



Many areas across Kumamoto Prefecture suffered extensive damage, including roads being cut off, collapsed houses, and power and water outages. (Photo taken on July 30, 2026.)

July 2026 Kumamoto Earthquake

Emergency Assistance To Prevent Disaster-Related Deaths

On July 28, 2026, an earthquake struck the Kumamoto Prefecture, with seismic intensity of 7 recorded in Uki City and Hikawa Town. According to the prefectural government, 39 deaths had been confirmed and more than 32,000 homes were damaged by August 18. Some areas are still without running water, and amid the extreme heat, preventing disaster-related deaths has become an urgent priority.

Civic Force began providing emergency relief activities the day after the disaster. Focusing particularly on the hardest-hit areas, including Hikawa Town, Yatsushiro City, and Uki City, we have been improving conditions at evacuation centers, supporting their operation, and distributing supplies in cooperation with companies. We have also begun field surveys in preparation to launch NPO Partner Projects, which aim to support the recovery and reconstruction of affected communities mid- to long-term.

In this issue, we report on our activities implemented over the 10 days immediately following the disaster.



Emergency Assistance

2026 Kumamoto Earthquake

A Note of Appreciation and a Request for Continued Support

Thanks to the support of so many people, we have received donations totaling over 25 million yen as of August 10, 2026. Thank you also for the many messages of support. In light of the extensive damage, our activities are expected to continue over an extended period of time. We appreciate your continued interest and support.

Accepting donations
for emergency
assistance

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Earthquake**



2026 Kumamoto Earthquake: Emergency Assistance Ten Days Since the Disaster: To Prevent Disaster-Related Deaths

In the heavily damaged Kumamoto Prefecture, approximately 6,700 people are staying at 125 evacuation centers in 12 cities and towns (as of 2 pm, August 6; prefectural government). Civic Force deployed immediately after the earthquake, and has continued emergency relief activities in Hikawa Town, Yatsushiro City, and Uki City.

Hikawa Town



Hikawa Town was severely affected by the earthquake with power and water outages in addition to numerous collapsed homes. On July 30, a woman in her 70s who had been sleeping in a car reportedly died of heat stroke. This was the first disaster-related death from the earthquake. Civic Force has strengthened measures to support the evacuees living in extremely hot weather.

Yatsushiro City



Many residents of Yatsushiro City were forced to live in evacuation centers. Civic Force provided the Taiyo Community Center with pop-up partition walls, tables, and chairs donated by Taiwan. These supplies helped ensure the evacuees' privacy and improve their living conditions.

Uki City



In Uki City, necessary supplies were not fully delivered to those affected, partly due to a manpower shortage. On August 5, based on discussions with the city, Civic Force began transporting relief supplies and improving conditions at evacuation centers. We plan to continue providing assistance, mainly at the Matsubase-Higashi Disaster Prevention Center.

The Power of Collaboration

Our activities in the disaster-affected areas draw on the strength of the training conducted in non-emergency times and our network of companies.



Social Emergency Management Alliance (SEMA) was established in 2017 to provide disaster assistance through collaboration between private companies and civil society groups. As of August 2026, it has 123 companies and six civil society groups as members. Civic Force surveys the needs in affected areas and promptly delivers relief supplies and services provided by SEMA member companies.



The Japan Professional Baseball Players Association Disaster Relief Fund ("Players Fund") was established in 2021 by Civic Force and JPBP. We are supplying relief goods through the Fund as well.

July 28

July 29–

July 31–

August 1

August 8–

Earthquake occurred

from the 11th day after the earthquake onward

Distributing supplies based on needs



Civic Force delivered such supplies as heatstroke prevention kits (containing oral rehydration powder, cold packs, cooling towels) to more than eight evacuation and volunteer centers in Hikawa Town, Yatsushiro City and Uki City (as of August 7). We are distributing necessary supplies based on needs in a timely manner.

Emergency toilets for 8,000 uses / 1,500 rolls of toilet paper, 2,000 bottles of beverages / 1,200 servings of miso soup / 400 pieces of sweet bean jelly (yokan) / 160 heatstroke prevention kits / 300 cooling items / 200 cotton blankets / 200 tooth brushes / 600 sets of underwear / 200 clothing items including T-shirts / 200 packs of menstrual products / 388 diapers / 100 air mattresses / 83 air pillows / 250 cleaning and toilet supplies / 13 portable power stations / 4 portable air conditioners / 4 air circulators / hygiene kits, and other items



Improving conditions at evacuation centers

In response to hygiene-related challenges, Civic Force promptly set up water tanks for handwashing, disinfectants, and cleaning supplies at evacuation centers. We are working on improving conditions at evacuation centers in order to prevent disaster-related deaths caused by illness or stress during evacuation.



Donated relief supplies arrived from Taiwan

LOVE AND PROGRESS FIREFIGHTER PUBLIC WELFARE ASSOCIATION (Taiwan) offered support to Civic Force, providing a donation of 5 million yen as well as 100 folding beds, 40 pop-up partitions, and 25 folding tables. The donated supplies arrived at Kumamoto Airport on August 1 and were delivered to the evacuation centers in Hikawa Town and Yatsushiro City the same day.



Started preparing for mid- to long-term support

Civic Force began field surveys in preparation for NPO Partner Projects, which aim to support the recovery and reconstruction of affected communities mid- to long-term.

Uki City
Hikawa Town
Yatsushiro City

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Messages from
the People We Met



Donated relief supplies from Taiwan arrive in Kumamoto

**“Thank you very much for providing
such a comfortable air mattress.”**



Distributing and assisting in assembling air mattresses

—A woman at an evacuation center



Distributing high-quality bedding

**“Your assistance with setting up and
arranging the cardboard beds was of great help.”**



Helping install cardboard beds

—A staff member at an evacuation center

**“The cotton fabric feels so nice against my skin.
Last night I was able to sleep deeply
for the first time in a long while.”**

—A woman at an evacuation center who received a cotton blanket



Installing a chest freezer

**“We really wanted a freezer,
but we never expected to actually receive one! We’re so thankful.”**

—A man at an evacuation center

**“It’s been dusty here,
so the cleaning supplies are really helpful!”**

—A man at an evacuation center



Providing cleaning supplies



Distributing relief supplies

**“I’m so happy
that I can use hot water anytime I want!”**

—A woman at an evacuation center who used an electric kettle



Installing electric kettles

Staying Mindful of the Affected Areas and Keeping Them in Our Thoughts

Kaori Neki, Executive Director, Civic Force



We extend our heartfelt sympathies to all those affected by the recent Kumamoto Earthquake. The earthquake caused extensive damage across the prefecture. As the relentless heatwave and widespread water outages continue, it will still take a long time for everyday life to return to normal. With the emergency phase prolonged, urgent assistance is needed to address issues related to living and sanitary conditions at evacuation centers and prevent disaster-related deaths.

Civic Force will continue to protect the health of those affected by the disaster through assistance, such as improving living conditions at evacuation centers. We would appreciate it if you would stay mindful of the affected areas.

Daily updates from
the affected areas



We share the latest news
on social media

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