

The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake

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Situation Report 15

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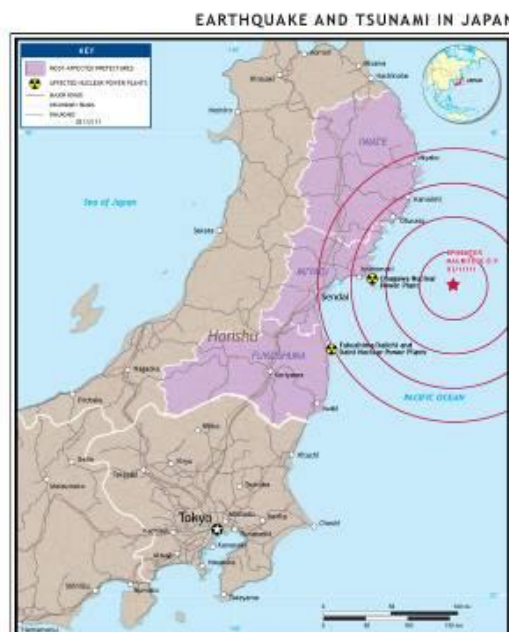
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I. Overview

- 131,000 evacuees still in shelter
- heavy rains affected already vulnerable areas
- collaborative movements of NGOs for the recovery gradually increase

With the massive earthquake and the following tsunamis happened on 11 March 2011 (14:46 JST), the death toll is still raising and reached 14,294 today. The total of those killed and missing are now 26,320. After 6 weeks from the disaster 12,026 people are still missing.

There are 131,408 evacuees still staying in evacuation shelters today. More than 40,000 are still living in shelters in Iwate. At the same time, there are some people who had been out of relief operation, especially those towns where citizens' basis data were lost. An evacuation drill was organized voluntarily at a shelter in Ofunato city, Iwate. About 100 people joined the drill.



SOURCE: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION UNIT, USAID/DCHA/OFDA

Over the weekend, heavy rains hit the affected area and wide areas of Otuchi town, Iwate was submerged to water (max=20cm). In Miyako city, Miyagi Prefecture, a temporary constructed prefectural road was damaged due to the rain. The metrological agency warns strong rain and aftershocks.

A collaborative NGO jointly set-up by 30 working NGOs in Japan kicked off its activity. It will arrange relief items and human resources by sharing information among participating NGOs. Jobs/livelihood, housings and welfare are the main focus of the NGO.

First group of foreign doctors and nurse started their activities in Fukushima Prefecture. Due to differences of language and life style, it is hard to receive medical practitioners from outside Japan to local municipalities. Other than the Fukushima case, it is only Minamisanriku in Iwate where active doctors were found at the moment.

As part of our response to the Tohoku earthquake, SEEDS Asia is supporting the affected communities by compiling humanitarian information on the ground in the affected area to be disseminated to the greater humanitarian community.

This report will further include the following information: 1) Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian NGOs, 2) <Map>Active Japanese Humanitarian Organizations, and 3) <Chart> Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations in Major Affected Cities.

Please refer to our latest in-depth situation report by Prefecture at our website:

<http://seedsasia.org/eng/projects-japan.html>

II. Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations*

1. Support to NGOs

- **Charity Platform** JustGiving project collected more than JPY 550mil to support **Civic Force** , launched website to collect relief items from small scale supporters for better coordination with the affected area.
- **JPF (Japan Platform)** : JPY5,073mil has been collected to support registered NGOs, coordinating JPF member organizations.

2. List of active organizations in the affected area

- **AAR (Association for Aid and Relief)**, based in Sendai, Miyagi Pref. and Morioka, Iwate Pref, supporting less accessible evacuation centers, senior and handicapped affected communities with fuel, water, food, NFIs distribution. It started distribution of relief items to those who are staying home in Ishinomaki city, Miyagi Pref.
- **ADRA Japan (Adventist Development and Relief Agency)**: food and emergency relief item distribution focusing on senior citizens in Sendai, Osaki, Higashi Matsushima city, Tome, and Watari Miyagi Pref.

