



## EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES BULLETIN

### USA Central Territory News Update Service

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## How to Help The Salvation Army's Response in Japan

*How you can donate.*

**Japan** - Early Friday morning, a tsunami slammed Japan's eastern coast following a large earthquake which rocked the region. Early reports indicate extensive damage to property and significant loss of life.

Currently, those interested in aiding the relief effort are encouraged to give monetary donations. Monetary funds offer great 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: [www.disaster.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.disaster.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 21263-072800

At this time, The Salvation Army is not accepting in-kind donations from the general public for disaster relief operations in Japan.

Bear in mind, it will be extremely difficult and expensive to ship in-kind donations overseas from the United States to Japan. It is more efficient for disaster relief agencies to purchase needed resources locally and for immediate distribution with the disaster area. The best way for U.S. donors to help Japanese disaster survivors is to make a cash donation. Please note that your local The Salvation Army continues to accept donations of used clothing, furniture and other items to support local programming. Please consider donating your used items to your local Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Since 1895, The Salvation Army has provided emotional, spiritual and physical care to individuals and families in need throughout Japan. Currently, 81 active officers and 1,068 employees operate 57 church and community centers (Corps), 12 small social service stations (outposts), 2 hospitals and more than 20 institutions serving children, seniors, the addicted and other at-risk populations. Due to the Army's extensive presence, it is unlikely that volunteers from the United States will be needed for initial recovery operations.

### About The Salvation Army:

The Salvation Army, an evangelical part of the universal Christian church, has been supporting those in need in His name without discrimination since 1865. Nearly 30 million Americans receive assistance from The Salvation Army each year through the broadest array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, relief for disaster victims, assistance for the disabled, outreach to the elderly and ill, clothing and shelter to the homeless and opportunities for underprivileged children. About 83 cents of every dollar raised is used to support those services in nearly 5,000 communities nationwide. For more information, go to [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org). To donate, please call 1-800-SAL-ARMY or go to [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

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