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 28 March 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 11,082

No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 16,717

No. of people rescued: 26, 651

No. of confirmed displaced persons: 180,840

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: 536 (210 helicopters, 326 fixed-wing)

No. of ships: 50

Police

No. of officers: 2,784 No. of aircraft: 13

Fire service

No. of personnel: 2,437 No. of teams: 677

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 28 March 2011, 00:00 hours)

	Item type	Delivered	Compared with same time previous day	In transit/being prepared for transport
	(single meal portions)			
Foodstuffs /water	bread	4,113,705	+38,000	2,034,330
	instant noodles	1,220,146	+0	300,000
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	1,811,907	+115,000	937,800
	polished rice	2,392,732	+70,001	400,001
	other items (canned goods, etc)	2,117,790	+371,224	1,037,332
	Foodstuffs total	11,656,280	+936,225	4,709,463
	drinking water (bottles)	4,509,871	+254,200	234,768
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	301,636	+0	0
	nappies (individual)	266,462	+7,144	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	228,534 3,251,222	+8,350	5,150
Fuel	masks (individual) petrol, etc. (litres)	10,290,000		967,000