

Overview**Overview of the Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers**

Welfare volunteers prescribed in the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers Law shall enhance social welfare with the spirit of social service, by providing consultation always from the people's viewpoints and giving necessary assistances; and by cooperating with works of government-affiliated organizations such as welfare office and like.

And the Welfare Volunteers shall double as the Child Welfare Volunteers provided for in the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers Law. The Welfare Volunteers shall grasp an appropriate perception of the environment surrounding and the lives of those people such as children in the communities, pregnant women and fatherless families. In the case children needing supports are found, Welfare Volunteers shall try to solve their problems by consultation and advice on the available service system.

Detailed Information 1**The number of Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers and Chief Commissioned Child Welfare Volunteers**

(As of March 31, 2009)

	Area volunteers	Chief child welfare volunteers	Total
Male	88,584	3,708	92,292
Female	118,743	17,392	136,135
Total	207,327	21,100	228,427

Source: "Statistical Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services FY 2008

(Statistical Report on Welfare Administration)," Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW