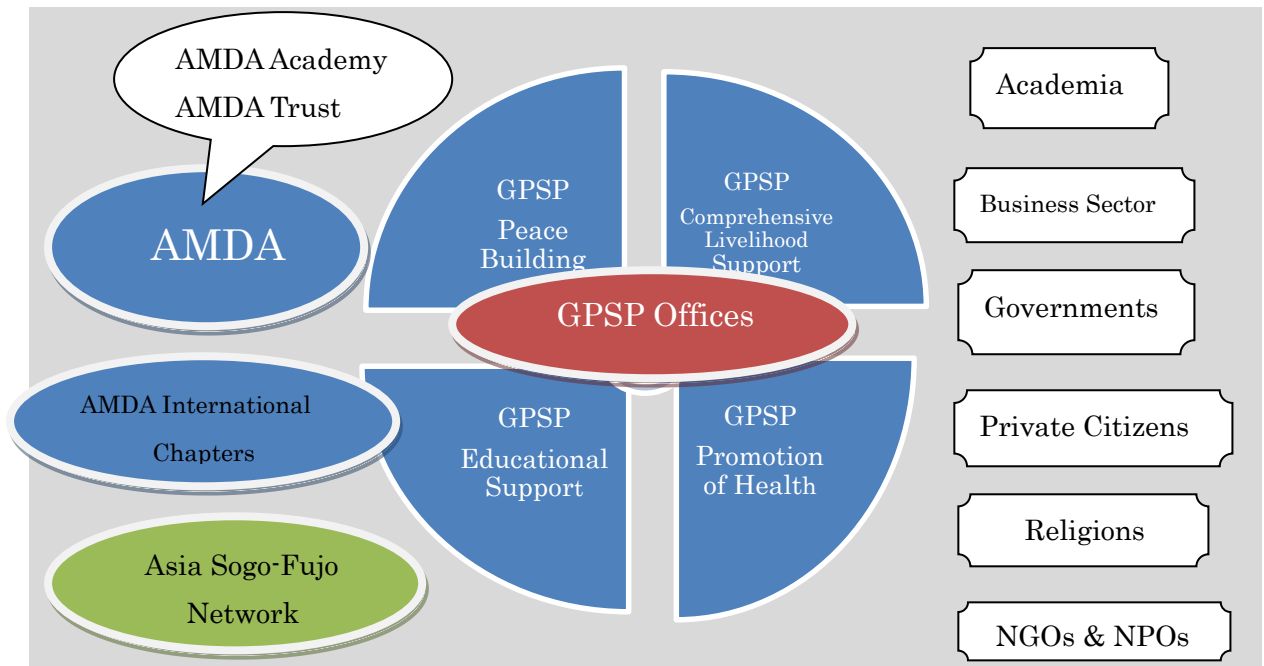
With unprecedented increase in the frequency and scale of natural disasters of recent years, the methods of emergency relief must be adjusted to keep up with the ever changing needs. Many countries now have set up their own countermeasure to cope with disasters and protect their citizens from disasters. There are, however, still many areas left for international NGO to carry out relief activities for the affected people. These needs can be best detected and met at local level. Emphasis on local initiative has been the benchmark of AMDA emergency relief activities. To empower local population for the task and make the most of the local capabilities, GPSP would incorporate more partners from diverse fields widening our network of partners at local and national levels.

### **GPSP Network**

The network will be run and supported by AMDA during the first phase of the plan which is from 2014 to 2016. The main area of activities for this period will be in Asian countries except for emergency relief activities which will be implemented globally as in the past AMDA relief activities. A careful evaluation of the first phase will be carried out at the end of the three-year period determining the next course of action which may include handing over the programs to local organizations and extending the area of activities to other parts of the world.

GPSP Office in Kuala Lumpur and AMDA Headquarters in Okayama will serve as the secretariat for GPSP. In a few years' time GPSP offices will be set up in Asian cities, primarily in natural disaster-prone countries.

The network of GPSP is comprised of AMDA and its collaborating partners, AMDA International and its country chapters. It is hoped that the members of Asia Sogo-Fujo



Network for Emergency Relief, in short A-S net,<sup>2</sup> established in the spring of 2013, will also proactively take part in the network, especially in emergency relief activities. The network is open to all those who share in the spirit of *Open Sogo-Fujo*.

**AMDA Trust** will be mainly established with major donors as its members. As advisors in financial matters, the trust members will give support and advice on matters such as GPSP scholarship and awards as needed.

