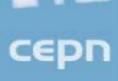
Summary of Session 5 "well-being" issues

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Various issues related to well-being, even 9 years after the accident

- Among the evacuees:
 - loss of their "normal way of life" and their community (e.g. cultural and traditional activities, loss of neighbours, family members, etc.);
 - perception of stigma and discrimination;
 - suffer from a **long-term evacuation** (in some cases, evacuation orders are still ongoing) with provision of temporary housing progressively decreasing.
- Among the returnees:
 - loss of livelihood (e.g. unemployment, contaminated agricultural land, etc.);
 - loss of **infrastructures** (e.g. lack of schools, transports, hospitals, etc.).



Various observations

- Psychological and mental health issues;
- Lifestyle diseases (e.g. diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, etc.);
- Late-stage management of cancers;
- Anxiety from both affected population and host population.



VARIOUS IMPLEMENTED INTIATIVES

Dialogues and exchanges with evacuees and returnees

- Important role of counsellors aiming to build a trust-based relationships with the affected population (individual visits, public meetings, etc.);
- Key role of individual monitoring devices. Help people to regain control of their daily life and better understand what is at stake in their own environment Individual visits in temporary houses;
- Progressive development of an health care response adapted to the local needs:
 - nursing care for evacuees;
 - Implementation of the Futaba Medical Center Hospital



WHAT CHALLENGES AHEAD? (1/2)

Health care response

- Ensure the long-term vigilance regarding health of an aging population and nuclear workers;
- Address the various medical needs in the affected areas (e.g. emergencies, multiple medical problems, etc.);
- Promote health among the population.

Find a balance between local expectations and real needs (and funding)

- On one side... local expectations to have cancer treatments/paediatric infrastructures whereas the real need is to develop facilities dedicated to elderly residents;
- On the other side... need strong health care infrastructures to entice new comers and younger generations.



WHAT CHALLENGES AHEAD? (2/2)

Well-being is a public matter

- Well-being issues are evolving over time, need a long-term strategic plan;
- Importance of participatory processes with local population;
- Respect ethical values: dignity, autonomy of local population.



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