

プロジェクト報告 Project Reports

2011 JAPAN

『Tohoku earthquake and tsunami』 DISASTER RELIEF

**MARCH 19, 2011
MIYAGI/ FUKUSHIMA REGION**

At 2:46 p.m. on March 11, 2011, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake struck off the coast of northeastern Japan. It was the most powerful earthquake in recorded history in Japan, and the fourth largest in the world. Nine prefectures and the Tokyo metropolitan region were affected and, according to the National Police Agency, over 20,000 people have been reported as either dead or missing. Follow-



ICA Staff arrive at the relief distribution center

ing soon after the earthquake, a series of massive tidal waves (tsunami) dealt a destructive blow to the coastline of Miyagi, Iwate, Ibaraki, and Fukushima prefectures.

ICA exchanged information with the Tohoku regional disaster countermeasure headquarters, Japan Platform, other NGOs, survivors, and the Kigyō Jouhou [business information] Center, and drew up a list of items needed in the disaster area, to be delivered starting March 19. ICA's Tokyo office planned to distribute food and non-food items and gather information in 10 targeted areas.

Items included food (vegetables, fruit, rice, meat, fish, eggs, packed and canned food, drinking water), solar-powered stoves, sanitary goods (soap, disinfectant, diapers, women's hygiene products, toilet paper, toothpaste, toilet wipes), underwear, stuffed animals, blankets, gloves, and plastic sheets.

With the assistance of Marukoshi Un-yū Sokou (shipping trucks), an ICA member (vehicle for transporting for ICA staff), Japan Platform, residents of the Soshigaya area shopping street where the ICA office is located (food items), Ashikaga Institute of Technology (40 solar-powered stoves), the Kigyō Jouhou Center's 2,000 member companies (goods and supplies), and the cooperation of a great number of people we were able to stockpile items and depart for Miyagi.



Areas of ICA Relief Work

< List of areas ICA-J covered >

1. Kesennuma-shi
2. Ishinomaki-shi
3. Higashi Matsushima-shi
4. Shiogama-shi
5. Tagajo-shi
6. Sendai-shi
7. Natori-shi
8. Iwanuma-shi
9. Watari-cho
10. Yamamoto-cho

Three ICA staff members (Sato, Shimizu, Takarada) first met with the disaster relief headquarters to confirm which supplies would be delivered where, and in what quantity, and were told about the isolated refuge centers.

Back at the ICA Japan office in Tokyo, messages of support came in from ICA offices in USA, Canada, Peru, India, and the Philippines, and we continued collecting private donations for further relief efforts. People from around the world continue to express their hopes for Japan's recovery.

ICA Japan will continue with its efforts to support the immediate and longer term needs of northern Japan as it recovers from this disaster.



Marukoshi shipping company staff who assisted with the distribution



Listening to survivors at the Iwanuma refuge center



Damage in Iwanuma



Relief crews at work



Speaking with the mayor of Natori city



Ukrainian TV staff interviews us in Natori city



Products donated by the Kao Corporation



Items donated by the Shiseido Corporation