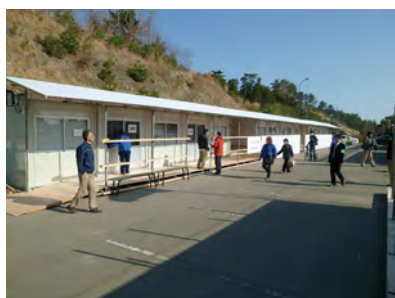


The Rebirth of Minamisanriku Hospital



▲ With the support of relief funds from Taiwan Red Cross, the Minamisanriku Hospital and Social Welfare Care Centre Minamisanriku was built on high ground in Numata, Shizugawa after clearing forested land, and opened on December 14th, 2015.

Many of Minamisanriku's citizens were experiencing a sense of loss after the death of family and relatives; they were facing a dramatically changed environment in which they no longer had a home to return to. This made the restoration of medical and welfare services that safeguard people's health an urgent task. Minamisanriku Hospital and General Care Center Minamisanriku, a medical and welfare complex, was established in response to the grief of residents and lessons learned from the disaster. Functions provided by a hospital, health center, regional comprehensive support center, home nursing station, social welfare council, childcare support center, and the like were all consolidated into the one facility. The facility has space for supporting evacuees in the case of disaster, and for providing triage or first aid for injured persons. It is prepared for disaster situations with emergency generators of ample capacity to provide electricity, together with a variety of heat sources, including electricity, kerosene, LP gas, wood pellets, and solar power.



▲ On April 17th, 2011, a temporary clinic for Shizugawa Public Hospital was set up in the municipal gymnasium parking lot. Tohoku University Hospital and Médecins Sans Frontières were instrumental in the opening of the facility.



▲ On June 1st, 2011, Shizugawa Public Hospital opened as part of Tome Municipal Yoneyama Clinic with 39 inpatient beds.



▲ On April 1, 2012, a temporary building was completed on high ground. The temporary Minamisanriku Public Clinic opened with the assistance of the Japanese Red Cross Society.