

Great East Japan Earthquake Relief Activities Report

World Food Programme (WFP) / Japan Association for WFP (JAWFP)



WFP's large tents and prefabricated modules (Minamisanriku Town, Miyagi Prefecture)

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On March 11th, 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake struck and caused an unprecedented amount of damage. Then, on March 15th, Japan Association for WFP (JAWFP), official WFP supporting organization, established a Great East Japan Earthquake relief fund and called for donation from the private sector including individuals. In total, JPY 290,000,000 was raised. The following is a report of WFP and JAWFP support activities conducted:

Establishing Logistics Hubs for Relief Goods

WFP installed



45 large tents that can be used as warehouses to store relief supplies,

and



36 prefabricated modules that can be used as offices,

thereby establishing logistics hubs for use by affected municipalities and aid organizations that were active on the ground.

Regarding installation sites, please refer to the map below.



A large tent used by NGOs (Ishinomaki City, Miyagi Prefecture)



A temporary shopping arcade in Yamada Town, Iwate Prefecture

WFP's large tents were used for many purposes other than as warehouses: a temporary area for shops, temporary shelters from bad weather and meeting places for volunteers, areas for cleaning and displaying mementos found from rubbles, etc.

Transporting Relief Goods Donated by Other Countries to Disaster Areas

WFP also transported some of the relief items donated to the Government of Japan from other countries and international agencies, such as blankets, water, and canned food, to the afflicted areas. Logistics companies such as TNT, UPS, and A.P. MOLLER MAERSK Group provided a large part of custom clearance, temporary storage, and delivery services free of charge.

Providing High Energy Biscuits



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Upon request from Miyagi Prefecture, WFP airlifted 50 tons of high energy biscuits from the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot in Malaysia. These were provided to cities such as Ishinomaki City, Sendai City, and Minamisanriku Town.

Support to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

WFP collaborates with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) around the world. In Japan, four experienced WFP staff members were seconded to Japan Platform, a humanitarian consortium made up of over 30 NGOs, to support their relief activities.

Deployment of WFP Staff from around the World

27 WFP staff members including 15 Japanese have been called to Japan from around the world (Sudan, Nepal, Panama, etc.) to conduct relief operations.

Delivering Food and Beverages Donated by Companies



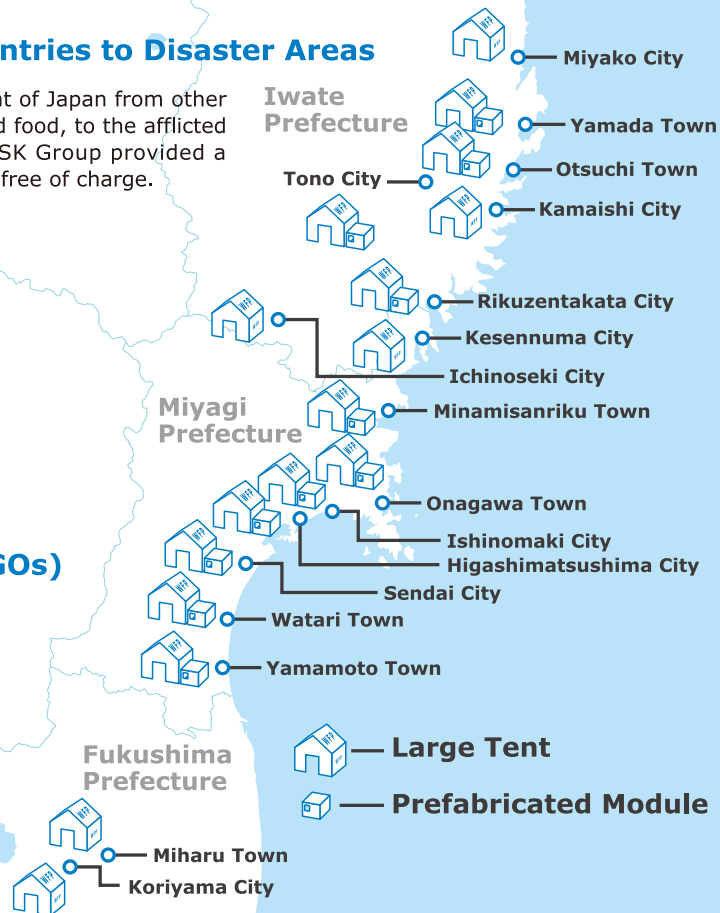
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Food and beverages delivered in Shinchi Town, Fukushima Prefecture

JAWFP collected food and beverages from donor companies. WFP transported these supplies to the warehouses in the affected areas. These were then delivered to the affected people through the municipalities and NGOs.



52 companies have donated over 620,000 food and beverages items (worth JPY 138,000,000*).
*The total amount is estimated based on JAWFP's research.



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