

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 18 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 13,858

No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 14,030

No. of people rescued: 26, 669

No. of confirmed displaced persons: 136,470

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

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 106,350

No. of aircraft: 470 (185 helicopters, 285 fixed-wing)

No. of ships: 49

Police

No. of officers: 3,500

Fire service

No. of personnel: 579

No. of teams: 162

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 17 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	8,992,705	+40,000	348,000
	instant noodles	2,420,016	+90,000	120,000
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	3,257,952	+27,500	110,000
	polished rice	3,332,236	+0	0
	other items (canned goods, etc)	6,363,372	+102,200	891,493
	Foodstuffs total	24,366,281	+259,700	1,469,493
	drinking water (bottles)	7,254,717	+0	624,816
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	379,695	+0	0
	nappies (individual)	359,714	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	229,284	+0	3,698
	masks (individual)	4,380,442	+0	0
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	15,341,000	0	0