

Supporting ongoing community-based activities to realize a sustainable society **21st TOTO Water Environment Fund grant recipients selected**

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TOTO LTD. (Headquartered in Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan; President: Shinya Tamura) has announced the recipients of the 21st TOTO Water Environment Fund.

As a result of the selection process, grants will be awarded to a total of 21 organizations, 13 in Japan and 8 overseas, in fiscal year 2026. Together with the two organizations already active, this will support the projects of a total of 23 organizations. Since its establishment in 2005, the total number of grant recipient organizations has reached 353, with activities spanning 45 prefectures in Japan and 19 countries overseas.

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the TOTO Water Environment Fund, TOTO will increase its contribution by 10 million yen in addition to the regular contribution amount. A total of 39.96 million yen will be provided to 21 newly selected organizations. This brings the total amount of grants to 539.04 million yen.

In addition to the previous selection process by a panel of selectors made up of Group employees, this time the Group employees were asked to vote online to allow more employees to participate in the selection process. Approximately 2,800 Group employees voted, and two additional domestic organizations and one overseas organization were selected.

As a company that has been developing businesses related to "water" since its founding, TOTO will actively promote activities that contribute to the development of local communities and the protection of the global environment under its shared value creation strategy, TOTO WILL2030, which aims to realize a "sustainable society" and "clean, comfortable and healthy lifestyles" by 2030. Furthermore, TOTO will contribute to the United Nations' "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" and aim to be a company that will continue to be needed around the world.

About "TOTO Water Environment Fund"

TOTO Group believes that in order to realize a sustainable society, contributions made through corporate business activities are essential, as are the activities of organizations that support local communities. In order to work with organizations that support local communities to solve social issues, TOTO Water Environment Fund was established in 2005, and the fund supports ongoing activities that reexamine the relationship between local water and daily life.

We select projects based on whether they can be rooted in the local community and whether they are sustainable rather than a one-off activity, and then we work with organizations that share the same vision. Our foundation not only supports activities through grants, but also places emphasis on "collaboration," where employees of the group's nearest offices take the lead in actively participating in volunteer activities.



Activities of grant recipient organizations

Photo: Past activities



Scenes from the wildlife observation event (Hiroshima prefecture, Japan)

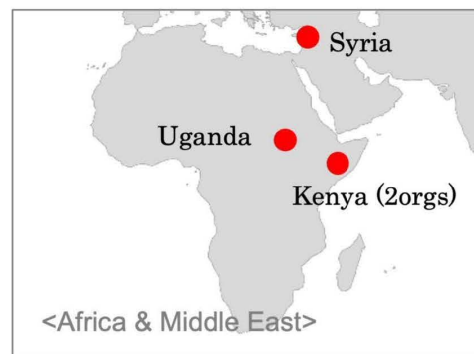


Group photo after activity (Kanagawa prefecture, Japan)



Hygiene training for teachers (Kenya)

Locations of the 21st "TOTO Water Environment Fund" Grant Projects (Map labels)



List of Grant Recipients for the 21st "TOTO Water Environment Fund"

	Group name [Project name]	Location	Activities
1	The Shirakami Mountain Preservation Society (NPO) [Beech Seedling Cultivation, Planting, and Bear Countermeasures]	Aomori, Japan	In the buffer zone outside the World Heritage area, beech forests—habitat for the Black Woodpecker (Natural Monument)—have been logged and have not sufficiently recovered. The project aims to restore and regenerate the destroyed beech forests through nursery and silviculture activities starting from seed collection.

