

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 10 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 12,985
No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 14,809
Total number of dead and missing: 27,794

No. of people rescued: 26,666
No. of confirmed displaced persons: 153,680

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

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 106,450
No. of aircraft: 499 (210 helicopters, 289 fixed-wing)
No. of ships: 49

Police

No. of officers: 2,959
No. of aircraft: 9

Fire service

No. of personnel: 996
No. of teams: 293

Maritime Safety Agency

No. of vessels: 54
No. of aircraft: 19