

**The 2011 off the Pacific coast of Tohoku Earthquake
Situation Report 4**

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Overview

With the massive earthquake and the following tsunamis happened on 11 March 2011 (14:46 JST), the death toll is still raising and reached 6,911 today. The casualties and missing are expected to exceed 17,000, the worst number of loss Japan has experienced since the WWII, as there is still great number of people who are not reachable. There are about 280,000 evacuees in 2,304 shelters as of the time of reporting. With gradually recovery of basic lifelines, some started to return their homes but there is still great number of people who need assistance. Many of them are still waiting for food and relief items, medical supplies and to be relocated to better facilities. In Miyagi Prefecture, there are 220,000 evacuees. Access to the affected area is gradually opening via sea and air, however, lack of fuel for transportation is still delaying the overall relief operation. Many people are stranded in remote areas due to lack of fuel for transportation and their survival depends on the support from outside. On top of that, people near Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants started evacuate to surrounding Prefectures and it is expected that the number will continue to increase. The temperature in the affected area is very low (below minus 0 Celsius). 426,000 households are without gas supply in the affected Tohoku to Kanto area.

Situation by Affected Prefectures

Iwate Prefecture



- 2,223 **deaths** and 4,253 **missing**
- 49,000 **evacuees** at emergency shelters
- Iwate Pref. decided to build 8,800 **temporally shelters** starting on 19 Mar 2011
- **Logistics:** Kamaishi port reopened on 16 Mar2011

Miyagi Prefecture



- 4,030 **death** and 2,252 **missing**
- 220,000 **evacuees** currently at the shelters
- Miyagi Pref. indicates need for 10,000 **temporally shelters**

Fukushima Prefecture



- 592 **deaths** and 3,844 **missing**
- 93,257 **evacuees** at 426 **shelters**

Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations*

1. Support to NGOs

- **Charity Platform** JustGiving project collected more than JPY 220mil to support **Civic Force**

2. List of active organizations in the affected area

Major initial response started from Sendai city to other cities in Miyagi Prefecture, further response activities gradually started in affected cities in Iwate Prefecture.

- **JPF** : distributing food, water in Sendai city, coordinating JPF member organizations.
- **AAR (Association for Aid and Relief)** : water, food and emergency relief item distribution in Sendai and Ishinomaki city, Yamamoto town, Miyagi.
- **ADRA Japan**: food and emergency relief item distribution in Sendai, Osaki, Higashi Matsushima city.
- **AMDA (Association of Medical Doctors of Asia)**: doctors, nurses, and coordinators, providing

medical assistance and distribution of basic supplies in Sendai city, Miyagi Pref and Kamaishi city, Iwate Pref.