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2	Prefectural Council for Creating a Shining Lake Inawashiro (NPO) [FY2026 Lake Inawashiro Drifting Aquatic Plant Recovery and Removal Project]	Fukushima, Japan	To prevent aquatic plants from accumulating, turning into sludge, and deteriorating water quality, the public and private sectors work together to collect and remove drifting algae.
3	Tokyo City University ISO Student Committee [Sustainable Community Symbiosis Nurtured by Biotopes]	Kanagawa, Japan	Through the maintenance and management of a biotope near the university campus, the project aims to inform local residents of the value of green spaces. By encouraging visits, it serves as a venue for improving environmental awareness and community exchange events.
4	Shuzen no Mori Project Association [Creation of a "Firefly Village" in Shuzen Forest to Nurture Water and Life in the Basin]	Shizuoka, Japan	Activity: Aiming to maintain the habitat and increase the population of Genji fireflies that grow wild in the headwater forest, biotopes will be created along mountain streams. Through restoration of Satoyama (village forests and surrounding landscapes) and awareness-raising activities, the project seeks to improve the environment of the entire basin and pass on the forest's nature to the next generation.
5	Ai-no-machi Eco Club (NPO) [Passing the Soap Movement to Protect Lake Biwa's Water Environment to the Next Generation]	Shiga, Japan	An activity initiated by the "Soap Movement" to switch from synthetic detergents, which caused the red tide in Lake Biwa in 1977, to biodegradable soap. While continuing soap making, environmental education is conducted to reflect on, learn about, and think about the history of Lake Biwa's water environment.
6	Onigurumi School [Hosting Nature Observation Events and Redevelopment Utilizing the Precious Environment]	Shiga, Japan	The project preserves and maintains the biotope along the shores of Lake Biwa, which is home to precious flora and fauna. By utilizing this site for nature observation and study sessions, the group aims to foster environmental awareness and pass on this rich natural heritage to the next generation.
7	TANAKAMI Kid's Environment Club [Rice Paddy Lab: Connecting to the Future]	Shiga, Japan	Amidst a fading connection between children and nature, the project uses rice paddies as a stage for conducting surveys of living things and agricultural experiences. Through intergenerational exchange, the project aims to deepen the understanding of ecosystems and the significance of agriculture.
8	rice terraces LOVERS (NPO) [Approx. 20 Years of Collaboration from Primary to Higher Education: Biodiversity Conservation of the Okabe River and Rice Terraces]	Hyogo, Japan	Through practical conservation activities for the rice terraces and the river, the project conveys the importance of the environment, food, agriculture, and living things, as well as the richness of living in harmony with nature. It aims to pass on the beautiful rice terraces and river to future generations.
9	Tottori University of Environmental Studies Student EMS Committee [TUES! Student-led Project to Create a Future Water Environment]	Tottori, Japan	Involving students, faculty, and local residents, the project conducts beach cleanups at the Tottori Sand Dunes and aims to foster environmental awareness through lectures on marine debris. Additionally, the group plans panel displays on environmental issues at on-campus events to improve environmental literacy.

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10	Mori kara Tsuzuku Michi (NPO) [Zoom in on the Diverse Ecosystems of the Kouno River! Let's Observe Nature in the Watershed]	Ehime, Japan	Focused on the Kouno River, which is home to many endangered species of flora and fauna, the project conducts nature observation sessions, surveys of living things, and riverside cleanup activities at various points from the source to the river mouth. These efforts provide opportunities to think about biodiversity and experience firsthand the necessity of conservation.
11	Umi no Sato (General Incorporated Association) [Sending Gifts from the Mountains to the Sea with a Sense of Purpose]	Fukuoka, Japan	Focusing on the connection between the mountains and the sea, the project conducts monthly maintenance of bamboo groves and abandoned farmlands, as well as coastal cleanups on tidal flats. In addition, in collaboration with local residents, the project works to create and install "Suyakkii" (water-purifying unglazed clay balls), aiming to restore the sea to its beautiful state.
12	Hama-Machi Koryu Net Karatsu (NPO) [Conservation of Fisheries Resources and Biodiversity through Seaweed Bed Restoration]	Saga, Japan	Addressing the expanding disappearance of seaweed beds, which are vital fisheries resources in the sea of Karatsu, the project aims to restore these beds by removing the herbivorous animals responsible for the damage and introducing mother algae to attach to the seabed. Furthermore, the project conducts regular monitoring surveys and implements hands-on environmental learning courses for local elementary and junior high school students.
13	WeD (NPO) [KUP ~Karatsu beach clean UP~]	Saga, Japan	Organized by a team of high school students, the project involves collecting marine debris on uninhabited islands utilizing SUP (Stand Up Paddleboards) as well as conducting coastal cleanup activities. Through these efforts, the project aims to help participants learn about the local marine environment and foster an awareness of conservation to protect it.
14	WaterAid Japan (Certified NPO) [Project to Improve Water and Sanitation in Schools in Chhattisgarh, India]	India	Targeting five schools attended by children from ethnic communities who are often left behind, the project works to ensure access to clean water and toilets, enabling students to practice good hygiene habits. Furthermore, by establishing a mechanism to sustain these conditions and presenting it as a model to the government and stakeholders, the project aims to contribute to solving water and sanitation issues in schools throughout the region.
15	ADRA Japan (Certified NPO) [Creation of a Sustainable Water and Sanitation Environment Promoted by Children in Nepal]	Nepal	Targeting a region where a situation analysis revealed that a lack of hygiene awareness contributes to the spread of waterborne diseases, the project will first construct essential sanitation facilities at public schools to create an environment where children can put their learning into practice. Furthermore, the project aims to establish a mechanism where these children serve as leaders and "agents of change" to promote hygiene improvements throughout the entire community.

