

Announcement of Support-Network Building Project

July 10, 2023
- February 28, 2026

[OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT]

- Seeking to provide assistance to migrants and refugees facing multifaceted challenges and isolated from support.
- Aiming to establish a consultation system connecting supporters in various regional bases, interpreters, and specialists in various issues through online counseling sessions.
- Utilizing and building the network to provide accompanying support to address complex issues and provide solutions.
- Engaging in policy recommendations with new and diverse perspectives by including supporters with foreign backgrounds in the process.

[MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE PROJECT]

Accompanying Support and Emergency Support

- The challenges faced by migrants and refugees are multifaceted: language barriers, discrimination, and issues related to employment, healthcare, welfare, family, and residency status.
- Public institutions alone cannot solve these challenges; accompanying support plays an essential role.
- We will provide funding, emergency support, and specialized advice for accompanying support provided in various regional bases.



"We provide accompanying support on a daily basis, but it's all done on a voluntary basis. It's challenging to bear the expenses such as transportation costs..."

"There are people with provisional release struggling with their livelihoods. Is it possible to provide support for rent and food expenses?"

Online Consultation Sessions

- Hosting online consultation sessions connecting various regional bases through online platforms and social media.
- Addressing inquiries from various regions and connecting those requiring further assistance to accompanying support through the network.
- Encouraging supporters to participate in the consultation sessions to enhance their understanding of how to address complex issues.



"I have a friend who is in trouble but I cannot go to their location to provide support due to the distance."

"I wonder if I could seek advice and provide support in cooperation with specialists in labor issues."

Support by Supporters with Foreign Backgrounds

(We'll provide training for supporters with foreign backgrounds)

- Not only material and institutional assistance, support provided from supporters with foreign backgrounds, who share cultural and social backgrounds, is required for migrants and refugees experiencing severe psychological stress and isolation (such as domestic violence victims, single mothers, former inmates, sexual minorities, and those who lost residency status)
- The project aims to establish a system where supporters with foreign backgrounds play a central role.
- The goal is to reach out to migrants and refugees facing challenges and isolated from support, and to provide inclusive support that embraces diversity.



"I can speak Vietnamese, but I wonder if there's any way to utilize it for someone in need."

"Our organization has some supporters with foreign backgrounds, but we cannot afford to provide training for them."

"We need supporters who share similar backgrounds and speak the same language to understand what support is needed."

