

Government of Japan

Relief Operations following Tohoku-Pacific Earthquake and Tsunami

A massive relief effort is currently under way to deal with the aftermath of this unprecedented disaster. Some key statistics indicating the scale of the challenge as well as what has been achieved so far, correct as of 26 March 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 10,102

No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 17,053

No. of people rescued: 26, 646

No. of confirmed displaced persons: 246,109

The relief operation has principally involved people and equipment from these organisations:

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 107,000

No. of aircraft: 539 (215 helicopters, 324 fixed-wing)

No. of ships: 53

Police

No. of officers: 4,585

No. of aircraft: 13

Fire service

No. of personnel: 2,629

No. of teams: 690

Maritime Safety Agency

No. of vessels: 54

No. of aircraft: 19

The latest situation concerning the distribution of emergency supplies is shown below:

Distribution of emergency supplies (as of 26 March 2011, 00:00 hours)

	Item type	Delivered		In transit/being prepared for transport
			Compared with same time previous day	
Foodstuffs /water	(single meal portions)			
	bread	3,298,705	+167,530	1,919,330
	instant noodles	1,185,146	+55,000	335,000
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice			
	polished rice	1,642,897	+111,910	689,810
		2,322,731	+319,556	812,002
	other items (canned goods, etc)	1,377,510	+202,188	1,110,988
	Foodstuffs total	9,826,989	+856,184	4,867,130
	drinking water (bottles)	3,986,671	+289,576	653,168
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	295,136	+0	6,500
	nappies (individual)	258,505	+57,816	51,600
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	187,960	+1,740	60,798
	masks (individual)	2,216,222	+500,000	1,135,000
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	9,572,000	+902,000	247,000