

The 2011 Great Eastern Japan Earthquake

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Situation Report 16

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I. Overview

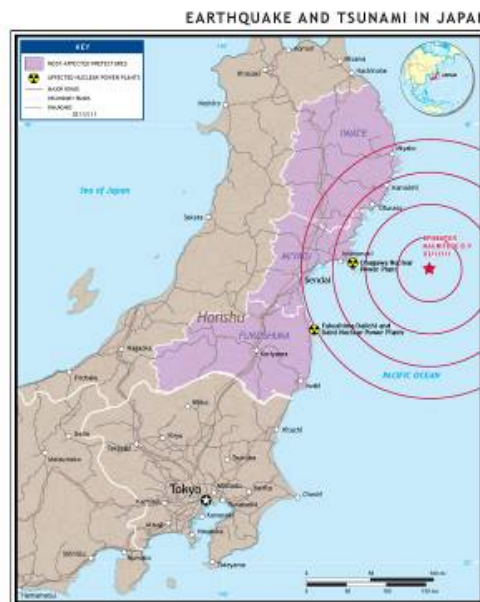
- 127,000 evacuees still in shelter
- heavy rains affect already vulnerable areas
- relief operations continue; different needs by affected populations

With the massive earthquake and the following tsunamis happened on 11 March 2011 (14:46 JST), the death toll is still raising and reached 14,662 today. The total of those killed and missing are now 25,681. After 7 weeks from the disaster 11,019 people are still missing.

There are 127,076 evacuees still staying in evacuation shelters today. More than 40,000 are still living in shelters in Iwate. Relocation to hotels and other accommodations is gearing up but there are still great numbers of people living in the evacuation shelters.

The metrological agency warns heavy rain over the weekend. Aftershocks still continue although the number is decreased.

Long holiday called “Golden Week” has started from this weekend until next weekend. Many volunteers are visiting the affected area to help clean the muddy house and support shelter operations. Relatives of the affected are also visiting the area to find their memorable from the debris.



SOURCE: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION UNIT, USAID/DCHA/OFDA

Relief Operations continue. While basic relief supplies are reached to the affected communities, many NGOs operating at the sites concern unbalanced relief supply distribution among shelters and those stay at their own homes. Staffs and volunteer visit shelters and houses to learn need of the affected people. Warm meals are now served at many shelters yet lack of basic nutrition and deterioration of health from the prolonged stay at temporary shelters is another concern. Furthermore, NGOs concern elderly affected people. Younger generation are mobile thus benefit from the relief materials, on the other hand, generally the olds are stuck to their homes and receive less support. They also have special need for relief materials, too.

Information sharing is another challenge. Communication lines are restored in many town and cities. Kesen'numa city started SMS services to share disaster and life related information with its citizens. Internet is also gradually restored and people now look for the information they need. Consideration for older generation is discussed how to share necessary information with them.

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. Its team will visit the affected area soon to find more about the information need of the affected community as well as those who support them.

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 456mil to support Civic Force and other NGOs, launched website to collect relief items from small scale supporters for better coordination with the affected area.
- **JPF (Japan Platform)** : JPY5,410mil 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 in Sendai, Ishinomaki, Kesen'numa, Natori, Tome, , Higashimatsushima, Onagawa, Tagajo, Iwanuma, Minamisanriku, Yamamoto, Shiogama, Miyagi Pref. and Otsuchi, Ofunato, Rikuzentakata, Kamaishi, Yamada in Iwate, and Soma and Minamisoma in Fukushima Pref. 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 Yamada 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.
- **CF (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 food and NFI 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, Ishinomaki Miyagi, participating Temporary Evacuation Project for Infants and Mothers.
- **JAFS (Japan Asian Association and Asian Friendship Society)**: providing food, NFI in Tome and Minamisanriku, Kesen'numa Miyagi Pref.
- **Japan Heart**: sent total of 304 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, Sendai 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. School bus operation in Yamada town.
- **MDM (Medecins Du Monde)**: Psychological care in Otsuchi town, Iwate.
- **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, support for school, warm meal distribution in Natori and Iwanuma city, Miyagi Pref., Rikuzentakata city, Kesen'numa Iwate Pref.
- **PB (Peace Builders)**: providing NFI in Kita Ibaraki and Minamisoma, Ibaraki Pref. Distribution of air cleaner to hospitals and evacuation shelters
- **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. Internet installation at Chamber of Commerce and local bus operation in Rikuzentakata.
- **Rocinantes**: providing medical assistance in Natori, Iwanuma city, Miyagi Pref.
- **Save the Children**: providing school kit for children in Higashimatsubara, Miyagi
- **Shaplaneer**: 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. Temporary toilet installation at schools in Minamisanriku

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.

