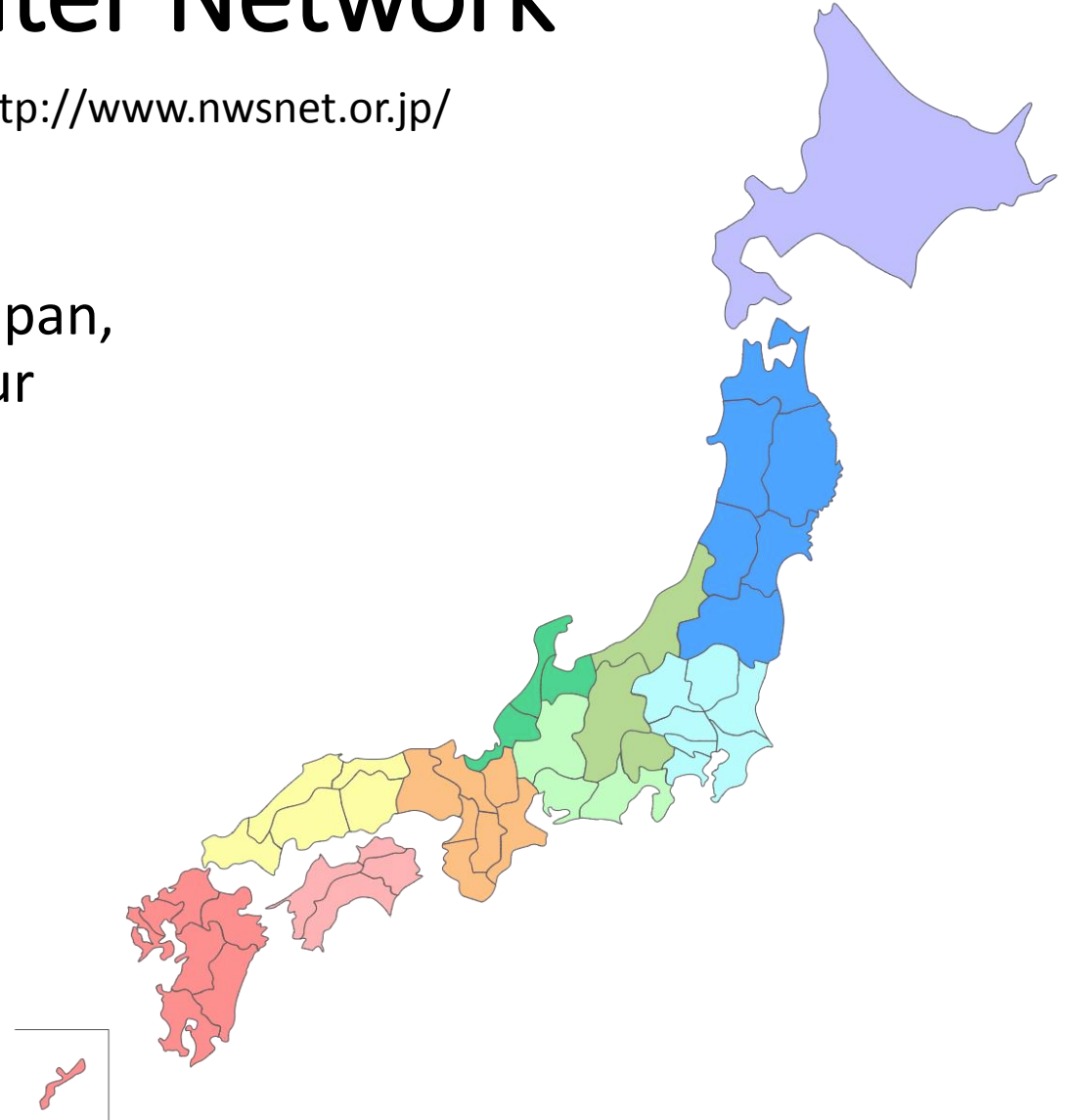


All Japan Women's Shelter Network

since 1998

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- ✓ Throughout the north to the south of Japan, 67 shelter-running NGOs have joined our network as partners.
- ✓ Our final goal is to eliminate all forms violence against women and children.



Situation on today, April 1

- Patients: 2941, including patients from cruise ship.
- Number of deaths: 77
- School are closing since March.
- All sports event, theater play are closing .
- Remote work is promoted.
- **No lockdown yet.** We think the government will come to decision soon.

At the DV consultation center,

- Many centers are stopping person to person counseling.
- Only telephone counseling.
- If the government introduce some kind of benefit payment, we are worried that DV victim cannot receive that.

On March 30th,
we submitted to the government

“The Request for the Prevention of Domestic
Violence and Child Abuse under the Condition of
Novel Coronavirus Countermeasures”

In the request letter to the PM,

- There is a concern that child abuse and domestic violence (DV) in the home will worsen and the number of cases will increase.
- Please do not close the consultation service even in an emergency situation.
- Please provide for victim protection **flexibly**.

- If temporary benefits are introduced as a remedy for low-income people, there is a risk that spouses and children who leave home because of DV without transferring their residency cards will not be able to receive such benefits.
- Essentially, it should be bailed out on **an individual basis**.
- However, even if the benefit is provided on a household basis, special measures should be taken for that.

Also, we ask

- Please expand the coverage of public assistance.
- If a user or staff member of the shelter is infected, there is a risk that the location of the shelter will be known if it is reported in detail in the media.

Please take into consideration the contents of the DV shelter staff and the reports.