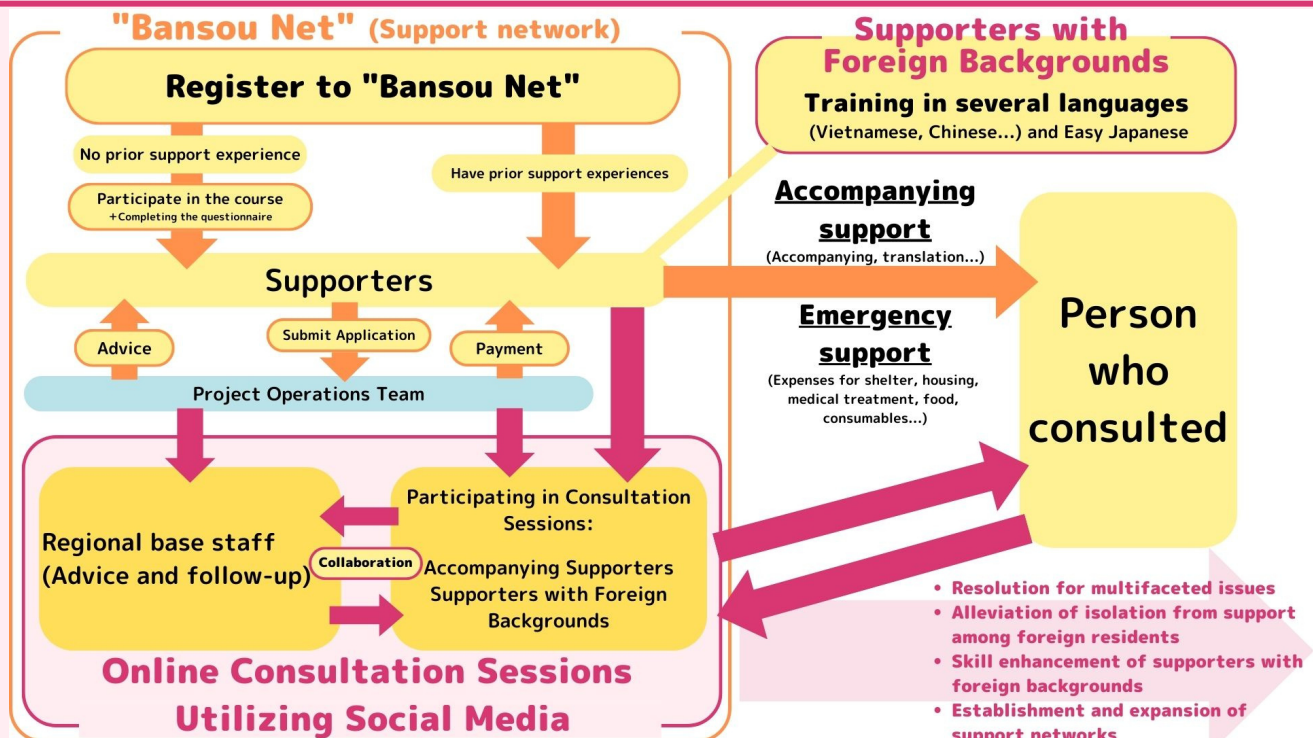
Policy Recommendations

- Engaging in negotiations with government ministries and agencies regarding policy-related challenges identified in this project.

