

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Relief Campaign Raises Nearly \$218,000

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In response to the massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami that struck the northeastern part of Japan on March 11, the Beckman Coulter Foundation established a disaster relief campaign to provide assistance to those affected by this tragedy.

The campaign raised nearly **US\$109,000** thanks to **more than 950 employees** from Beckman Coulter and Beckman Coulter Japan who generously made contributions in support of this disaster relief campaign. All monetary contributions made by employees to AmeriCares will be matched dollar for dollar by the Beckman Coulter Foundation. With the match, the total donation amount to AmeriCares will reach nearly **\$218,000**, making it the Foundation's most successful disaster relief campaign to date.



AmeriCares is utilizing ninety-eight cents of every dollar donated by employees to provide medical aid and other services to the people of Japan. In the hours, weeks and nearly two months following the devastating earthquake and tsunami, AmeriCares has supplied Japan with the following aid and has made a long-term commitment toward Japan's relief and rehabilitation efforts, which is expected to continue for at least one year.

- **First Response:** The AmeriCares team mobilized within hours of the first reports of disaster. Initial response included an emergency airlift of medicines and relief convoys of hygiene items for medical teams and evacuation centers in hardest-hit areas.
- **Initial Relief Convoy, March 27:** Hygiene items and bottled water were distributed with local partner, Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA), to shelters in heavily damaged towns.
- **AmeriCares First Air Shipment, April 4:** Shipment contained more than \$525,000 worth of medical aid. Airlift included more than 850,000 units of bandages and wound dressings, enough anesthesia to treat 2,000 patients, sutures for 2,500 procedures, plus antibiotics for acute bacterial infections, IV solutions, pain relievers, masks, syringes, gloves and hygiene kits.
- **Shelter Support, April 14:** Relief convoys delivered shampoo and 750 cases of soap plus 168 cases of water to shelters in the Fukushima prefecture. AmeriCares also supplied an additional 5,000 bottles of water for soup kitchens serving hot meals for evacuees in shelters.
- **Large Evacuee Center Support, April 27:** AmeriCares delivered hygiene supplies and food to a local partner which serves 1,300 evacuees who remain displaced.
- **Going Forward:** AmeriCares operational capability in Japan has been expanded to meet the needs of survivors as well as longer-term community and health sector reconstruction. AmeriCares expects to have staff in Japan for at least one year that will focus on relief and rehabilitation initiatives in the five primary program areas:
 - Restoration and expansion of health care services
 - Elder care and care for the disabled
 - Mental health and psychosocial support
 - Protection of orphans and vulnerable children
 - Evacuee services and resettlement

Beckman Coulter and the Beckman Coulter Foundation would like to thank all of the employees who participated in this important disaster relief campaign and helped to make it such an enormous success.