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16	Good Neighbors Japan (Certified NPO) [Securing Sustainable Water Resources and Supporting Safe Water Supply in Doti District]	Nepal	To ensure a safe water supply for eight schools in areas far from suburban cities with inadequate infrastructure, we will protect water sources, conduct water quality testing, and install irrigation systems. We also aim to disseminate hygiene knowledge and maintain sanitary environments through education and training for teachers and others.
17	go share (NPO) [Life-Sustaining Water Environment Improvement on Pandanon Island in Philippines]	Philippines	In the most impoverished areas of remote islands far removed from economic development and out of the reach of aid, we will install new water storage tanks, hand-washing stations, and toilets at elementary schools to significantly improve access to safe water and sanitary environments. Additionally, we will conduct mangrove forest conservation activities as a practical action for environmental education to support the lives of the islanders.
18	Piece of Syria (NPO) [Irrigation Project for Effective Water Use and Awareness-Raising Activities in Syria]	Syria	In regions where buildings, farmland, and infrastructure have been destroyed by civil war and which are suffering from serious water shortages due to climate change, we will promote the livelihood recovery of returnees and the autonomous reconstruction of local communities. This will be achieved through technical support for the efficient use of water resources, practical training for farmers, and awareness-raising education for the next generation.
19	Confront World (Certified NPO) [Comprehensive Water Environment Improvement and Self-Reliance Support in Rural Uganda]	Uganda	In rural Uganda, we will implement comprehensive initiatives to improve the sanitary environment for a wider range of people, mainly targeting children and residents living in poverty, by developing water infrastructure, producing soap, and providing hygiene education.
20	STAND ALIVE (NPO) [Project to Promote Environmental Sanitary Toilets for Water and Hygiene Conservation]	Kenya	In rural areas where soil and water source pollution caused by open defecation is a serious problem, we aim to maintain improvements in sanitary environments by promoting the spread of "Ecosan Toilets" (raised-floor toilets that detoxify human waste) and by raising awareness of usage methods and hygiene knowledge.
21	Team NAKUSCO (Team Nagasaki-Kenya Ultimate Schistosomiasis Control Operation) [NAKUSCO Kichocho Project: Creating the Future of Water, Toilets, and Villages Together]	Kenya	In project areas where infectious disease specialists are treating and researching parasitic infections, we aim to create a synergistic effect to suppress infection risks and lower prevalence rates by improving the unsanitary environments that cause diseases and conducting public health education.

Grant Recipients Continuing Activities in FY2026 (2 Organizations)

	Group name	Project name	Location	Start of subsidies
22	Research team of dragonfly in Furukawa river	Awareness-Raising Activities Contributing to the Conservation of Waterside Environments and Dragonfly Fauna in the Furukawa River	Hiroshima, Japan	20th Grant (FY2025)
23	NPO ON THE ROAD	5R Promotion Activities through Beach Cleanups and Upcycling Experiences in Okinawa	Okinawa, Japan	19th Grant (FY2024)

"TOTO Water Environment Fund" Website

Introducing our past grant achievements and currently funded projects, accompanied by photos.

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Shared Value Creation Strategy TOTO WILL2030

Cleanliness and Comfort; Wellness



Environment



Relationships



The Shared Value Creation Strategy, TOTO WILL 2030, will simultaneously realize environmental, social and economic value. In it, we have established the materiality issues of Cleanliness and Comfort;Wellness, Environment, and Relationships, that we will strengthen sustainability management and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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