- **AMDA (Association of Medical Doctors of Asia):** doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, psychologists and coordinators, providing medical assistance with international doctors and distribution of basic supplies in Minamisanriku (shifted from Sendai city), Miyagi Pref and Kamaishi city and Otsuchi town, Iwate Pref. including remote districts.
- **BHN (Basic Human Needs Association):** temporary internet infrastructure installation at municipal offices, hospitals, and schools as well as distribution of communication tools in Miyako, Yamada, Otsuchi, Kamaishi, Ofunato, Rikuzentakata, and Tono city, Iwate Pref.
- **CARE:** distribution of warm meal and NFI in Yamamoto town, Iwate Prefecture.
- **CCP (Campaign for the Children in Palestine):** water, NFI, Otsuchi town , Iwate
- **Child Fund:** distribution of hygiene products in Minami Soma City, Fukushima Pref and food in Natori, Sendai in Miyagi. Sharing booklet on psychological care for children.
- **CV (Civic Force) :** Disclosed a list of 119 required relief items, started largest private regular logistics service with ten 4-ton trucks. Distribution in Kesen'numa, Minamisanriku, Ishinomaki and Ofunato and Rikuzentakata.
- **FIDR (Foundation for International Development/Relief):** distribution of snacks in Kesen'numa and Minamisanriku, Onagawa, Miyagi Pref., Shiogama, Yamada, and Miyako, Iwate. Also started distribution of fridges as the temperature rises gradually and distribution of raw materials are getting smooth.
- **Good Neighbors:** food and hygiene products distribution, support for pre-schools in Kamaishi and Otsuchi, Yamada town, Iwate Pref.
- **HuMA (Humanitarian Medical Assistance)*** medical assistance in Minamisanriku, Miyagi
- **JAFS (Japan Asian Association and Asian Friendship Society):** providing food, NFI in Tome and Minamisanriku, Miyagi Pref.
- **Japan Heart:** sent total of 283 doctors and nurse to the affected area, disseminating psychological care information through its website
- **JAR (Japan Association for Refugees):** providing disaster related information in multi-language. <http://www.refugee.or.jp/jar/topics/other/2011/03/14-1001.shtml>, supporting affected foreigners in Rikuzentakata and Kesen'numa
- **JEN :** food and basic relief items distribution Sendai, Miyagi Pref., currently accepting volunteers including those who do not speak English for sludge removal and soup kitchen.
 - **JIFH (Japan International Food for the Hungry):** distribution of food and basic supplies in Sendai city and Date city, Fukushima, and Kesen'numa, Higashimatsushima and Tagajo, Miyagi. with international aid workers joining its base camp, relief items are also collected from Western part of Japan and its US partner.
- **JOICFP (Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning)/Oxfam:** providing female/children related NFI in Ofunato, Kamaishi, Miyako, Iwate Pref. and Tagajo, Shiogama, Shichigahama, and Kesen'numa in Miyagi through local midwifery networks (White Ribbon)

- **JVC (Japan Volunteer Center)**: distribution of NFIs in Natori and Higashimatsuyama and Kesen'numa city, Miyagi, relief items in Ishinomaki, Miyagi.
- **KnK**: distribution of basic relief item and baby formula milk in Kita Ibaraki city, Ibaraki Pref (finished). and childcare/education in Rikuzentakata, Iwate. Collecting books for children.
- **MSF**: providing medical assistance and emergency relief items in Tome/Kesen'numa city, Minamisanriku cho, Miyagi Pref.
- **The NGO collaboration center for HANSHIN QUAKE Rehabilitation/CODE**: providing food in Natori city, Miyagi prefecture, based in Tono city, Iwate coordinating volunteer activities
- **NICCO** : medical assistance (including psychological care), toiletries distribution, portable toilet set-up and generator distribution in Natori and Iwanuma city, Miyagi Pref., Rikuzentakata city, Iwate Pref.
- **PB (Peace Builders)**: providing NFI in Kita Ibaraki, Ibaraki Pref.
- **Plan Japan**: providing psychological care for children at teachers training event, toys and books in Tagajo, Miyagi. Distribution of NFI in Ishinomaki, Tagajo, Miyagi.
- **PWJ (Peace Winds Japan)**: operation in Ofunato and Rikuzentakada, Iwate Pref., Minamisanriku and Kesen'numa, Miyagi Pref., providing daily commodities for those start living in temporary shelters.
- **Rocinantes**: providing medical assistance in Natori, Iwanuma city, Miyagi Pref.
- **Save the Children**: providing school kit for children in Higashimatsubara, Miyagi
- **Shaplanner**: providing food and relief items in Kita Ibaraki city, Ibaraki Pref.
- **SHARE**: medical assistance in Natori and Kesen'numa city, Miyagi Pref., Rikuzentakada, Iwate, providing medical need information in English
- **SVA (Shanti Volunteer Association)**: Based in Kesen'numa, distribution of relief items and food in Miyagi Pref. supporting set-up of Kesen'numa volunteer center in align with local Social Welfare Council.
- **World Vision Japan (WVJ)**: distribution of water, toiletries and school kit in Tome City and Minamisanriku, Kesen'numa Miyagi Pref, operating child friendly space in Tome.

