



EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

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Japan Relief: Facts and Figures from The Salvation Army's USA National Headquarters

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The Salvation Army has resources on the ground working to support survivors of the devastating 9.0 earthquake in northeastern Japan.

- The Salvation Army's focus is on continuing to provide for the immediate needs of survivors but long-term plans are being developed, such as the provision of cooking equipment when people return to their communities.
- A Salvation Army disaster team that was set to head from Tokyo to the tsunami-hit northern part of the country has now made its way to [Sendai](#), where a distribution of food and other supplies will take place Saturday morning.
- The Salvation Army in Japan also had three emergency service relief teams operating in impacted areas and carried out distributions of supplies in Sendai, [Koriyama](#), [Shirakawa](#), [Fukushima Daiichi](#) and [Mito](#) City on Wednesday 16 March and returned to The Salvation Army's Japan Territorial Headquarters in Tokyo.
 - The teams have been recognized by the Japanese government and given access to access roads and areas currently closed off to the general public.
 - One team in Sendai handed out 1,000 hot meals as well as hot drinks and handi-towels to survivors.
 - Another team in the Mito area unloaded bottles of water, biscuits, blankets, diapers and tissue boxes for distribution to evacuees.
 - The third team headed to assist evacuees from near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, but snow and fuel shortages diverted the team to other areas to support evacuees.

The Salvation Army has had a presence in Japan since 1895 and is also mobilizing a significant international response to manage both immediate and long-term needs.

- Two experienced International Emergency Services workers have flown to Tokyo from International Headquarters in London to assist their Japanese colleagues.
- The Salvation Army's Korea Territory has arranged for the K-Water Corporation to provide 100,000 bottles of water to be sent to Japan – 30,000 bottles by the end of the week, followed by the rest within a short time; the Korea Disaster Relief Association will also be sending 5,000 first-aid kits.
- In a touching show of solidarity 1,500 young Salvationists in Haiti – who themselves were recently impacted by a devastating earthquake – held a rally in Fond-des-Nègres to pray for victims and survivors in Japan.

The Salvation Army is calling on everyone to pray for the survivors and victims of the Japan earthquake.

- Monetary donations are the most critical need as supplies and personnel are mobilized.
- These funds offer the greatest flexibility and enable local disaster responders to purchase exactly what is needed as close to the disaster zone as possible.
- There are four ways people can contribute money to The Salvation Army's disaster relief efforts in Japan:
 - Text the words "JAPAN" or "QUAKE" to 80888 to make a \$10 donation.
 - By phone: 1-800-SAL-ARMY
 - On-line at: <https://donate.salvationarmyusa.org>



- By mail: Send your check, marked “Japan earthquake relief” to
The Salvation Army World Service Office
International Relief Fund
PO Box 630728
Baltimore, MD 21263-0728
- At this time, The Salvation Army is not accepting donations of goods or household items (gifts-in-kind) from the general public for disaster relief operations in Japan.
- The Salvation Army is extremely grateful for the generosity that has already poured in to help us meet both immediate and long-term needs.
- Here are there updated donation totals as of this afternoon, March 21.

Online:	\$3,321,710.00
Text to give:	\$142,210.00
1800-SAL-ARMY	\$82,000.00
Mail	<u>\$196,080.00</u>
Total	\$3,742,000.00

For the latest updates on The Salvation Army’s response to this disaster, please visit <http://blog.salvationarmyusa.org/>

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