

**Japan**

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<b>SITUATION</b>
<p>Typhoon Hagibis made landfall to Japan on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019, and widespread flooding and landslides were observed in many parts of central Japan. In two days, the typhoon brought 30-40% of the annual rainfall amount, and maximum category of warning (category 5: do whatever it takes to save your lives) have been issued to 13 prefectures. Evacuation warning was given to more than 7 million people. In many areas, the record-high rainfall was observed. As of 14<sup>th</sup> October, 61 people have died; 15 missing; and 211 injuries reported (based on reports from Japan's news agencies). Over 300,000 houses are out of electricity. 181 rivers in 8 prefectures breached, and water inundation still continues.</p>
<b>NEEDS</b>
<p>Typhoon Hagibis has devastated already disaster-hit areas including Typhoon Faxai last month, and recovering areas from Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant accident. The gaps in addressing the needs are likely for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those who couldn't be sheltered at officially designated evacuation shelters – e.g. mothers with young children, people with disabilities, elderlies, etc.</li> <li>• Those who were already recovering from Typhoon Faxai but a month worth of recovery efforts have been lost by Hagibis.</li> <li>• Debris clearance for individual houses – particularly elderly households, debris and mud needs to be cleared first, then the wooden floor and walls need to be removed for cleaning and drying before any recovery work starts and these are very labor intensive.</li> </ul>
<b>STAKEHOLDERS</b>
<p>Japanese government response includes search and rescue by Self-Defense Force, provision of emergency supplies at officially designated evacuation shelters (mostly school buildings), and restoration of lifeline and infrastructure such as roads and repairing of river banks. However,</p> <p>Japanese media played a role on constantly updating the situation, always communicating warning messages in every news updates they gave. From TV, radio, mobile phones, constant updates were received.</p> <p>The emergency response is currently being coordinated by the cabinet office and national disaster management committee. To ensure that the humanitarian response is well coordinated and complementary, the ACT forum will take part in meetings with all relevant sector stakeholders (particularly coordination meetings taken place at prefecture/city levels) and establish an open line of communication with crisis affected persons and communities to ensure a humanitarian response based on participation and feedback.</p>
<b>ACT Alliance</b>
<p>The ACT Japan Forum through Church World Service (CWS Japan) and the National Christian Council in Japan (NCCJ), are communicating closely with its partners particularly in Tateyama city of Chiba prefecture and Fukushima prefecture, and discussions are ongoing on collaborative response within ACT Forum Japan, including emergency supplies and skilled labor force to assist the recovery process of the vulnerable households – particularly elderly households without younger members of the family.</p>

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