3. List of other humanitarian organizations

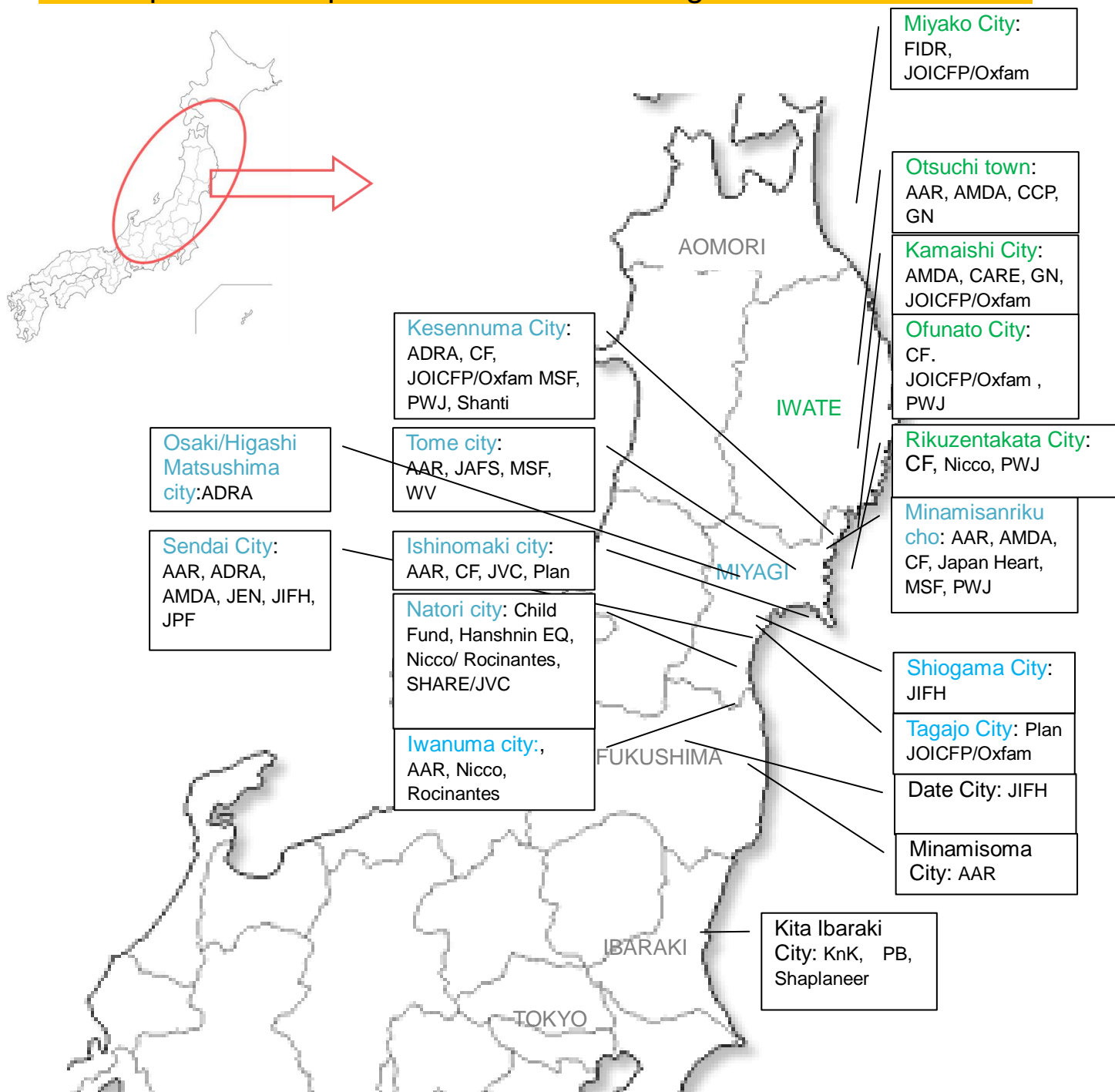
- **Caritas Japan**: planning psychological care
- **FMYJ**: broadcasting relief information in multi-language through local radio networks
- **JRA (Japan Rescue Association)** : rescue activity was called off 17 March in Iwate Pref., team to return HQ.
- **SEEDS Asia**: information assistance and coordinating Asian Disaster Relief NGOs
- **Tohoku area pacific offshore earthquake multi-language support center**: providing multi-language disaster related information

