

About Project

Children who suddenly lose parents, such as happened in the case of this disaster, are at increased risk for mental health and other—including economic—problems. The purpose of this program is threefold:

- To construct a facility that will provide both day-to-day and long-term psychosocial support to children who have lost one or both parents due to disaster.
- To conduct training programmes for people to act as “facilitators” who will help care for such children.
- To provide dormitory space where university students who have lost one or both parents can stay at low cost, thereby enabling them to continue or obtain higher education. Given the fact that these students have similar experiences, they will also act as assistants and role models for younger children who have lost parents.

Budget

Construction is estimated to cost approximately 3 billion yen (approximately US\$37 million, at current exchange rates).

(Summary of existing facilities and their costs.)

	Kobe	Tokyo
Land area (total floor space)	1355.3698 m ² (2690.90492 m ²)	10538.82664 m ² (3188/1822 m ²)
Building cost (yen)	1,273 million	2,465 million
Construction period	March - December 1998	January 2005- January 2006
Satellite centres	None	None

Based on our experience with the Rainbow Houses in Kobe and Tokyo, we are planning to build Rainbow House in Sendai city as outlined below. In addition to the main facility in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, we are planning to build satellite facilities in other locations, such as Iwate and Fukushima Prefectures.

Main site	Sendai City
Land area	3966.936 m ² (6611.56 m ²)
Building cost	2,000 million yen
Construction period	January 2012 - February 2013
Satellite facilities	Three sites (1,000 million yen in total)

Overview of Rainbow House facilities:

1. Accommodations: dining room, bathroom, etc.
2. Facilities for psychosocial care: gymnastics room, auditorium, care rooms (rooms for talking and sharing, “volcano” room, music room, art room, etc.)
3. Lecture facilities: training room, etc.
4. Student dormitory facilities: living quarters, library

Other facilities: management room, office, parking, document room, bus for transporting children, etc

Tohoku Rainbow House: Draft budget

	Item		Quantity (area; m ²)	Unit price (1000 yen)	Cost (1000 yen)
Main building (Sendai City)	building site		4958.67	500	750,000
	related costs	percentage of land cost	10%		75,000
	Rainbow House		330.578	1000	100,000
	dormitory	70 students	1190.0808	1000	360,000
	accommodations	200 persons	1322.312	1000	400,000
	hall, gymnasium		793.3872	800	192,000
	shared facilities		330.578	1200	120,000
	design, management		7%		82,040
	equipment		5%		58,600
				Sub total	2,055,600
Satellite building (Rikuzentakata City, Miyagi Prefecture)	building site		1322.312	250	100,000
	related costs	percentage of land cost	10%		10,000
	Rainbow House		661.156	1000	200,000
	design, management		7%		14,000
	equipment		5%		10,000
				Subtotal	334,000
Satellite building (Ishinomaki City)	Same as for Miyagi City satellite				334,000
Satellite building (Minamisoma City)	Same as for Miyagi City satellite				334,000
				Total	3,057,600

*Plans are subject to change depending on land and design cost factors.