

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 4 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 12,175
No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 15,489
No. of people rescued: 26, 632
No. of confirmed displaced persons: 162,158

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

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 106,600
No. of aircraft: 539 (212 helicopters, 327 fixed-wing)
No. of ships: 51

Police

No. of officers: 2,690
No. of aircraft: 10

Fire service

No. of personnel: 1,336
No. of teams: 386

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 3 April 2011, 17:00 hours)

	Item type	Delivered		In transit/being prepared for transport
			Compared with same time previous day	
Foodstuffs /water	(single meal portions)			
	bread	6,272,705	+107,000	2,646,000
	instant noodles	1,838,526	+74,380	831,760
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	2,708,025	+292,016	990,016
	polished rice	3,032,066	+456,668	393,331
	other items (canned goods, etc)	3,860,015	+370,794	1,683,430
	Foodstuffs total	17,711,337	+2,263,858	6,544,537
	drinking water (bottles)	6,135,968	+181,226	738,834
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	327,936	+20,000	60,000
	nappies (individual)	266,462	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	229,284	+600	0
	masks (individual)	4,376,242	+1,125,020	100,000
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	14,809,000	+261,000	259,000