

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 7 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 12,608
No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 15,073
No. of people rescued: 26, 632
No. of confirmed displaced persons: 162,856

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: 498 (209 helicopters, 289 fixed-wing)
No. of ships: 50

Police

No. of officers: 2,915
No. of aircraft: 9

Fire service

No. of personnel: 1,195
No. of teams: 343

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 6 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	6,293,705	+138,000	2,518,000
	instant noodles	1,957,030	136,000	600,000
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	2,750,452	+159,496	650,000
	polished rice	3,182,036	+40,001	266,665
	other items (canned goods, etc)	4,222,307	+302,464	1,376,366
	Foodstuffs total	18,405,530	+775,961	5,411,031
	drinking water (bottles)	6,602,141	+95,984	354,664
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	327,936	+0	60,000
	nappies (individual)	266,800	+0	90,000
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	229,284	+0	5,000
	masks (individual)	4,380,442	+0	100,000
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	15,275,000	+155,000	66,000