



Roads and water access were cut off and houses were collapsed across Noto Peninsula (January 2, 2024)

2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake

To Prevent Disaster-related Deaths

On January 1, 2024, a deadly, M7.6 earthquake struck the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture. According to the local authority, as of January 25, 2024, 236 people have been confirmed dead and search operations for missing persons continue. Over 41,834 houses have been damaged and some areas still do not have water. While the cold winter persists, an imminent challenge is to prevent disaster-related deaths.

As a member of ARROWS (Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search), Civic Force immediately began providing emergency assistance. Around the Noto Peninsula and Suzu city, the team conducted search-and-rescue operations for missing people, provided medical support through mobile clinics and relief items in collaboration with corporate partners. Civic Force launched NPO Partner Projects to support local organizations for the mid to long term future.

This special newsletter is our one-month activity report.



Thank you!

Thanks to our generous supporters, Civic Force has received over 88,300,000 yen (approx. US\$603,000) as of January 26, 2024. We also appreciate your heartfelt messages. As the impacted communities trying to get back on their feet, we anticipate a prolonged recovery and reconstruction phase. We sincerely appreciate your continuous support.

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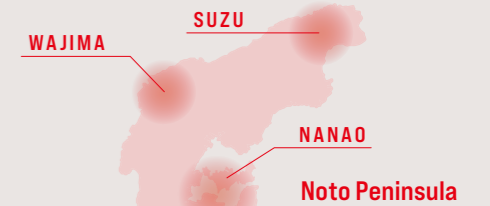
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2024 New Year's Day Noto Peninsula Earthquake

One month after the disaster, to prevent disaster-related deaths

In Ishikawa Prefecture, approximately 14,600 people have evacuated to more than 450 evacuation centers (as of Jan 25). As a member of the Airborne Rescue and Relief Operations With Search (ARROWS), Civic Force continues to provide emergency support in Suzu City, the northernmost tip of the Noto Peninsula, and other areas.



Land

On the evening of January 1st, ARROWS dispatched to the disaster area and began providing support the next day. In collaboration with Suzu City General Hospital, we provided medical treatment in a room at the evacuation center with no electricity or water, and are continuing to examine victims and prescribe medication.



Air

Civic Force visited isolated coastal villages that cars could not access due to damaged roads via helicopter. We provided assistance in areas such as Otani including temporary clinics, transporting patients, and transporting supplies.



Sea

On January 5th, an ARROWS ship arrived at Iida Port in Suzu city where land access by large trucks was difficult. We provided large-scale relief supplies such as water, food, kerosene, and body warmers.

Power of collaboration

Disaster-affected areas are making use of the training from non-disaster times and the power of networks between companies.



空飛ぶ捜索医療団
ARROWS

ARROWS is an emergency support project centered on medical care that carries out rescue and lifesaving activities in large-scale disasters. The team includes doctors, nurses, rescue workers, and disaster relief dogs and they dispatch to disaster-stricken areas by land, sea, and air. As a member of ARROWS, Civic Force contributes to delivering the necessary support in the best possible way.



SEMA is an emergency response alliance that was established in 2017 to provide disaster relief through collaboration between private companies and citizen groups. It is made up of 81 companies and six citizen groups as members (as of December 2023). Civic Force assesses needs in disaster-stricken areas and quickly delivers supplies and services from SEMA member companies.



The Japan Professional Baseball Players Association Disaster Relief Fund (commonly known as the Players Association Fund) was established in 2021 by the Players Association and Civic Force. This will support member schools affected by the disaster in collaboration with the Ishikawa Prefecture High School Baseball Federation. We continue to deliver supplies to baseball club members.

January 1st

1 week

2 week

3 week

1 month

Earthquake strikes

Search for missing persons/Rescue

On the 2nd, a 71-year-old woman was found trapped between the pillars and furniture of a collapsed house and unable to move. She was rescued and taken to the hospital. ARROWS was involved in the search in cooperation with the police, Self-Defense Forces, and fire department and was responsible for rescue and medical treatment of survivors who were miraculously found 6 days after the disaster.



Delivering clean water

Water stations have been set up at two evacuation centers in Suzu city. It is widely used not only at evacuation centers but also by people in the local area who are sleeping in their cars or staying at home.



Material support tailored to needs

On the 4th, a base warehouse for supplies was established in Nanao city, the gateway to Oku-Noto. From the 10th, we secured a warehouse in Suzu city and delivered the supplies listed below to more than 10 evacuation centers in Suzu city (as of January 20th). In addition to evacuation centers, Civic Force also delivered to home evacuees and people sleeping in their cars. We also distributed clothing, food, and other items to Wajima city and Nanao city.

7,500 emergency toilets / 100 sleeping mats / 99 sheets of tarp / 6,000 sets of underwear / 2,000 pairs of socks / 238 disinfectant sprays / 1,200 hand warmers / 14 packs of women's pads / Kerosene, pump, portable can / 500 plastic bags / Portable battery / Asphalt repair agent / 500 pairs of slippers / 150 shampoos and conditioners / 1,000 masks / Hygiene kit for 500 people / Wet tissues & tissues / Miso soup (1,080 meals) / 3,000 bottles of water / Beverages / 1,000kg of rice / 2,000 servings of cup noodles, etc. / Fruits (strawberries, oranges) / Pet supplies etc.



VOICES
Messages from
the affected area

In order to deliver the right assistance, we listened to the victims of the earthquake. We value communication that illuminates needs and concerns that are difficult to see. The smiles and warm messages from the people drive us in our work. We introduce some of the "voices" we've heard from the affected people.



"The toilet was in terrible condition.

It's so helpful!"

— Evacuation center staff



Evacuation center supplies collection point



Emergency toilet delivered to Suzu city evacuation center



Water purification / Water supply support

"I really appreciate the value of water."

— Evacuee who came to collect water

"Warm and soft. I was sleeping on cardboard."

— A woman who received a sleeping mat



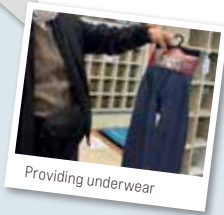
Providing sleeping mats in collaboration with SEMA



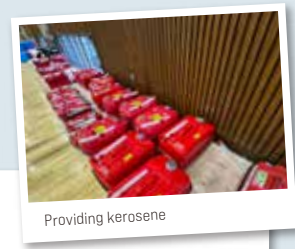
Health promotion center

"I'm glad to be able to change clothes because I couldn't do laundry."

— A man who received underwear at an evacuation center



Providing underwear



Providing kerosene

"We are sheltering in a plastic greenhouse because we cannot go to an evacuation center."

— Households that received rice



Visiting a greenhouse shelter

"Cold, cold. I'm very grateful for the kerosene."

— An employee at the supply depot where the kerosene was delivered

Please continue your support.

Civic Force Director, Kaori Neki



Almost the entire Noto Peninsula experienced damage from this earthquake. Different from previous disasters, in Oku-Noto, all residents could be counted as victims. As a result of the earthquake, roads connecting the affected areas to the outside have been cut off, making it difficult to provide assistance. Before moving on to the rebuilding stage, we must focus our attention on limiting disaster-related deaths and providing needed support so that each evacuee can have as much peace of mind as possible. The water outage continues and it will still take some time to return to normal. Please continue your support for the disaster-affected areas even as media coverage wanes.

Daily updates from the disaster area

We will deliver the latest information via social media

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