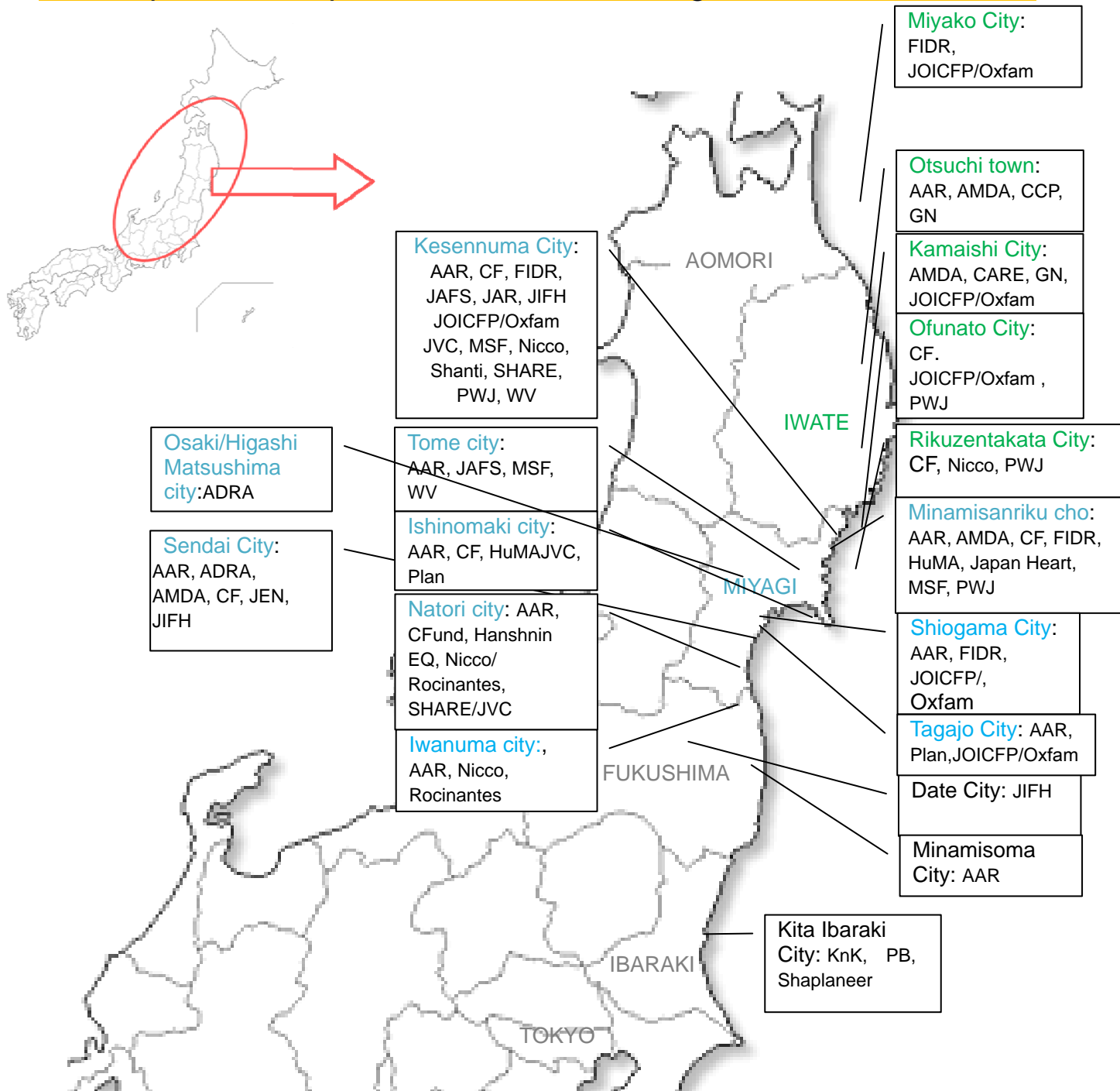
- **SEEDS Asia**: information assistance and coordinating Asian Disaster Relief NGOs

- **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	IWATE (41,521 evacuees)						FUKUSHIMA (26,558)		IBARAKI
City/Town (# of evacuees)	Miyako	Yamada	Otsuchi	Kamaishi	Ofunato	Rikuzentakata	Iwaki (2,232)	Minamisoma (5,713)	Kita Ibaraki
	(3,270)	(3,204)	(5,950)	(4,434)	(6,287)	(15,299)			
Food/Water/NFI	FIDR FIDR JOICFP Oxfam	AAR Care FIDR, GN	AAR AMDA CCP GN	AAR AMDA CARE, GN JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR CF PWJ JOICFP/Oxfam, PWJ	AAR CF KnK Nicco PWJ	JIFH Shaplaneer	AAR CF PB	PB, Shaplaneer, KnK
Health			AMDA	AMDA		Nicco			
Psychological Care			MDM			Nicco			
Sanitation						Nicco		PB	
Communication	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN	BHN			
Education						Nicco KnK			
Protection						JAR PWJ			

Prefecture	MIYAGI (38,462 evacuees)													
City/Town (# of evacuees)	Sendai	Ishinomaki	Shiogama	Kesen'numa	Natori	Tagajo	Iwanuma	Tome	Higashi Matsushima	Watari	Yamamoto	Shichigahama	Onagawa	Minamisanki
	(2,180)	(10,711)	(400)	(5,250)	(1,155)	(982)	(432)	(832)	(2,877)	(1,378)	(1,420)	(718)	(1,909)	(6,118)
Food/Water/NFI	AAR, ADRA, CF, JEN, JIFH	AAR, JVC, CF, JVC, Plan	AAR, FIDR, JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR, CF, FIDR, JAFS, JAR, JIFH, JOICFP/Oxfam, JVC, MSF, Nicco, Shanti, PWJ, WV	AAR, CFund, Hanshin, JVC, Nicco	AAR, JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR, Nicco	AAR, ADRA, JAFS, MSF, WV	AAR, ADRA, JIFH, JVC	ADRA	AAR	JOICFP/Oxfam	AAR, FIDR	AAR, AMDA, CF, FIDR, JAFS, PWJ, MSF, WV
Health		HuMA		MSF, SHARE	Nicco, SHARE, Rocinantes, JVC		Nicco, Rocinantes	MSF						AMDA, HuMA, Japan Heart, MSF
Psychological Care														
Sanitation					Nicco		Nicco							
Communication				JAR, PWJ										
Education				WV				WV	SC					
Protection														JAR

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