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Report on the Present Situation from the Restoration Support Office

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The Ken-Iku Kai Group has established the Restoration Support Office at the Group's Head Office. The Restoration Support Office is currently carrying out various activities aimed at contributing to the restoration of the areas devastated by the earthquake-related disaster, primarily by providing support to the Group's hospitals and facilities in the disaster-stricken areas. In this issue, I would like to provide you with a report about the activities that have been carried out from March 23 onward.

[Ishinomaki Hospital & Himawari Home Healthcare Service Division]

Lifelines

- In the previous report, it was mentioned that electric power has been restored. Upon completion of repairs to the water purification tank, the hospital's water supply and sewerage functions are expected to be completed in early April. Until then, the hospital will continue to be dependent on water supply trucks for its water supply.
- The gas supply is expected to be restored by the end of May.
- The first floor of the hospital building, which suffered flood damage from the tsunami, is currently undergoing repair with the support of Maeda Corporation.



Outpatient treatment

- Preparations are underway to make it possible to resume outpatient treatment from April 11.

Home-visit care and nursing care

- The home-visit services are gradually being resumed. The Himawari Day Service Center plans to start providing bathing services again from this week.

Relief supplies and manpower support

1. Between March 14 and March 29, staff of the Head Office was directly involved in delivering relief supplies a total of 11 times.
2. As the distribution network is gradually being restored, relief supplies can now be sent by such means as door-to-door delivery services.
3. We are providing support to our staff who suffered damage or loss from the disaster. Various forms of support are being provided to our staff, such as a pick-up and drop-off service between their homes or evacuation shelters and the hospital for those who are having difficulty commuting. We are also working to secure places to live for disaster-stricken staff.
4. Relief staff consisting of a cumulative total of 23 members (doctors, nurses, and care providers) have gone to the disaster-stricken areas, and are providing support there.



[Iwaki Yumoto Hospital]

Lifelines

- Electric power, water supply, and gas supply have been restored.

Outpatient treatment

- Outpatient treatment resumed on March 28.

Relief supplies

1. Between March 12 and March 29, staff of the Disaster Task Force were directly involved in delivering relief supplies a total of 10 times.
2. The infrastructure of Iwaki Yumoto Hospital has been restored, so it has become possible to procure supplies on its own. Therefore, the Disaster Task Force has ended its procurement and transportation of relief supplies to the hospital.

	Ishinomaki Hospital	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital
Water supply	× (currently being supplied by water supply trucks)	○ (usage of hot springs has resumed)
Electric power	△ (resumed, with the exception of a portion of the 1st floor)	○
Gas supply	× (expected to be restored by the end of May)	○
Buildings	△ (recovery work is currently underway on 1st floor, which suffered flood damage from the tsunami)	○

	Ishinomaki Hospital	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital
Staff	△ support is being provided to staff who suffered disaster-related loss or damage)	○
Relief supplies	Deliveries made a total of 11 times between March 14 and March 29 At present, deliveries are still being carried out using such means as door-to-door delivery services	Deliveries made a total of 10 times between March 12 and March 29 Currently able to procure supplies on its own
Dispatch of relief staff	March 18: 8 members (1 doctor; 4 nurses; 3 care providers) March 20: 5 members dispatched from Akane Medical Corporation of Yamaguchi Prefecture (4 nurses; 1 clerical staff) March 27: 6 members (1 doctor; 5 nurses) April 1: 4 members (2 nurses; 2 care providers)	
Outpatient treatment	Scheduled to resume on April 11	Resumed on March 28

This summarizes the current situation at Ishinomaki Hospital, its Himawari Home Healthcare Service Division, and the Iwaki Yumoto Hospital.

Outpatient treatment has already resumed at Iwaki Yumoto Hospital, with its other functions recovering to almost pre-disaster levels. Although it is anticipated that more time will be needed before the lifelines at Ishinomaki Hospital and its Himawari division are fully restored, the outlook is good for the resumption of outpatient treatment, and signs are gradually appearing that restoration is moving forward. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the cooperation of the many concerned parties who gave priority to restoring medical services.

Looking out at the vast expanse of the disaster-stricken areas as a whole, it is clear that an extremely difficult road still lies ahead. We, as practitioners of medicine, will do everything we possibly can to contribute by providing medical care to the people in the areas affected by the earthquake-related disaster. We ask for your support and cooperation for our efforts.

