

2021 Yearly Report



We wish a Happy New Year to JTS supporters.

COVID-19 continued to rage on globally in 2021. JTS's projects abroad faced hard times, and the humanitarian support in North Korea had difficulties due to the political climate. However, JTS has continued to help people in need in Korea and abroad despite many difficulties.

Jivaka Hospital in India opened an emergency medical camp for the residents in Dungheswari to combat COVID-19. Because school was closed, Sujata Academy conducted special classes for the students, conducted health checks, and provided uniforms and school supplies. We also continued emergency relief for residents.

School construction in a Muslim town in Damuluk, Philippines is almost completed. We conducted a third round of support of medical supplies including high-quality protective clothing for NMMC (Northern Mindanao Medical Center), the hospital for patients with COVID-19 in Northern Mindanao. We are also developing a project for independence of the residents.

We implemented quick emergency relief. We provided ventilators and beds for six hospitals in four regions in Tamil Nado, South India. JTS also provided drinking water, food, and the essentials to the victims of Typhoon RAI, which hit the central and southern Philippines in December, in the region that did not receive government support.

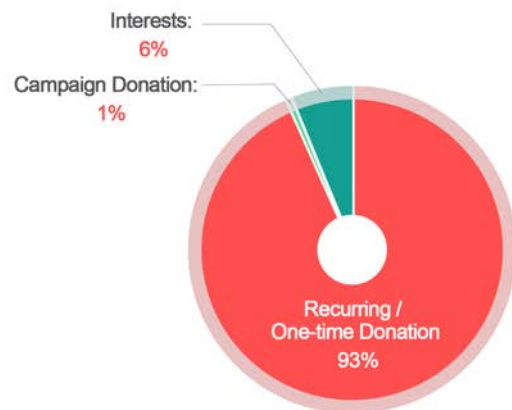
JTS expanded support for the people who live without support in Korea. We improved senior housing, provided food and essentials, offered meal packages to children during summer and winter vacations, provided essential packages to seniors in Jongno, and supported distribution of coal briquettes to assure a warm winter for the disadvantaged. Ansan Multicultural Center celebrated its sixth year and continued to help multicultural families settle in.

All of this happened thanks to our supporters. We will continue to earnestly deliver your support to our neighbors in need.

We discontinued publishing hard copies of our newsletters for supporters, which we had published from 1996 to early 2022. We changed many activities online since the outbreak of COVID-19. Also, the hard copies of newsletters leave environmental impacts. We will inform you of all of our activities through our website and social media channels.

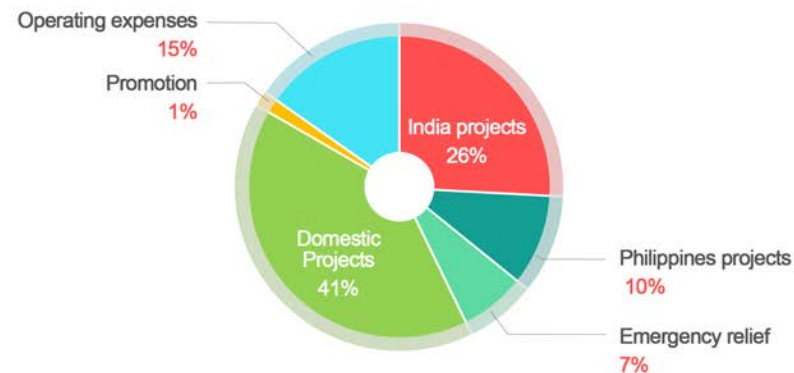
We wish you a happy spring season.
Thank you.

Ven. Pomnyun

Financials: **Income**

(Unit: Thousand KRW)

	2021	Note
Recurring/ one-time donation	7,279,774	Recurring and one-time donation
Campaign donation	46,959	Money bank for sharing etc.
Interests	473,085	
Total	7,799,818	

Financials: **Expense**

(Unit: Thousand KRW)

	2021	Note
Foreign projects	India projects	277,568
	Philippines projects	104,479
	Emergency relief	74,715
	Sub total	456,762
Domestic projects	434,570	Marginalized communities (Children, Seniors, Disabled people etc.)
Promotion	16,506	Newsletters etc.
Projects total	907,838	
Operating expenses	162,007	Fees, Building management etc.
Total	1,069,845	

* We planned a budget for North Korea projects, but could not conduct the projects because of the political landscape in Korea and COVID-19. We have kept the budget to use it for the projects when the circumstances are more favorable.

