

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 22 April 2011, are as follows:

No. of dead: 14,159

No. of people whose whereabouts are unknown: 13,169

No. of people rescued: 26, 708

No. of confirmed displaced persons: 132,923

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

Self-Defence Force (SDF)

No. of personnel: about 106,550

No. of aircraft: 503 (186 helicopters, 317 fixed-wing)

No. of ships: 50

Police

No. of officers: 4,500

Fire service

No. of personnel: 530

No. of teams: 153

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 21 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	9,341,205	+87,500	0
	instant noodles	2,540,016	+40,000	0
	onigiri, mochi, cooked rice	3,367,952	+27,500	0
	polished rice	3,332,236	+0	0
	other items (canned goods, etc)	7,305,649	+508,962	0
	Foodstuffs total	25,887,058	+663,962	0
	drinking water (bottles)	7,882,233	+175,140	0
Everyday items	toilet paper (rolls)	379,695	+0	0
	nappies (individual)	359,714	+0	0
	ordinary medicines (boxes)	232,982	+3,698	0
	masks (individual)	4,380,442	+0	0
Fuel	petrol, etc. (litres)	15,421,000	+0	0