

Appendix

Record of Women's Net Kobe's activities after the Great Hanshin Earthquake

1995

- January 17:** The earthquake hits southern Hyogo Prefecture
- February 16:** Women's Support Network was established
Began planning "The Great Hanshin Earthquake – Women's Voices"
Began sending about 120 washing machines, bicycles, motorcycles and televisions to evacuation centers
- February 26:** Began sending out newsletter for the first time after the earthquake
- March 6:** Women's Homes reopened; began telephone counseling service for women
- March 19:** Held "Women's Discussion: The Great Hanshin Earthquake"
- April 15:** Hosted a gathering of mothers with babies and pregnant women at Nagata Start-no-kai group
- April 19:** Held same event at a prefectural women's center
- April 13:** First editors' meeting – a group to document earthquake from women's perspective established
- April 23:** Held "Women's Discussion: The Great Hanshin Earthquake – Part II" focusing on work
- May 7:** Held "Women's Discussion: The Great Hanshin Earthquake – Part II" on reconstruction of a city
- May 26:** Hosted a workshop on women's mind and body
- June 3-10:** Campaign for Reiko Masai began for city council election
- July 16:** "Women's Discussion: The Great Hanshin Earthquake – Part IV" focusing on sexual violence
- August 10:** Hosted a lecture on sexual violence against women
- September 30:** Editors' meeting
- October 29:** Held a conference after the Beijing Conference for women
- November 19:** "Women's Discussion: The Great Hanshin Earthquake – Part V" focusing on divorce to build a network of single mothers
- November 25:** Held a study session on sexual violence against women

Women's Net Kobe

We founded an organization in 1991 called, Group to Build Women's Centers in Kobe, in search of a place to solve women's problems. We also established Women's Net Kobe in 1992 in hopes of learning and meeting people in addition to influencing the bureaucracy. We have sponsored many forums and lectures on women's issues. Our aim is to build various networks such as Hyogo Women' Festival, where many women with various experiences can get to know one another. We continue to release information about women in Hyogo Prefecture by publishing From Hyogo Prefecture; Women's Message Board – Women's Concerns in 1993. We opened Women's House in spring 1994 to provide a space where women can feel safe and happy again. (The house is currently closed due to the earthquake.)

We need to have many activities for women to feel liberated in a male-dominated society. We believe such a society will not hurt children, disabled people or elderly. We have Women's Network '91 bimonthly magazine.

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