Project Report | India



Health & Medical support

Jivaka Hospital

208 days in operation,
6858 patients

- Operated a medical camp during the lockdown in India
- Conducted tuberculosis tests for all residents and helped 15 patients.



Education

Preschool

921 preschoolers

- Sanitization education, storytelling classes, basic education
- Providing sleepers, notes, slates, pencils and bread

School

473 elementary school students,
84 middle school students

- Provided uniforms, bags, shoes, books, notes, pencils, and erasers.
- Started providing lunches and boiled eggs (since August)
- Volunteer training for ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders



Village development

Repaired hand pumps (71 pumps in
14 villages)

Four rounds of emergency relief for
the poor (65-70 households per round)

- Provided rice sheaves to build new roofs
- Provided tents to the households that lost roofs due to heavy rain (59 households)
- Ran a sewing class with 36 students, a spinning wheel class with 23 students
- Ran a group for sharing plates, Monitored the support of wood
- A weekly meeting with village leaders (since the opening of school)
- Renewed the census cards



The preschools reopened after a long closure due to COVID-19.

The preschools reopened gradually. They had been closed since April. The village schools opened in June, and the rest of the schools opened in September. There were students who did not wear uniforms as their uniforms became too small or old during the closure of schools, but all students looked very happy. We are grateful to meet our students again and see them study and eat bread.

*Fourteen preschools in Dungheswari

Classify		Teacher
Village preschools	5	Women or the youth in villages
Leader preschools	9	High schoolers in Sujata Academy



Schools are crowded and noisy again after a long quiet time due to COVID-19

First and second graders cannot read well due to the school closure. Thus, we have been running a special class for the basics for first, second, and third graders. Seventh and eighth graders have volunteered in the preschools, hospital, and kitchen in the morning, and have taken classes in the afternoon.

Since many students became weak during the COVID-19 lockdown, we have provided nutritious lunches and an egg to enhance their health. This increased the attendance rate of students. We also provided uniforms, bags, shoes, books, notes, and pencils for students interested in studying.

Classrooms and playgrounds are becoming normal as they perk up with the energy of children.



Medical camp for urgent care of COVID-19 patients

Jivaka Hospital started medical services in early February after one year close as the spread of COVID-19 became slower. However, after one month, it was closed again as the spread of COVID-19 got worse.

In Dungheswari, there had been more patients with fever or coughing in April and May. We did not know if they had COVID-19 since there was no test. However, we believe it was COVID-19 due to their symptoms. Jivaka Hospital ran a medical camp for urgent care of COVID-19 patients for two months. Fortunately, there were no patients with severe symptoms and the camp focused on offering medication to reduce their fever.

Jivaka Hospital's quick and appropriate actions were very effective to take care of the residents in Dungheswari, who had been struggling due to COVID-19. We deeply appreciate our supporters for their help enabled the operation of Jivaka Hospital.



Increasing number of tuberculosis patients

The number of tuberculosis patients has increased due to prolonged COVID-19. The average number of patients had been 3 to 4, but increased to 15 after the outbreak of COVID-19.

Our staff visited 15 villages in Dungheswari to monitor tuberculosis and found that tuberculosis patients were poor. Thus, we provided flour, peanuts, beans, vitamins, and mita (similar to sugar) every Monday. We will provide them for six months, and will provide additional support if their tuberculosis is not cured. We hope the poor tuberculosis patients are cured soon.



Poorer people in poor villages

All villages in Dungheswari are poor, but there are poorer people: widows with many children, seniors without the care of sons or daughters, and the disabled. JTS has provided food to these people every quarter.

They expressed that JTS's regular support is more helpful than government's irregular support. Residents show their census card to confirm their identity and receive food.