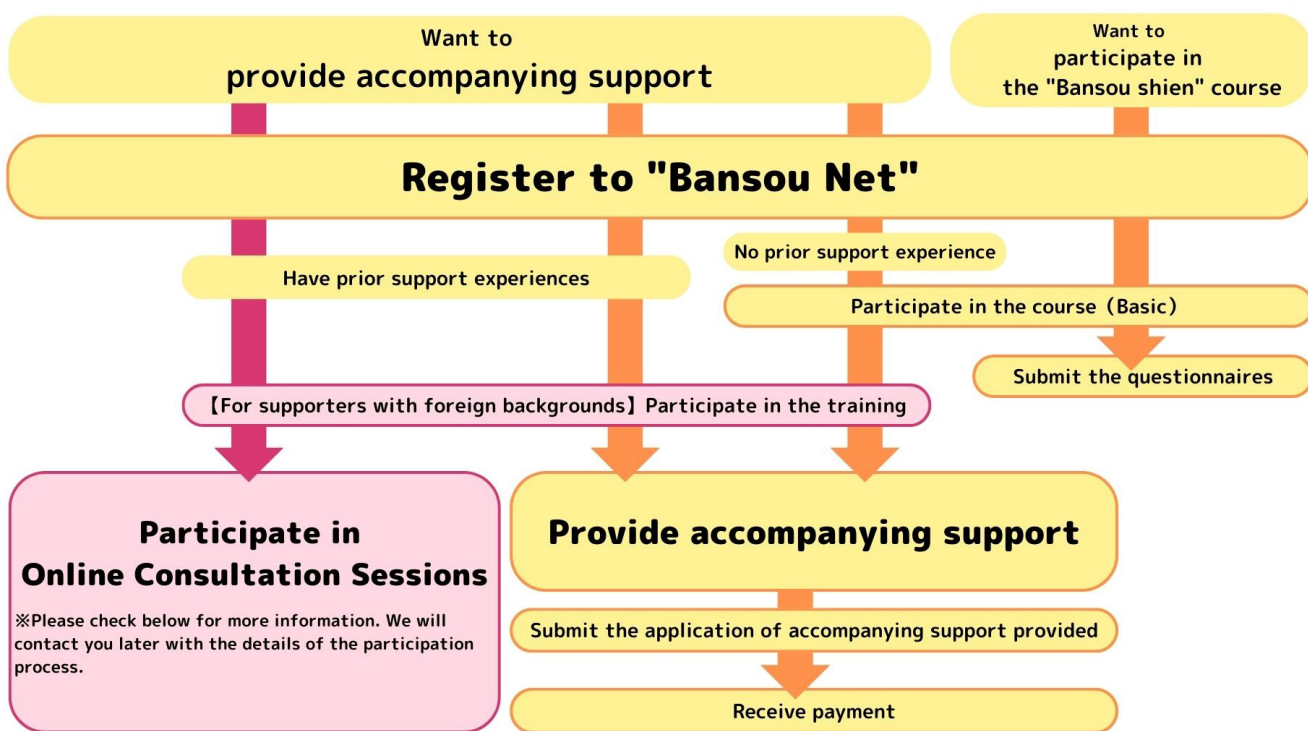


"Within our daily support activities, we face various challenges when interacting with the administration. Is there a way to change this situation?"

[FLOW OF THE PROJECT]



HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT



REGISTER TO "BANSOU NET"

● Eligibility for Registration

Individuals who are capable of responsibly providing accompanying support or individuals who are interested in accompanying support and wish to receive such support.

● Registration Process

① Fill out the form "**Registration form for Bansou Net**" [URL and QR code below].

<https://forms.gle/sfS8sXMG6VbCybcF9>



② Receive the "**Bansou Net ID**" via an automatic reply email sent to the registered email address.

③ Submission of **Memorandum** [覚書] (Stamped) and **Notification of Payment Receiving Account** [謝金受取口座届出書] (by mail)

- We will send two copies of the "Memorandum" and the "Notification of Payment Receiving Account" by mail.
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- Upon receipt, sign and stamp one copy of the "Memorandum" and complete the details in the "Notification of Payment Receiving Account" and send them back to our office via mail (keep another copy of "Memorandum" for yourself).

※ Even for individuals who have already registered in the previous year, please submit the "Memorandum" and "Notification of Payment Receiving Account" again.

SUBMIT THE APPLICATION OF THE ACCOMPANYING SUPPORT

● Application Criteria

- Accompanying support provided between **July 10, 2023, and February 28, 2026.**
- Individuals who are already registered to "Bansou Net" and have previous support experiences, or individuals who have completed the questionnaires for the "Bansou-Shien" Course.
- Applications must be **submitted by the individual.**
- Application must be **submitted within 1 month after providing the support.**
Ex) Support provided on July 30, 2023 → Application due is August 30, 2023.
- Provided support **for at least 1 hour.**
- **Up to 3 applications** per support recipient (consultant).
- **Up to 2 supporters** per application.

● Application Process

- Submit the "**Application for accompanying support**" [URL and QR code below]. (Note: You will need your "Bansou Net ID" for this application).

<https://forms.gle/BfPYt6fpCp7fhVb57>



● Payment

- Support provided for (at least 1 hour) less than 2 hours: **4,000 yen**
- Support provided for more than 2 hours: **8,000 yen**
- Payments for applications submitted by the end of each month will be made in the following month.

PARTICIPATE IN ONLINE CONSULTATION SESSIONS

● Scheduled Events

- 2023: 2 sessions [Autumn and February]
- 2024: 6 sessions
- 2025: 6 sessions

● Participation Criteria

- Individuals who are already registered in "Bansou Net" and have experiences in providing accompanying support.
- Participation for training purposes (Supporters with foreign backgrounds)

※ Further details and information will be provided later.

PARTICIPATE IN THE "BANSOU SHIEN" COURSE

● Course Content [Recorded videos] [Basic Course (5 sessions)]

Basic 1: Case Work

Basic 2: Status of Residence

Basic 3: Labor Issues

Basic 4: Healthcare and Social Security

Basic 5: Children and Youth → Unavailable due to circumstances

[Advanced Course (4 sessions)]

Advanced 1: Support for Technical Intern Trainees

Advanced 2: Support for Domestic Violence Victims and Single Mothers

Advanced 3: Support for Refugees

Advanced 4: Support for Irregular Migrants

※ If you wish to engage in accompanying support after completing the course, please complete the questionnaires for all 5 sessions of the Basic Course (Except for **BASIC 5** for the first year [~2024/3/31]).

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