

III-8 When You Face Problems in Life

Systems or services below are provided for those with difficulties in their life. Please ask the welfare division of your municipality for further details. (Appendix IX-1)

(1) Local Welfare/Juvenile Support Staff

Social workers are able to provide consultation for people having trouble earning a living, elderly people living alone, bedridden elderly people, single parent families and people with disabilities. Staff also offer necessary assistance to these people in cooperation with welfare offices and related government organizations, and also give advice on issues related to children.

(2) Welfare Benefits

If you still have trouble making a living even after using up all of your property (assets) or savings, relied on other means or measures, or any support from your relatives, please consult the Protection Division (hogo-ka) of your municipality. The division will offer necessary protection depending on the severity of the situation.

(3) Living Expenses Loan

There are loan services for families in poverty to lend funds for living expenses and also for emergency support.