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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 9,408 today. The casualties and missing are expected to exceed 24,000, the worst number of loss Japan has experienced since 1896 Meiji Sanriku Earthquake, as there is still great number of people who are not reachable.

There are about 310,000 evacuees in 2,000 shelters as of the time of reporting. In Miyagi Prefecture, there are nearly 105,000 evacuees those who are also from Fukushima Prefecture. People near Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants started evacuate to surrounding Prefectures and it is expected that the number will continue to increase. Prolonged stay in shelters are affecting health problem of already vulnerable evacuees. The metrological agency reported severe coldness in the affected area in coming days. Aftershock ranging M5.0 – 6.0 are still occurring near the affected area. Relocation of evacuees to the better shelter is posing another challenge to Japan.

With great efforts by the Japanese government, local/international NGOs, and other players, relief items started to reach the affected communities despite limited availability of transportation fuel. Steady relief supplies started to flow into the affected cities, towns and villages, coordination and distribution are huge challenge at some local government level due to limited human resources. Close to 30 local radio networks keep broadcasting relief operations (some do in multi–language), yet localized vital information is not reaching the most needed due to lack of information receivers. Internet–based information is accelerating the overall emergency response within/from outside, affected aged community are still not in this loop.

While efforts to cool the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant continues, radiation leak is affecting communities in Fukushima and nearby Prefectures as reports on excess amounts of radioactive materials detected in some vegetables, raw milk, tap water and sea water. Media reported that the level of radioactive substance is stabilizing.

This report will further include the following information: 1) Situation by Affected Prefectures, 2) Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian NGOs, 3)<Map>Active Japanese Humanitarian Organizations, 4) <Chart> Relief Operation by Japanese Humanitarian Organizations in Major Affected Cities, and 5) List of Relief Supply Needs.

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.

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
Humanitarian Appeal

Japan is reeling under the effects of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, with reports of a rising death toll and property damage still coming in.
The death toll in the Miyagi region itself could exceed 10,000. Over 300,000 people have been displaced and are in emergency shelters.

Reaching the affected areas on the ground is extremely difficult as of now, and the national emergency response agencies are mounting a massive search and rescue operation. Most international aid agencies have so far not decided to engage in this disaster, as Japan is a developed country. The scale of the emergency, however, is beyond the capacity of any institutional system, and
thousands of families are in desperate need of support.

SEEDS Asia, with its head office in Kobe, has set out to support the affected families in their recovery process. Our partner agencies are already on the ground and are reporting extreme difficulties that the survivors are facing.

Our immediate response focus is on:

– support to relief camps
– local volunteer coordination
– communication support for information dissemination

In this hour of need, we urge our friends across the globe to come forth generously and help us support the families in despair.

SEEDS will work with local partners, community organizations, and local governments to draw up long term recovery support plans in the coming weeks,
once the relief process is underway.

SEEDS has a long standing experience of post disaster relief in the Asian region, and works closely with national and regional NGOs, universities and UN agencies towards a technically sound humanitarian response.

SEEDS is a member of Japan Platform (www.japanplatform.org) and the Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network (www.adrrn.org). The SEEDS group adheres to the Red Cross Code of Conduct, Sphere Minimum Standards and the Humanitarian Accountability Partnership benchmarks.

A rigorous reporting system will be followed to ensure transparency and accountability in the deployment of appeal funds.

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