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MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY

Dear colleagues, communities and friends in Japan,

On behalf of the International Federation of Social Workers, we wish to express our heartfelt solidarity with the people of Japan, the Japanese Federation of Social Workers, and everyone affected by the devastating earthquake.

We are deeply saddened to learn of the loss of life, the injuries, and the destruction caused by this disaster. At this difficult time, our thoughts are with all those who have lost loved ones, those who have been displaced from their homes, and the many communities facing uncertainty in the aftermath of the earthquake.

We also wish to recognise the extraordinary commitment of social workers, emergency responders, volunteers and community leaders who are providing care, protection and hope under exceptionally challenging circumstances. Their compassion and professionalism remind us of the vital role social work plays in times of crisis.

Please know that the entire global IFSW family stands with the people of Japan. We are united in our support for the Japanese Federation of Social Workers and all those working tirelessly to assist affected individuals, families and communities. If there is any way in which the global Federation can support your efforts or help amplify the needs of affected communities, we are ready to assist.

With our deepest sympathy and unwavering solidarity, we hold you in our thoughts and send our sincere hopes for strength, resilience and healing.

With our warmest wishes,

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