There are more organizations currently consolidating their support plans and accepting donations.

Some international NGOs are providing assistance through their local partners, and more are gearing up to start their operations as soon as Japanese government further clarifies its stance. SEEDS Asia will continue monitor their activities.

**Information compiled from press release and website of each organization mainly found in Japanese. Please refer to their website for more detailed information.*

III. <Map> Active Japanese Humanitarian Organizations*



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IV. Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations in Major Affected Cities*

Prefecture (# of evacuees)	IWATE (41,728)						FUKUSHIMA (26,558)		IBARAKI
City/Town (# of evacuees)	Miyako (3,152)	Yamada (3,200)	Otsuchi (5,887)	Kamaishi (4,803)	Ofunato (6,105)	Rikuzentakata (15,427)	Iwaki (2,638)	Minamisoma (5,713)	Kita Ibaraki
Food/Water	FIDR	FIDR, GN	AMDA CCP		CF, PWJ	PWJ	JIFH Shaplaneer	AAR	Shaplaneer
NFI	JOICFP/Oxfam	FIDR, GN	AAR, AMDA, CCP,GN	AMDA, CARE, GN JOICFP/Oxfam	JOICFP/Oxfam, PWJ	CF, KnK, PWJ	JIFH	AAR	PB, Shaplaneer, KnK
Health			AMDA	AMDA					
Psychological Care									
Sanitation						Nicco			
Communication	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN			
Education						KnK			
Protection						JAR			

Prefecture (# of evacuees)	MIYAGI (40,881)													
	Sendai	Ishinomaki	Shiogama	Kesen'numa	Natori	Tagajo	Iwanuma	Tome	Higashi Matsushima	Watari	Yamamoto	Shichigahama	Onagawa	Minamisanriku
City/Town (# of evacuees)	(2,257)	(11,384)	(508)	(5,739)	(1,187)	(976)	(483)	(881)	(3,413)	(1,438)	(1,610)	(733)	(1,903)	(6,405)
Food/Water	AAR, ADRA, JEN, JIFH	AAR, JVC	FIDR	AAR, CF, Shanti, FIDR, JIFH, PWJ	ChildFund, Hanshin		AAR	AAR, JAFS, WV	AAR, JIFH		AAR		FIDR	AAR, FIDR, JAFS
NFI	AAR, ADRA, JIFH	AAR, CFJVC, Plan	JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR, CF, JVC, JOICFP/Oxfam, PWJ, Shanti, WV	Nicco JVC	JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR, Nicco	AAR, JAFS, WV	AAR, JVC		AAR	JOICFP/Oxfam		AAR, AMDA, CF, PWJ, WV
Health				MSF	Nicco, SHARE, Rocinantes, JVC		Nicco, Rocinantes	MSF						AMDA, HuMA, Japan Heart, MSF
Psychological Care														
Sanitation					Nicco		Nicco							
Communication				PWJ										
Education Protection				WV					SC					JAR

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-Organization names colored in light grey = finished operation

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