

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 INITIATIVES

| 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**

| 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.

| 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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