



THE FREEMASONS'
GRAND CHARITY

CASE STUDY

Japan earthquake & tsunami

£50,000 for immediate help following disaster in Japan

On 11 March 2011, a massive earthquake struck Japan, triggering a tsunami that swept across the east coast, leaving a trail of destruction. Thousands of people were killed and whole towns destroyed.

The President of the Grand Charity approved an emergency grant of £50,000 to the British Red Cross, to assist with its Japan Tsunami Appeal.

In the weeks following the earthquake, there were repeated earthquakes, with magnitudes of 6.6, every 30 to 60 minutes. The tsunami alert has remained active. Landslides were reported in 37 areas. Roads, bridges, railroads, dykes and buildings were damaged in about 460 places and many roads remained impassable for weeks. 15,400 people have been confirmed dead and some 7,400 were missing following the disaster.

The Japanese Red Cross mobilised 14,000 volunteers who provided mobile kitchens, distributed food and relief items and directed people to evacuation centres, helping people to recover homes that have been buried in mud.

The Grand Charity donation helped to purchase:

- > 131,500 blankets
- > 183,000 items of clothing
- > 28,000 emergency relief kits
- > 12,500 sleeping mats
- > 15,500 household tools
- > 4,900 buckets
- > 30,000 towels and other hygiene items
- > 61,000 instant meals, such as noodles



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