

<b>Proposal 9</b>	Reviving regional communities	Residents, local governments, enterprises, NPOs, etc.
<b>Revival of local communities through cooperation with local residents and various organizational bodies</b>		
➤ Refer to initiative 14	Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction priority action 4 (enhancing preparedness for effective response, and returning stronger after recovery and reconstruction)	

- In the damaged areas of Iwate Prefecture, we have established mutual support systems in emergency housing, such as individual visits and community watches. This kind of individualized support for each and every survivor, in cooperation with various entities including young people, women, businesses, NPOs, and governmental bodies, has been a major force in rebuilding local communities.
- In particular, young people inside and outside the prefecture, including high school and third-level students as well as working people, have played active roles in town development and volunteer work directly after the earthquake and over the whole reconstruction process, thinking “Is there anything we can do to help?” Iwate has been advancing the support of young people and encouraging them to work toward town development activities themselves. This includes things like the establishment of systems to aid proposals created by young people themselves related to planning and actualization of reconstruction efforts.
- Women’s contributions to reconstruction and creating a more affluent region have been indispensable. So as to reflect women’s perspectives in the reconstruction process, Iwate Prefecture has established (within the Iwate Prefecture Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Reconstruction Committee) a “Promotion of Women’s Participation Committee”, and is striving to increase public awareness about the importance to the reconstruction of integrating gender equality perspectives.
- In this way, along with advancing full-scale recovery, it is necessary that the main actors in reviving the regional community are the residents, regardless of age and gender, and it is vital to support the activities of these young people and women.



Community watch activities by life support counsellors



An event in Noda organized by young people