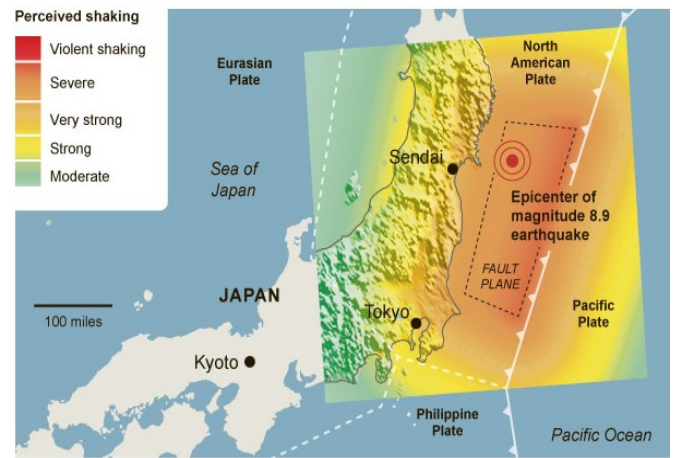


2011 Japan Earthquake and Tsunami: General Information and the Red Cross Response to the Crisis

Statistics/Information:

- Earthquake hit March 11, 2011 at 2:46 pm JST
- 8.9 - 9.0 magnitude
- epicenter 200 miles north of Tokyo
- triggered tsunami with waves of up to 33 ft
- left 5,000,000 houses without electricity and 1,000,000 without water
- 7,700 dead and 11,600 missing according to Japanese National Police Agency
- 370,000 evacuated or displaced
- nuclear reactors damaged, most serious damage at Fukushima Daini Nuclear Power Plant (150 miles north of Tokyo)



What the Red Cross is Doing to Help:



The first team of Japanese Red Cross Society to come into the devastated town of Otsuchi.



American Red Cross volunteers provide boxed meals to stranded passengers at the Yokota Air Base.

- the Japanese Red Cross has deployed 95 medical teams, made up of more than 700 people, to provide aid to victims in the affected areas
- the Red Cross medical teams have fanned out across the length of the 400-kilometer-long (nearly 250 miles) disaster zone; within 24 hours of the disaster striking, they had set up a network of emergency response units from where five-person teams, comprised of doctors and nurses, operate – moving out to different evacuation centers in nearby towns each day
- the Japanese Red Cross operates 92 hospitals throughout the country and has have received thousands of patients since the crisis
- local Red Cross volunteers in Japan have helped run 2,000 shelters and have handed out more than 46,000 blankets so far, and nearly 28,000 more have been sent to the affected area for further distribution
- the Japanese Red Cross has 2,369 nurses trained nationwide to provide emotional support following major emergencies
- a disaster management expert from the American Red Cross arrived in Japan on March 14 for a week-long mission to provide support and advice to the Japanese Red Cross Society
- on March 14, the American Red Cross announced an initial contribution of \$10 million to the Japanese Red Cross Society to assist in its ongoing efforts

What You Can Do to Help:

- to donate via credit/debit card, call 1-800-RED-CROSS
- if donating via check, write Japanese Disaster or American Red Cross in the memo line to designate donation
- to donate electronically, visit www.redcross.org
- to become a volunteer, contact your local Red Cross office
- text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation



Elderly people in the high school evacuation center in Otsuchi.



The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies nearly half of the nation's blood; teaches lifesaving skills; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a charitable organization and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit www.redcross.org.