

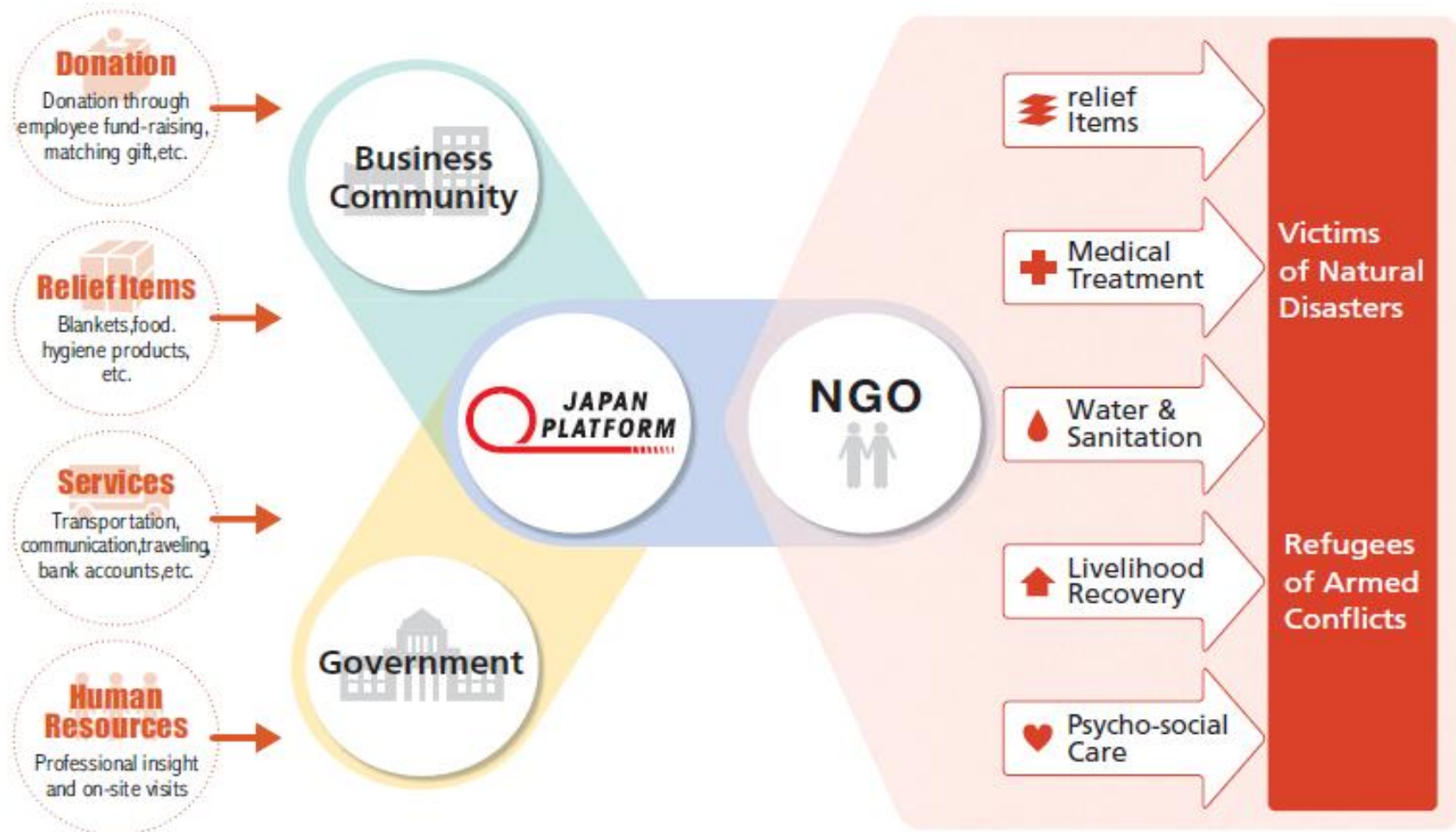
“The Role of Civil Society and the Next Generation
for the Future of Democracy”

**Session 4: The State of Civil Society Networks in
Asia and What Comes Next?**

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We are “Platform” for humanitarian assistance, connecting important partners in our society including the NGOs, Business and government sectors with equal partnerships. We also collaborate with academia, youth group and other civil society organizations.



Current overview:

- “Civil Society” space in Japan is relatively smaller
日本における“市民社会”スペースは、他国と比べて小さい
- the roles of “CSOs” are not recognized enough
市民社会組織の役割は、十分に認識されていない
- there is only a few private “think tanks” which could support civil society and make policy recommendation
日本には、民間のシンクタンクの数少なく、市民社会による政策提言を支えるところが少ない。

◆ THINK Lobby

-JANICの新部門、民間シンクタンク”THINK Lobby“の立上げ

JANIC(Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation) launched think tank project, “THINK Lobby”, to connect voices from civil society, think and act together.

◆ Japan Platform

-JPFは人道支援における各セクターのパートナーシップを推進

-Japan Platform has been facilitating partnerships among different stakeholders for humanitarian assistance.

- In Japan

platform with NGOs, business sector and government

ex) humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Afghanistan

- In Asia.

Collaboration with other NGOs consortium, ICVA which facilitates discussion in region.

◆ Challenges:

- **Strengthening Civil Society; lack of opportunity**
市民社会の底上げ・強化; 強化機会の不足
- **Lack of Mutual Understanding between Sectors**
各セクターの相互理解の場
- **Leadership**
リーダーシップ: CSOを引っ張る力の不足

◆ Recommendation:

- Strengthening CSO Hub**
CSOのHub強化: 中間支援組織、ネットワーク組織の重要性
- Connecting CSO Hubs among the Asia and Pacific region**
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