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Onagawa Container House



Since the 3.11 earthquake, we have visited more than 50 evacuation facilities and during that time, we heard the news that the town of Onagawa was having difficulty to construct enough temporary housing due to the insufficient amount of flat land. Therefore, we decided to propose a three-story temporary housing made from shipping containers. By stacking these containers in a checkerboard pattern, our system creates bright, open living spaces in between the containers. The standard temporary houses issued by the government are poorly made, and there is not enough storage space. We installed built-in closets and shelves in all of the houses with the help of volunteers, and generously donated funds. It is a breakthrough and precedent to new government standards of evacuation facilities and temporary housing.