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# Information bulletin

## Japan: Floods and landslides

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<b>Date of disaster:</b> 5 July 2018	<b>Point of contact (name and title):</b> Nobuaki Sato, International Relief Division, International Department
<b>Operation start date:</b> 5 July 2018	<b>Expected timeframe:</b> -
<b>Host National Society(ies):</b> Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS)	
<b>Number of people affected:</b> 4,200,000 issued evacuation orders or advisories	<b>Number of people to be assisted:</b>
<b>N° of National Societies currently involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	
<b>N° of other partner organizations involved in the operation (if available and relevant):</b> -	

***This bulletin is being issued for information only, and reflects the current situation and details available at this time. The Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS), with the support of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), has determined that external assistance is not required, and is therefore not seeking funding or other assistance from donors at this time.***

## The situation

The record heavy rainfall that started on 5 July 2018 in wide areas of western and eastern Japan has been causing serious flooding and landslides in the region. According to the Fire and Disaster Management Agency, evacuation orders were issued to 1.9 million people and advisory notices to 2.3 million people as of 1500hrs on 8 July 2018 local time. The agency also reports that 75 people are dead, 102 people are injured and 28 are missing as of 1530hrs on 8 July 2018 local time. More than 200 houses have been damaged fully or partially by the disaster, in addition to more than 5,000 houses that have been affected by the floods and landslides according to the above-mentioned agency. The destruction of infrastructure is causing outages of water. Rescue and relief activities by the Self-Defense Force, Coast Guard, police and fire departments are underway. Although weather officials have lifted emergency warnings, they are calling for continued caution against floods and landslides.



Medical relief team arrives in Sakacho, Hiroshima - one of the worst hit prefectures. (Photo: JRCS)

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

JRCS has a chapter in each prefecture and the affected chapters distributed 6,540 blankets, 219 sleeping kits, and 6,756 emergency kits to 30,250 people in 3,238 evacuation centres. 18 JRCS National Medical Relief Teams have been deployed to the affected prefectures, including Hyogo, Hiroshima, Okayama, Yamaguchi, and Tokushima. The relief teams are visiting the evacuation centres to assess the needs and provide medical services. Considering that it is summer in Japan, it is expected the temperature will increase in the affected regions and pose risk of heatstroke and sanitation challenges. Details of the distribution activities are tabulated below.



A doctor visits Koyaura Elementary School in Hiroshima which has become an evacuation center. (Photo: JRCS)

IFRC Asia Pacific regional office (APRO) in Kuala Lumpur is in constant communication with JRCS and monitoring the situation closely.

**Distribution activities**

Chapter	Items			Distribution Point	Distribution Date
	Blanket	Sleeping Kit	Emergency Kit		
Gifu	-	117	-	Gero	7/5
	-	42	-	Hida City	7/7
	400	-	-	Takayama City	7/7
Kyoto	70	-	12	Miyazu City, Kameoka City	7/7
Tottori	300	25	30	Tottori Prefectural Office	7/7
Shimane	500	-	-	JRCS Okayama Chapter	7/7
Okayama	3,410	-	6,300	Tsuyama City	7/7
Hiroshima	1,000	-	-	Shobara City Hall	7/6
	100	-	60	Akitakata City	7/7
Yamaguchi	200	35	60	Yamaguchi City	7/6
	100	-	6	Mine City	7/6
Ehime	200	-	60	Ozu City	7/7
Kochi	200	-	-	Kami City	7/7
Fukuoka	60	-	228	Kurume City	7/8
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>6,756</b>		

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and strengthen recovery  
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**  
and **safe** living.



Promote social inclusion  
and a culture of  
**non-violence** and **peace**.