



Northern Kyushu Heavy Rains: Assistance Activities Report

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In July 2017, heavy rains hit northern Kyushu causing wide-area flooding. A-PAD Japan's Search-and-Rescue team promptly conducted a search for missing persons and distributed emergency relief supplies in the affected areas around Fukuoka and Oita Prefectures. This report to our supporters summarizes our activities through November 2018.



Procurement and Delivery of Relief Supplies

Immediately following the disaster, A-PAD Japan conducted a preliminary needs assessment. In coordination with local municipalities and companies, we delivered relief supplies such as underwear, sanitary products, fruits and water, and electronic appliances to evacuation centers.



A-PAD Japan's Project Sites



Search-and-Rescue

A-PAD Japan performed search-and-rescue operations with SAR dogs in Asakura, Fukuoka Prefecture, where many people were reported missing. We were able to assess the damage from above through our helicopter.



Lending of Vehicles and Equipment

A-PAD Japan lent vehicles and agricultural equipment to local NPOs responsible for coordinating and dispatching emergency volunteers to support restoration activities in Oita and Fukuoka Prefectures.





I can sleep soundly today!

"The gym mats in the evacuation center are too hard and difficult to sleep on. These are so fluffy so I'll be able to sleep soundly!"
- Children who received mattresses in Asakura, Fukuoka

I want to go help right away but...

"My relative is buried under the landslide and I want to go help right away, but there is nothing we can do by ourselves." - Man reporting to the Rescue Team about a missing person in Asakura,

I want to say, "You're not alone"

"I wanted to help because for these tedious tasks, only a local person can help." - local NPO partner who leased vehicles in Hita, Oita



Vitamins are here!

"At the evacuation center, we've been eating onigiri and cup noodles. So, I'm happy because I'm finally eating something fresh." - Woman who received fruits from Saga in Toho, Fukuoka

A change of clothes for the first time in 3 days. I'm so happy!

"Rainwater poured in my house, and I was able to reach the emergency shelter by helicopter. I was soaked and couldn't wash my clothing, but now I can change." - Woman in her 80s who received new underwear in Asakura, Fukuoka

Surprised at the speed

"The goods I requested arrived the very next day. I was surprised at the speed." - Evacuation center staff responsible for relief supplies in Asakura, Fukuoka

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From the Airborne Rescue and Medical Team: Thank You For Your Support

Amount raised through the hometown tax scheme: 8,200,000 JPY

A-PAD Japan received generous support from 454 people from 6 July 2017 - 31 July 2017 that amounted to 8,200,000 JPY through the hometown tax scheme in Saga. We would like to give our sincere gratitude to our donors. The lessons learned and network built from this disaster contributed to our efforts during the Hokkaido Earthquake. The Airborne Rescue and Medical Team, consisting of SAR dogs and doctors from Saga University, is supported by donations from many supporters.

Your continuous support will contribute to protect against future disasters. Currently, we are participating in the hometown tax scheme until the end of January and donors are eligible to receive gifts.

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