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MESSAGE OF CONTINUED SOLIDARITY

Dear colleagues, communities and friends in Japan,

Following our message of solidarity on 4 August, the International Federation of Social Workers was concerned to learn of the further earthquake that struck eastern Japan on 23 August, causing injuries across Tokyo and neighbouring prefectures.

We understand that this latest earthquake did not result in the extensive destruction experienced in Kumamoto. Nevertheless, it caused injuries, disruption and renewed anxiety at a time when communities in other parts of Japan are still recovering from the earlier disaster.

Our thoughts are with those who were injured, their families and everyone affected by the earthquake. We also reiterate our solidarity with the Japanese Federation of Social Workers and with social workers, emergency responders and community organisations supporting people through these successive events.

Please know that the global IFSW family continues to stand with the people of Japan. We send our sincere wishes for the recovery of those injured and for strength and reassurance across all affected communities.

With our continued solidarity and warmest wishes,

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