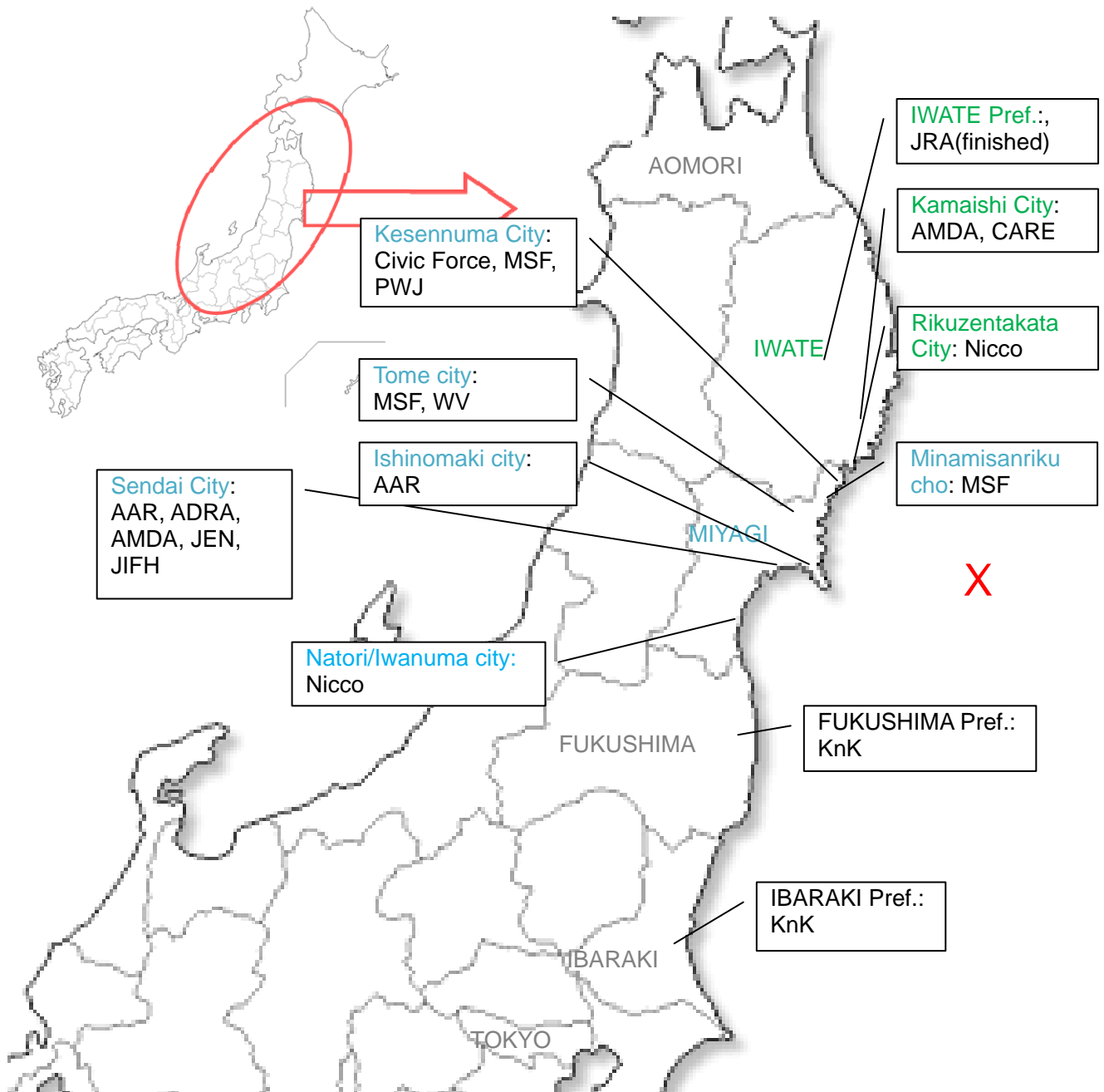
- **CARE**: emergency relief items arrived Kamaishi city, Iwate Prefecture.
- **Civic Force** : relief items continue to reach Kesen'numa city. Major companies are providing cash/in-kind donations.
- **JEN** : sent staffs to Sendai, Miyagi Pref., pointing out deterioration of sanitation in the affected area
- **JIFH (Japan International Food for the Hungry)**: distribution of food and basic supplies in Sendai, with international aid workers joining its base camp, relief items are also collected from Western part of Japan and its US partner.
- **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
- **NICCO** : medical assistance, toiletries distribution, portable toilet set-up Natori and Iwanuma city, Miyagi Pref. and site investigation in Rikuzentakata city, Iwate Pref.
- **PWJ (Peace Winds Japan)**: distribution of relief items, free iridium satellite telephone services and mobile phone charging services in Kesen'numa, Miyagi Pref.
- **World Vision Japan (WVJ)**: distribution of water, toiletries in Tome City, Miyagi Pref.

3. List of other humanitarian organizations

- **BHN (Basic Human Needs Association)**: temporary internet infrastructure installation and distribution of communication tools
- **FMYY**: 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.
- **KnK**: identified 3 phase support in Ibaraki and Fukushima Prefecture, 1) distribution of emergency relief items, 2) psychological care, child protection, distribution of educational items.
- **SEEDS Asia**: information assistance and coordinating Asian Disaster Relief NGOs
- **Shanti Volunteer Association(SVA)** : planning to dispatched staff to disaster areas
- **Shaplaneer**: start its activity in Ibaraki Pref. soon
- **Shizuoka Volunteer center** : gathering blankets and donation
- **Oxfam Japan**: support for pregnant women and small children, information assistance with JOICFP.
- **Plan Japan**: collecting donation for emergency supply and WatSan/Education.

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

<Map> Active Japanese Humanitarian Organizations*



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Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations in Major Affected Cities*

Prefecture	MIYAGI (220,000 evacuees)						IWATE (49,000 evacuees)	FUKUSHIMA	IBARAKI
City	Kesen'numa	Minamisanriku (town)	Tome	Ishinomaki	Sendai	Natori/Iwanuma	Kamaishi	Rikuzentakata	
Food/Water	CF		WV	AAR	AAR, ADRA, JEN, JIFH	Hanshin			
Relief Item	CF, PWJ		WV	AAR	AAR, ADRA, AMDA, JIFH	Nicco	AMDA, CARE		
Medical Care	MSF	MSF	MSF		AMDA	Nicco	AMDA		
Sanitation (Toilet)						Nicco			
Communication tool	PWJ								
Psychological Care									

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Relief Supply Needs

After consolidating information from Japanese NGOs working in the affected area and media, below items are considered the most need.

Food

- Nonperishable food
- Water (PET bottle and 500ml 2 liter)
- Other beverage (PET bottle, 500ml, and 2 liters)

Power Supply

- Gas/Fuel (transportation, heat)
- Generator

Medical Supply

- Medicine
- Specialized medical equipment
- Medical transportation

Communication Tool

- Radio
- Transceiver/receiver

WatSan

- Portable toilet

Daily necessities

- Diapers (baby/senior), Femme-care
- Sanitary items/soap and tissue
- First aid kit
- Blanket (the new or cleaned blanket, futon is improper).
- Warm clothing
- Formula Milk

Psychological Care Support Item

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