It is heartbreaking to see them to wait in line holding their precious census cards.



Offering rice sheaves before the rainy season

Every year, JTS provides rice sheaves to 15 villages to fix roofs before the rainy season. This year, we provided tents and rice sheaves to fix roofs to disadvantaged households. We hope our wish for their safety was well received by the residents.

Project Report | Philippines



Constructing a school building and teachers' dormitory in Midlutong, Damulog

We have been building a school in Midlutong since its groundbreaking ceremony in February 2020. This is our largest school construction effort which includes six classrooms with bathrooms and a teachers' dormitory. We planned to complete construction in August 2020 but it was delayed a few times due to COVID-19.

We are now wrapping up construction and wish for the safe and stable operation of the school. We have also been leveling the site around the school. We have completed about 98% of the work, and expect to complete it in March 2022.



Education

School construction in Muslim villages

98% completion

- Completed construction of school building
- Additional work remained including the windows of teachers' dormitory, maintenance of playground etc.



Village development

Development project to tackle poverty

Baseline study and investigation for selection of villages for pilot village development project

- Visited a banana chip manufacturing plant and a lab for banana cultivation



The project to tackle poverty in remote areas

After COVID-19, we have been investigating remote villages to develop projects. We visited a plant that manufactures banana chips using bananas produced in the village.

We met the expert in banana chip production, and asked for information on costs, human resources, timing, and demand. We also visited the lab where banana seedlings are grown and the production plant. We saw the production of banana chips and conducted research on how to develop a business model run by residents.



Project Report | Bangladesh



JTS Revisits the Rohingya Refugee Camp

In 2019, JTS provided 100,000 gas stoves to the Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh. The stoves helped about half of the refugees (approximately 500,000). We visited the camp again to check how they were doing and whether it was possible to manufacture them in Bangladesh in case we needed to provide additional stoves.

This time, the camp looked a lot different from what we had first visited. Looking from higher ground, we could barely see the roofs of camp shelters because many tall and lush trees blocked them. The person who was in charge of the World Food Program (WFP), even before the stoves had been provided, told us how they have been changing the atmosphere of the camp. Women and kids do not have to go far to cut the trees, which enables them to avoid sexual harassment or rape and makes the surrounding areas greener. The person expressed his gratitude again for our help. However, we found that the stoves became severely corroded due to weather and the poor conditions of the camp, so they needed to be replaced with new ones. We also visited the two factories in Bangladesh that could potentially manufacture the stoves. Then, we concluded our visit this time.



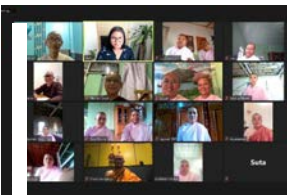
JTS has decided to provide an additional 100,000 gas stoves to the camp in 2022. We hope the process of replacing the corroded stoves will be smooth. The stoves will help the refugees live a more comfortable life in the midst of many difficulties.

Southeast Asia | Project Report



The Female Sangha Initiative for Social Transformation in Southeast Asia.

Ven. Pomnyun Sunim, Chairman of JTS, was awarded the 37th Niwano Peace Prize in October 2020. He said he would donate the prize money to INEB (International Network of Engaged Buddhists) in order to support poor women and Covid-19 prevention measures in Southeast Asia. Thanks to his donation, INEB could establish the Initiative, "the Female Sangha Initiative for Social Transformation in Southeast Asia," in December 2020. Women in Southeast Asia have been unjustly discriminated against and oppressed due to unequal social, patriarchal, and religious systems against them. Even within Buddhism, women, compared to men, have had a hard time receiving ordination and have been facing constraints in their activities and unequal educational opportunities for a long time. To remedy these inequalities, nine groups from the four countries (Thailand, Indonesia, Myanmar, and Bangladesh) adopted the Initiative. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the military coup in Myanmar, and violence in the southern part in Thailand, two groups fell by the wayside. However, the remaining groups could continue with the Initiative by transitioning it to an online process. Although the Initiative lasted for a short period of time, we hope it will be a starting point for female Buddhists in Southeast Asia to participate in local social activities more freely and actively.



