

DISASTER VOLUNTEER DISPATCH & COORDINATION



DISASTER RELIEF SYSTEM

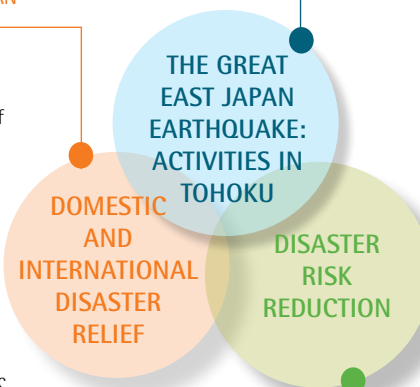
Peace Boat's principles for relief center on providing resources in four main areas: volunteers, supplies, funds, and information.



PBV'S CORE ACTIVITIES

DISASTER RELIEF IN JAPAN AND ABROAD

The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake was the catalyst that triggered Peace Boat's disaster relief activities. Since then, we have provided support for disaster survivors all over the world. Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center (PBV) was established in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in 2011. PBV responds to both domestic and international disasters, sending personnel, supplies, funds and/or information to those in need.



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Japan is often viewed as a global leader in technology and is regarded as having one of the most advanced disaster preparedness systems in the world. However, our experiences of large-scale disasters have illustrated that any system has its cracks and vulnerabilities. PBV focuses on all phases of the disaster cycle; disaster prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Through activities such as our Disaster Relief Volunteer Training Programme, conducted in non-disaster times, we help to prepare and strengthen civil response in times of disaster and fortify national and global disaster relief networks.

GREAT EAST JAPAN EARTHQUAKE: ACTIVITIES IN TOHOKU

In the wake of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, PBV immediately dispatched personnel to the disaster-stricken areas. Volunteers commenced relief activities in two of the worst affected areas, Ishinomaki and Onagawa, Miyagi Prefecture. PBV continues to work closely with the local people along the path to recovery. In Fukushima Prefecture, we provide recreational and educational programmes aimed at children and youths affected by the nuclear disaster to connect Fukushima to the rest of the world.



DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAMME

It is crucial that relief efforts are not left solely up to the local disaster prevention and response professionals, such as the local government, fire department and medical staff. Citizens must also take responsibility to acquire skills that will allow them to volunteer to support the relief and recovery efforts. PBV aims to build a national network of trained disaster relief volunteers which, in the event of a major disaster, will not only be able to respond to disasters in their own areas, but will also have the capacity to assist other areas when called upon.

IN FOCUS:

DOMESTIC DISASTER RELIEF Peace Boat and the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

On 11th March 2011, Japan was struck by a devastating 9.0-magnitude earthquake, triggering a tsunami that washed away several coastal cities, destroyed critical infrastructure and claimed almost 20,000 lives. In the wake of the disaster, Peace Boat commenced relief operations immediately in Ishinomaki City, one of the areas worst affected. In Ishinomaki City alone, over 3500 lives were lost and thousands of homes were washed away. To this day, we continue to work with local residents and other stakeholders in the long-term recovery of the area.



ACHIEVEMENTS:

Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Period between 11 March 2011 - 31 March 2013

13,816 individual people
85,564 Total volunteer working days



3,471 volunteer working days, from 56 countries and regions

8,011 Corporate and Institution working days
102 companies / institutions



107,835 Hot meals distributed



1,790 Tonnes of relief supplies distributed

7 People in local employment



2,114 Buildings cleared of tsunami debris

190 Businesses re-opened

26,000 Beneficiaries covered by psychosocial support at temporary housings

130 Vegetable/community gardens to provide treatment for stress, depression, grief and post traumatic stress disorder

over 20,000 beneficiaries participated at Peace Boat community events.

