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The Situation

On Wednesday 20 October, typhoon Tokage, Japan's deadliest storm in years, swept through most of the southern half of Japan. People were overcome by the massive waves and flash floods triggered by the typhoon's heavy rains and strong winds, which left at least 69 people dead, 20 missing and some 342 injured, out of which 66 were serious injuries. The number of typhoon related casualties is the highest in over a quarter of a century, and it further destroyed fifty homes, damaged 1,350 residences and flooded 26,800 others. Typhoon Tokage is the tenth typhoon to strike Japan in 2004. Storms and floods have killed over 100 people in Japan this year, resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in damage, highlighting once again the importance of disaster management in both Japan and in East Asia.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The typhoon affected nearly the entire southern half of Japan, with the area extending from Tokyo to Miyazaki. Eleven Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) chapters located throughout the southern part of the country responded to the emergency and are providing relief assistance to the affected communities, exemplified by the immediate deployment of relief teams from the JRCS Hyogo chapter and the JRCS Okayama chapter on Wednesday 20 October. In 24 hours after heavy rains and landslides caused the evacuation of thousands of people, JRCS staff and volunteers had distributed a total of 3,653 blankets, 1,215 daily expendable sets, 70 comfort sets and provided 1,488 families with other urgently needed relief items. On Thursday 21 October, the JRCS Toyama chapter also deployed one relief team, while the JRCS Hyogo chapter sent out two additional relief teams.

As of 21 October, distributions of relief items conducted by the JRCS to persons affected by typhoon Tokage are as follows:

Japanese Red Cross Society chapter	Blankets (pieces)	Daily expendable set	Comfort set	Various relief items
Ibaraki	50	0	0	0
Kanagawa	140	140	0	0
Nagano	325	225	0	0
Toyama	160	0	0	0
Kyoto	710	240	0	0
Okayama	680	80	20	80
Tokushima	638	0	0	0
Ehime	50	0	0	0
Kagawa	750	400	0	1228
Saga	50	50	50	0
Miyazaki	100	80	0	180
Total	3,653	1,215	70	1,488

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