**AMDA Academy** will serve an advisory function in GPSP, to its projects and members. The Academy will consist of founders of AMDA Chapters in their respective countries. They will advise and assess projects proposed to GPSP. Each year the members of the Academy will select the best GPSP project of the year and certify scholarship proposals.

Each GPSP member organization will select a facilitator from its own staff, once decision is made to partake in one of GPSP projects. Facilitators from involved organizations will work together in implementing projects and exchange ideas on common interest. This system of facilitator will help further collaboration among members to other fields and levels in the GPSP network.

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<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the website below for details of Asia Sogo-Fujo Network.  
<http://www.amdainternational.com/english/news/detailsnews.php?id=167>

**GPSP's Activities**  
**Its 4 Fields and 10 Projects**

**1. Peace Building**

GPSP Multi-National Medical Mission

GPSP Medicine & Soul Program

**2. Comprehensive Livelihood Support**

Micro Credit

Organic Farming

**3. Educational Support**

GPSP Kids Project

Global Human Resource Development Project

GPSP Scholarship

**4. Promotion of Health**

GPSP Friendship Hospitals

GPSP Medical Missions

Primary Health Care(Mobile Clinic) & Promotion of Health Awareness

**1. Peace Building**

**GPSP Multi-National Medical Mission**

The basic concept of AMDA Multi-National Medical Mission will be applied in the same way for GPSP. Its purpose is to act to help refugees and those affected by natural disasters. There are three categories in GPSP Multi-National Medical Mission. The first category is relief activities that are confined to the country affected by disaster. GPSP member of the affected country will act at its own discretion. The emergency relief of the second category will involve GPSP members of neighboring countries. The third category will be the all-out efforts by GPSP members willing to participate. For activities in the second and third categories, a coordination center will be set up in the disaster hit country to which those wishing to dispatch medical team will send one of their coordinators.

Rehabilitative measures targeted to ease the pain of the affected population in the post-disaster period will also be implemented as the need arises.

GPSP offices planned to be established in respective Asian countries will seek contribution and cooperation from local business enterprises and public interest organizations.

### **GPSP Medicine & Soul**

AMDA Soul and Medicine Program, in short ASMP, has been a very unique and effective approach giving comfort and health to the soul as well as to the body of the people suffering from tragic experiences of wars or natural disasters. Under GPSP we will continue to involve more religious leaders, community leaders with various religious/cultural backgrounds, educational specialists and all those who can contribute to rebuilding peaceful community.

## **2. Comprehensive Livelihood Support**

### **Micro Credit**

Micro credit combined with the promotion of health insurance was AMDA's original concept. It has been successfully implemented as AMDA Bank Complex in Bangladesh and in other countries. The next step in line with this trend is the establishment of a micro-credit bank. The greater credibility and financing capability of a commercial bank can empower the poor much better than the conventional methods used by NPO or NGO. Instead of a mere anti-poverty measure, this would help the poor to enter the mainstream of economic activities. We will start by educating people about micro credit and putting it into practice in other areas of the world.

### **Organic Farming**

Eating right is a prerequisite for effective medicine. The model farm in Shinjo Village, Okayama, has been a successful showcase of organic farming. For the past few years the farm has welcomed students and specialists of agriculture from Indonesia and the Philippines. Having studied the organic farming, these specialists are now back in their own community applying what they have learned in Shinjo into practice. Agriculture can be a big force for development in many areas of the world. Collaborating with academia, locally as well as internationally, safe and efficient production of organic food can revitalize the farming community in a very positive way.

### **3. Educational Support**

#### **GPSP Kids Project**

Children who are not given enough opportunities to harness their motivation or potential for self-realization are what we call GPSP kids. They are often orphans, disabled, or children living in slums, disaster-affected areas, or remote mountains. The needs of these children differ from place to place. Physical checkups, nutritional meals, sports program, inter-cultural or religious programs are some of the activities AMDA has incorporated in programs. GPSP will continue in this tradition to cater to the needs of these children.

#### **Global Human Resource Development Project**

AMDA has been implementing educational program targeted toward Japanese young people who envision their future career in international affairs. Pursuant to this successful attempt, GPSP will build a more comprehensive human resource development project involving organizations from various GPSP member countries and extending its targets toward young people in GPSP member countries. The whole GPSP, the four fields and its ten projects, will take active part in the making of this program for the future peace makers of the world.

#### **GPSP Scholarship**

There are two kinds of scholarships. Both of these do not require recipients to repay what they have received. One is the general GPSP scholarship which will basically continue until the depletion of the fund. The other type is scholarship which would be run by the interest generated by depositing the donation in a commercial bank. Upon request of donors, the scholarship may bear their names in commemoration of their contribution and as our expression of gratitude.

