

## **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 31 March 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 11,362

No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 16,290

No. of people rescued: 26,685

No. of confirmed displaced persons: 173,765

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

### **Self-Defence Force (SDF)**

No. of personnel: about 106,300

No. of aircraft: 541 (220 helicopters, 321 fixed-wing)

No. of ships: 50

### **Police**

No. of officers: 3,177

No. of aircraft: 10

### **Fire service**

No. of personnel: 2,214

No. of teams: 619

### **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 31 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	4,937,705	+210,700	1,465,000
	instant noodles	1,584,146	+114,000	414,524
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	2,238,769	+110,989	627,464
	polished rice	2,392,732	+0	632,667
	other items (canned goods, etc)	2,887,833	+309,954	534,050
	Foodstuffs total	14,041,185	+745,643	3,673,705
	drinking water (bottles)	5,518,130	+357,962	1,050,826
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	301,636	+0	26,300
	nappies (individual)	266,462	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	228,684	+150	600
	masks (individual)	3,251,222	+0	0
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	11,914,000	+628,000	72,000