

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 5 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 12,344
No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 15,237
No. of people rescued: 26, 632
No. of confirmed displaced persons: 165,768

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

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 106,400
No. of aircraft: 513 (216 helicopters, 297 fixed-wing)
No. of ships: 51

Police

No. of officers: 2,680
No. of aircraft: 9

Fire service

No. of personnel: 1,283
No. of teams: 365

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 4 April 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	6,319,705	+47,000	2,446,000
	instant noodles	1,890,526	52,000	571,760
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	2,746,025	+38,000	715,016
	polished rice	3,065,399	+33,333	359,998
	other items (canned goods, etc)	3,919,935	+59,920	1,764,990
	Foodstuffs total	17,941,590	+230,253	5,857,764
	drinking water (bottles)	6,145,136	+9,168	738,834
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	327,936	+0	60,000
	nappies (individual)	266,462	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	229,284	+0	0
	masks (individual)	4,376,242	+0	100,000
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	15,068,000	+259,000	0