



JAPAN

EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE UPDATE

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On April 14, 2016 a powerful magnitude **6.2** earthquake hit Kumamoto Prefecture of Japan. Just 48 hours later, a magnitude **7.0** earthquake struck. More than **1,700** aftershocks hit in the weeks that followed.

■ **49**
CASUALTIES

■ **1,400**
INJURIES

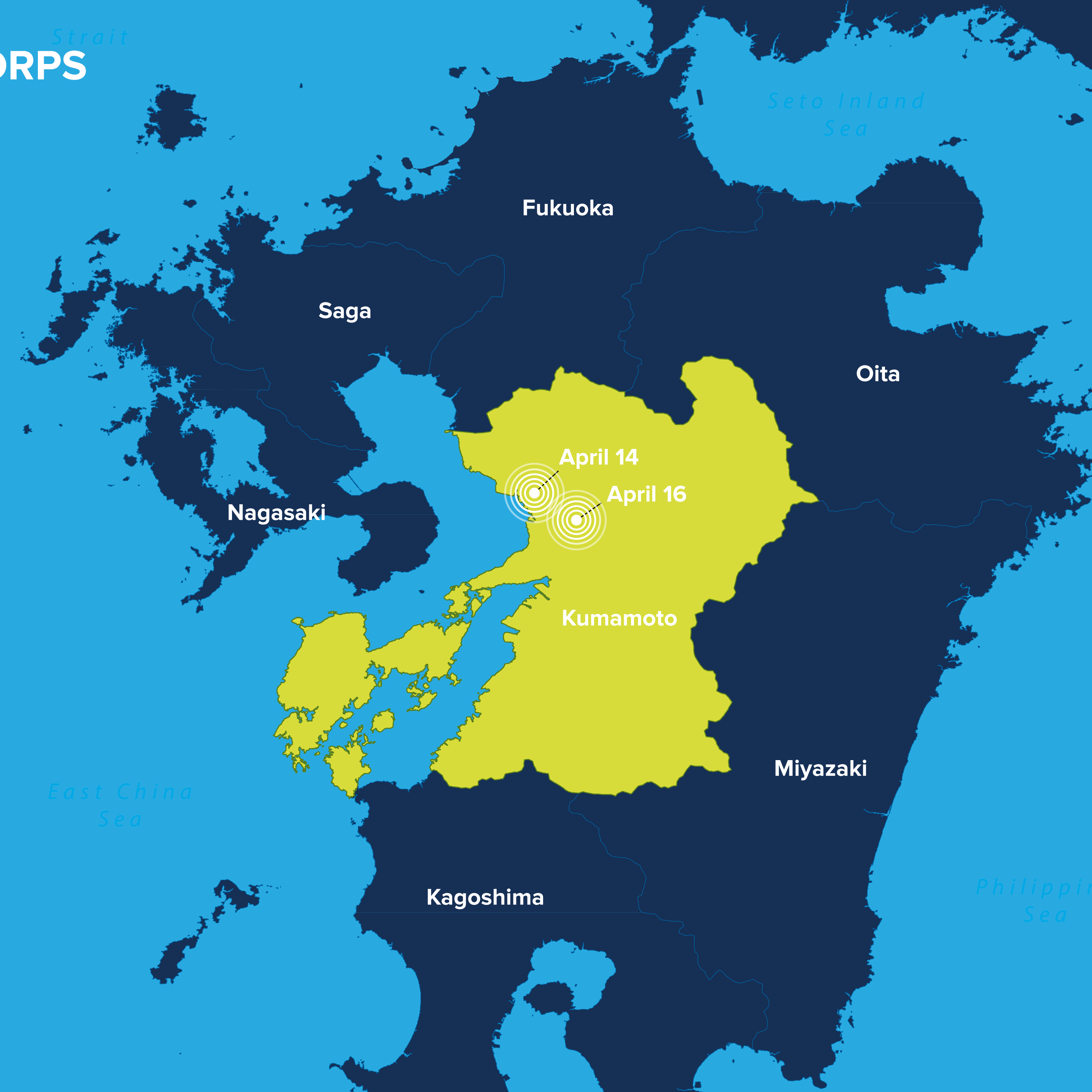
■ **145,000**
BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED

■ **181,000**
PEOPLE EVACUATED FROM THEIR HOMES



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS

Emergency Response in Japan





Our teams deployed from Tokyo and arrived within hours of the second earthquake, reaching the epicenter in Kumamoto. We have been partnering with the government and local authorities to provide surge capacity and fill identified gaps to support their response. Over the last three months, teams have reached approximately **2,500 people forced from their homes** into more than **20** evacuation centers across the affected areas.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

As evacuation centers became overcrowded, hygiene systems were strained. To help keep families healthy and prevent the spread of disease, International Medical Corps partnered with the Government of Japan to increase hygiene and sanitation capacity.

722

people received individual hygiene kits containing soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to help stay healthy and stop the spread of disease

500

people benefitted from the provision of **10** latrines, ensuring additional sanitary care