Project Report | Emergency Relief



Typhoon Rai

Cebu (Dec 24 ~ 31, 2021)

Mactan Cordoba Hillutuan Island
412 households (2 separate relief effort)

- Drinking water 2,060gal (approx. 7,780lt)
Water Bottle 412
- Rice 4,120Kg
Coffeemix

*Collaboration with Jungto Korea

Mindanao (Dec 27 ~ 28, 2021)

Kabugao, Bacuac county, surigao del Norte Province: 400 households

- 10 kg of rice and ect. Per household

100 households in Disaster Center, Mabua town, Surigao City, Surigao del Norte

- 20 liters of drinking water and food per household

Bohol (Jan 6 -11, 2022)

Patrol the village to support severely damaged households

- A total of 270 packages of relief supplies

*Collaboration with Jungto Korea



JTS is always together with the alienated neighbors suffering from natural disasters

In December 2021, super typhoon Rai slammed into the Visayas and the northern Mindanao regions. As of December 22, 2021, Rai caused horrendous damages to the regions, killing at least 325 people and displacing more than 440,000 people. JTS Philippines promptly surveyed the impacted areas and prioritized the places that could not be easily reached, and then provided relief goods to the displaced people in those areas.

Although **Gilutongan Island, Cordova in the Cebu Mactan area**, was severely damaged, it was left unassisted by the Philippine government and NGOs (Non Government Organization). JTS Philippines first provided rice, water, water bottles and coffee to the 150 households with children. Afterwards, the supplies were provided to 262 households. A total of 412 households received necessary goods from JTS Philippines.

Many casualties and a lot of property damage was reported in **Surigao del Norte, Mindanao**. However, the news media did not cover the damages in Bacuag, Kabugao. Moreover, the area is remotely located from the severely affected Surigao city. JTS Philippines activists were able to find out the severity of damages after seeing the area with their own eyes.

Although many houses were either collapsed or roofs were blown off, the news was not reported so the residents did not get any help or relief goods from the government or NGOs. We were sad to see the sign, "WE NEED FOOD," in front of the temporary shelter at the entrance of Mabua, Surigao city.

The villagers were repairing the collapsed houses during the day and at night were sleeping at the shelter operated by the Mabua Community Center. Most of them were making a living as fishermen but approximately 95% of the village boats were either missing or destroyed, which threatens their living.

After the preliminary survey about the damages and necessary goods in those affected areas, we provided urgently needed items to the 500 households in Bacuag, Surigao city. In the Bohol areas, however, instead of selecting specific villages, we drove around the whole area and delivered the 270 relief packages to the households severely damaged by the typhoon. The villagers showed bright smiles at the small help from JTS Philippines. We felt good that we could help those who were going through difficulties.



Covid-19

Tamil Nadu, South India

Hospital bed: 50,
Oxygen concentrator: 2

*Collaboration with FHSM
(NGO group from Southern India)

Philippines NMMC (Northern Mindanao Medical Center) 3rd medical support

High quality protective
clothing: 100

Laytex gloves: 3,600

Indonesia

Mask: 120,000

*Collaboration with HIKMABHUD
(Federation of Buddhist Students)

Project Report | South Korea



Visit and delivery of side dishes and snack packages to senior citizens in Dubuk:

1-2 times per month, a total of 21 households

Providing various goods to Aegwangwon(a residential center for mentally handicapped people on Geoje Island in the south of the Korean peninsula), single parent families, grandparent families, and the elderly people living alone.