In AMDA, we have seen some of our scholarship recipients of the past become new contributors giving the younger generation opportunities they had once received. This is an excellent example of how *OpenSogo-Fujo* works transcending time and space.

Dr. Husni Tanra, Chairperson of AMDA Indonesia and Standing Committee on Emergency Relief, has set up his own scholarship fund following in the footsteps of Dr. Shigeru Suganami, President of AMDA Group. We encourage AMDA chapters and all GPSP member organizations to initiate scholarship based on funding from its own members. Scholarship can start small and it may take different forms such as matching with funding from outside if enough fund cannot be arranged. GPSP network may

help find matching donors or provide related information.

#### **4. Promotion of Health**

##### **GPSP Friendship Hospitals**

For AMDA, securing medical assistance for underserved communities has always been high on its agenda. Below is the list of AMDA's medical institutions. The process or condition under which these institutions were initiated vary from place to place, but most of them are now being independently operated and managed by AMDA International chapters or by related parties in the respective countries. In addition to providing medical services to local population, these institutions serve as the medical hub in times of disaster. It is hoped that each involved nation will have one medical institution which can act as medical hub for effective GPSP operation especially in times of disaster,

Siddhartha Children and Women Hospital(Nepal)

Damak Hospital(Nepal)

Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital(Bangladesh)

Japan-Afghan Friendship Hospital(Afghanistan)

Japan-Mongolia Friendship Hospital(Mongolia)

AMDA Peace Clinic in Bodhgaya,( India)

##### **GPSP Medical Missions(including promotion of advanced medical technology)**

AMDA has been carrying out medical missions based on a particular need of certain group of people in need of medical services. Matching these local needs with the schedule and capacity of possible provider of medical services is the basis of AMDA's Medical Mission. One example of recent missions is the ophthalmologist and cataract mission which has begun in Mongolia in 2011 and continues to this day. This series of mission involves free cataract surgeries for local people, health check-ups for the children, donation of eye glasses and seminars with Mongolian Ophthalmologists' Society. Similar mission involving free cataract surgeries has begun in Sri Lanka since 2011 in collaboration with AMDA Taiwan and Taiwan International Health Action, known as TaiwanIHA. In addition, this year in Sri Lanka in cooperation with local government AMDA conducted free dental check up and hygiene education at an elementary school in remote area of the country.

Included in the GPSP medical mission is the promotion of advanced medical technology

such as cutting-edge technology in cardiac surgeries in developing nations. In recent years, AMDA has been seeking to promote exchange and assistance program in this field to make advanced medical technology more available to people who are in desperate need of these medical services. The wide network of GPSP will allow us to extend our services to a larger population in need of advanced medical care.

**Primary Health Care(Mobile Clinic) & Promotion of Health Awareness**

GPSP will promote healthcare service among people living in poverty and promote health awareness among health-illiterate population. Regardless of the cause for the poor living condition, general health among the population is the basis for development. AMDA's mobile clinic services have been active in many parts of the world bringing health to people. At the same time educating people about health is indispensable for the growth of the entire community. GPSP will continue in this tradition providing primary health care and health awareness in distressed communities.



## AMDA's Spirit of "*Open Sogo-Fujo*"

*Sogo-Fujo* is a Japanese word meaning mutual assistance. It is a social value deeply rooted in the traditional Japanese close-knit community life. It implies a cycle of reciprocating assistance within a community. Traditionally in Japan as well as in many Asian countries, there have been strong ties among people in a neighborhood. People within a neighborhood help each other to share in good and bad times of their life.

The essence of *Sogo-Fujo* is that it is a cycle of reciprocating assistance. There is no set line between the giver and receiver of assistance. It changes with the time and circumstance. The receiver of assistance today will not linger at the receiving end for ever. Once people overcome their tragic moment with the help of the others, they will be back as active members of community, standing at the opposite side of assistance, providing help to people in need. AMDA's spirit of *Open Sogo-Fujo* is thus based on trust and respect for each other.

*Sogo-Fujo* has always been at the core of AMDA's activities since its foundation in 1984. In recent years, the word "open" has been added to the term as we have realized that AMDA's spirit of *Sogo-Fujo* is not confined within a neighborhood or community. Instead it goes far beyond one's community, opening up our cycle of assistance across and beyond various communities of the world. *Open Sogo-Fujo* connects and unites people of diverse backgrounds, religions and ethnicities.