CARE AND RELIEF FOR OLDER POPULATIONS

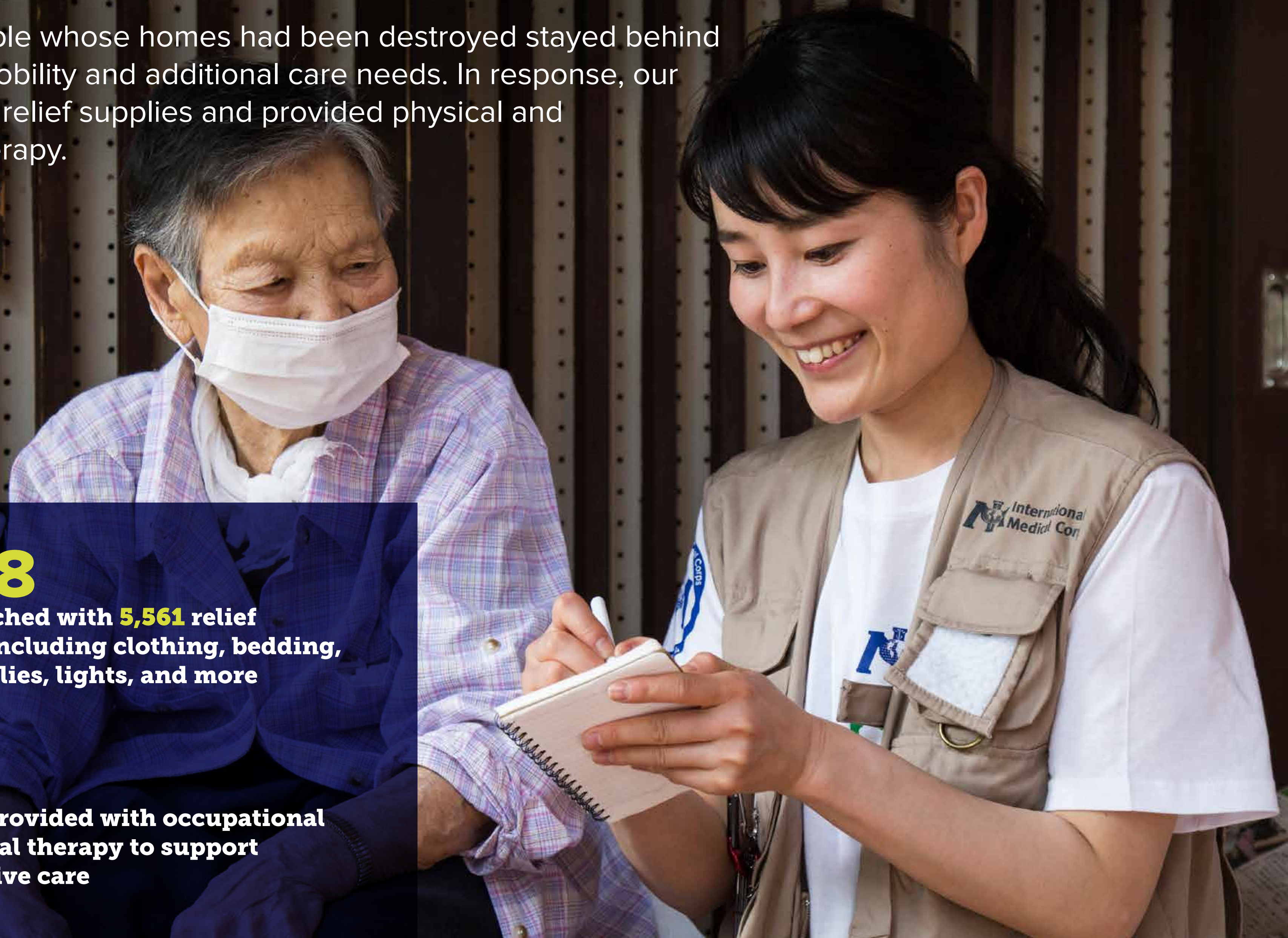
Many older people whose homes had been destroyed stayed behind due to limited mobility and additional care needs. In response, our teams delivered relief supplies and provided physical and occupational therapy.

1,278

■ people reached with **5,561** relief materials including clothing, bedding, water supplies, lights, and more

201


■ evacuees provided with occupational and physical therapy to support rehabilitative care





“We never expected this to happen,” said Reiko, 81. “There are no symptoms that tell us that an earthquake is coming.” Reiko is one of the thousands whose home was destroyed or damaged in the quake. She stays with her husband at Kinofura Elementary School, unsure when or if they can return home.

ROTATING HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS



To support evacuees' mental and physical well-being, our teams worked with **9** physical or occupational therapists, **3** psychosocial support professionals, and **8** nurses to serve evacuees with limited access to care. With **10** doctors from Kumamoto City Hospital, we ensured quality service delivery.

We also provided **78** temporary bed frames and **420** mattresses in an effort to make the evacuees' time in limbo more comfortable.

BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY: PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID




To support recovery efforts and provide care for those affected, International Medical Corps provided **psychological first aid training for 15 local staff** members who have regular contact with survivors, both in person and via phone counselling services.

Providing psychological first aid training is a core aspect of International Medical Corps' approach to psychosocial support in an emergency, helping strengthen positive coping strategies and build local capacity.



An International Medical Corps team member dons a costume to cheer up children in an evacuation center



Yukie, 88, says, “I didn’t expect such a huge earthquake. I evacuated into the car, which belongs to my neighbor. I was so scared and couldn’t sleep by myself. I spent the night in the car. Then, the second one happened [two days later]. It was beyond imagination. I cannot go back to my house,” she said. “I have no place to stay. I would like to move into a temporary house, but I don’t know when it will be ready.”



As individuals continue to recover from the effects of the quakes, our teams are working with local partner, Peace Boat Disaster Relief Volunteer Center, to provide:

■ **Emergency shelter support** to improve living conditions

■ **Food distribution** for evacuees

■ **Relief services** to individuals who remain displaced



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With your support, we reached approximately **2,500** people with relief and recovery services following the earthquakes in Japan. Thank you for your continued support as we work to assist those in urgent need anywhere, anytime, no matter what the conditions.

International Medical Corps ISH, the Japanese affiliate of International Medical Corps, has been working in support of the Government of Japan and local partner organizations since its founding in 2011 after the devastating magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

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