The goods were blankets, clothes, hand sanitizers (30ml, a total of 100,500), masks (a total of 22,600), and food (Tteokguk-Sliced Rice Cake Soup-for Lunar New Year's Day, rice cakes, Kimchi, and seaweed)



Nutrition Pack for Undernourished Children

Winter break (Jan. 2021), 327 households (27 regions)
Summer break (Aug. 2021), 293 households (27 regions)

*In collaboration with 34 Jungto Society Chapters in 45 regions

Meal(lunch and dinner) costs for students from low-income families

10 students at Gaeun High School, Mungyeong city

Organic vegetable pack

Once a week (May-November), 18 people (2 households including a group home)



Low-income senior citizens in Mungyeong city

Gaeun: Ramyun Noodle for Lunar New Year's Day and Chuseok'(i.e., Korean Thanksgiving Day) (200 households)

Mungyeong city: Food pack (32 households), coal briquettes (8 households), kerosene (19 households), and electricity bills used at late night and residential gas bills (5 households)

Senior citizens in the Gyonam-dong Pyeongchang-dong areas, Jjongro-gu, Seoul

Food and daily necessity pack (one time for 40 households)



Senior citizens in the Gyonam-dong Pyeongchang-dong areas, Jjongro-gu, Seoul

The 1st pack (252), residential environment improvement (30): A total of 260 households (395 people)

The 2nd pack: 361, residential environment improvement 62: A total of 377 households (531 people)

* In collaboration with Happy Citizens

Single parent Koryoin families, Hambak Village, Incheon

Food and daily necessity pack
(one time for 35 households)

Coal Briquettes

120 households (of the 162 households that identified as in need of help)

*In collaboration with 31 Chapters including Guilbot(a Jungto Society Group of artists, broadcasters, and entertainers)



Happiness Sharing through JTS and Happy Citizens

JTS and Happy Citizens delivered food and daily necessity packs to senior citizens in the welfare blind spots and carried out the residential environment improvement program. Members of Happy Citizens around South Korea visited every nook and cranny of the areas they live at and actively tried to find out elderly households in need. They also listened to the story of each senior citizen and tried to understand the circumstances the seniors face. They also tried to become a person whom the seniors can talk to and empathize with their difficulties in life. Some seniors initially refused to get any help during the visit by Happy Citizens due to their emotional instability. Looking back on meeting with one senior citizen who urgently needed to improve his residential environment but refused to meet with any visitors, some members of Happy Citizens said they even had trouble sleeping at night because they worried a lot about him. Bracing themselves for even rejection from the senior, they persistently visited and talked to him, which finally made him open up to them. After we cleaned his house, took some preventive measures against diseases, and replaced the kitchen sink, the old house completely changed into a new one. He was so happy and told us that thanks to JTS and Happy Citizens, he turned a new leaf and would like to do something that can be beneficial to society once he recovers from his disease.

We all are grateful to the members of Happy Citizens for putting a lot of effort into providing necessary support for even one senior citizen. We also express our sincere thanks for senior citizens who warmly opened up to strangers.

Project Report | Ansan JTS Multicultural Center



Helping Hands for Myanmar

Last July, Inseok (a fake name, Burmese) earnestly asked us how he could get and send K94 masks to his hometown in Myanmar. Since the military coup on Feb. 1 last year, the Myanmar government has not properly dealt with the Covid-19 pandemic due to political instability. He really felt sorry for his country's situation and tried to help his hometown by sending the masks. Although he has been living a difficult life in a foreign country, his earnest wish touched many volunteers and the donation money enough to purchase the masks was received in a short time of one week.

Moreover, many people around the country donated vitamins so we were able to send them and the masks to Myanmar. The masks and vitamins were distributed not only to his hometown but to Yangon areas and the Infectious Disease Centers in Min Chan. Another heartwarming donation followed the one in July. Kim, Keunsik (a fake name) whose mother is Burmese told us that he would like to send the masks and vitamins to his mother's relatives and other villagers. Although his family is not wealthy, he said he and his mother would bear some of the shipping cost.

With the support of many people again, we could send 17,495 masks, 20,480 hand sanitizers, and 10,150 vitamins to Myanmar.

The Ansan JTS Multicultural Center supports multicultural families who are in difficult circumstances but are trying to help their home country. The Center will be a strong pillar for them.

The Ansa JTS Multicultural Center helps the settlement of multicultural families through medical support (linking with hospital and counseling), life/legal advice, Korean language programs, childcare for multicultural families, and Nabie (sharing & emptying) yard sales. The Center always supports multicultural families!

