

Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief Efforts We are here for you!

International Regional Response

1 Dec 2004 - Mar 2005 Indonesia Tsunami Response	10 Oct 2009 Philippine Typhoon & Indonesian Earthquake Relief
2 Oct 2005 - Mar 2006 Pakistan Earthquake Response	11 Oct 2010 Philippine Typhoon Megi Relief
3 Mar - Apr 2006 Philippine Mudslide Response	12 Mar - May 2011 Operation Tomodachi
4 May - Jun 2006 Indonesia Earthquake Response	13 Oct - Nov 2011 Thailand Flood Relief
5 Mar 2007 Legazpi Typhoon Recovery	14 Dec 2012 Philippine Typhoon Bopha Relief
6 Apr 2007 Solomon Islands Tsunami Response	15 Nov 2013 Philippine Typhoon Haiyan Relief
7 Nov - Dec 2007 Sea Angel II Bangladesh	16 May 2015 Nepal Earthquake Relief
8 May - Jun 2008 Caring Response Burma	17 Not If, But When!!
9 Aug 2009 Taiwan Typhoon Relief	



The capabilities of the MAGTF, combined with our forward basing, co-located headquarters, and ability to rapidly deploy, have been crucial to our ability to respond to crises in the region. This chart shows the major Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations we have conducted just in the last decade.

Nation-Wide Preparedness with Japan



- 1 Miyagi Prefecture**
Participation in Northeast Army-led "Michinoku Alert 2014" Disaster Drill
 - 2 Shizuoka Prefecture**
Prefecture-level disaster drill participation since 2012, in response to a Tokai Earthquake scenario
 - 3 Wakayama Prefecture**
Continuing dialogue since 2013 and participation in prefecture's disaster drill 2014
 - 4 Kochi Prefecture**
Lecture and opinion exchanges in 2013, mutual inspection tours and disaster drill observation since 2014
 - 5 Okinawa Prefecture**
Prefectural disaster drills (see next table)
- Semi-official Preparations**
Numerous dialogues with Universities, Think tanks, Disaster Centers, NGOs & NPOs, Hospitals

Japan disaster preparedness

After the devastating Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami of 2011, the U.S. Marine Corps recognizes it could be called to assist again, and works closely with the Government of Japan, the Self-Defense Forces, prefectures, local authorities and a variety of civilian organizations to promote preparedness and readiness through enhanced training, sharing lessons learned, reciprocal visits and exchanges, and furthering the face-to-face cooperation and interoperability that is critical when responding to natural disasters in order to save lives.



Local Community Preparedness with Okinawa



Disaster drills on all bases with community participation

Residents of Ginowan City and Chatan Town participate in a humanitarian assistance evacuation drill at Camp Foster in 2012. The residents walked the southern tsunami evacuation route of Camp Foster's two evacuation routes following the signing of the Local Implementation Agreement, which offers access to the routes in the event of a natural disaster.

Individual camps conduct disaster preparedness training with their city counterparts, resulting in strong partnerships which will reduce suffering in the event of a disaster. Exercise Constant Vigilance 2015, the Churashima Rescue Exercise, Marine Corps participation in the Okinawa Prefectural Disaster exercises and annual disaster exercises at each camp showcase the Marine Corps, prefectural and city governments, Japan Ground Self Defense Forces, and civilian agencies cooperating and learning together for the single goal of saving lives in the event of a disaster in Okinawa.

- 1 November 5, 2012**
MCAS Futenma and Camp Foster access granted to Ginowan City and Chatan Town
- 2 January 17, 2014**
Camp Kinser access granted to Urasoe City
- 3 September 6, 2014**
Okinawa Prefecture Disaster Drill on Miyako Island
- 4 September 29, 2014**
Camp Hansen access granted to Kin Town
- 5 July 23, 2015**
Okinawa Prefecture Disaster Drill at Camp Naha, Okinawa



Other Preparedness Programs

Medical Exchange Programs

- US Naval Hospital Japanese Physician Intern Program
- Implementation of Okinawa organ donor project
- Disaster/emergency response exchange and joint medical training with Okinawa Prefectural Hospitals and Ryukyu University General Hospital
- Medical exchange program with Ryuku Rehabilitation Institute by Camp Hansen

Disaster Cooperation

- Operation Tomodachi lessons learned briefs and exchanges
- Visiting lectures and exchanges with Japanese and American disaster experts

Advance Disaster Preparation Saves Lives - In Every Clime and Place

For a video describing our disaster work, go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtVC5y_CgVY
For information on the Marine Corps disaster cooperation work, visit: www.okinawa.usmc.mil