

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 29 March 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 11,258
No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 16,344
No. of people rescued: 26, 651
No. of confirmed displaced persons: 177,465

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 (214 helicopters, 322 fixed-wing)
No. of ships: 50

Police

No. of officers: 2,748
No. of aircraft: 13

Fire service

No. of personnel: 2,238
No. of teams: 623

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 29 March 2011, 18:00 hours)

	Item type	Delivered		In transit/being prepared for transport
			Compared with same time previous day	
Foodstuffs /water	(single meal portions)			
	bread	4,575,005	+461,300	1,729,030
	instant noodles	1,370,146	+150,000	300,000
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	1,884,907	+73,000	844,480
	polished rice	2,392,732	+0	400,001
	other items (canned goods, etc)	2,266,806	+149,016	1,206,804
	Foodstuffs total	12,489,596	+833,316	4,480,315
	drinking water (bottles)	4,773,471	+263,600	381,568
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	301,636	+0	6,300
	nappies (individual)	266,462	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	228,534	+0	150
	masks (individual)	3,251,222	+0	0
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	11,257,000	+967,000	29,000