



# Humanity First Disaster Relief Update

## Japan Earthquake

Thursday, March 24, 2011

### **Situation Update**

In the north eastern coast of Japan, a large number of people are living on the edge for their survival. The local news channel NHK World reports that reactor 5 and 6 are also experiencing a problem of cooling. And these reactors are in Ohkuma, Fukushima prefectures. Ohkuma is located 250km north of Tokyo and 103km south of Sendai.

Several NGO's are being put on Halt by the Japanese interior ministry, as they are waiting for their prefectural governments to get ready to administer the NGOs relief operations.

### **Humanity First Response**

Humanity First team is going to be redeployed to Ishinomaki, a town that is further North East of Sendai (our base for the last few days). The town is totally wrecked, only some of the buildings remain standing while the houses were completely wiped out. The team has worked out a route to get there and has also considered contingency fall back positions should the situation worsen.

The team has adequate supplies of food stocks to feed a thousand people for a few days and also have the emergency fuel card for priority access to fuel. Fuel is still a major concern as it is in short supply throughout the north of the affected area.

Humanity First team over 110 (including 56 in Japan) is operating in accordance to the United Nations relief coordination. We are also trying to liaison with the Japanese embassy in the UK.

In the light of the radiation threat with increasing vulnerability, Humanity First team is proceeding with care and caution considering the evacuation towards north if needed, since it is more acceptable as compared to the roads towards south (Tokyo) which will be under the range of radiation, hereafter.

There is adequate communication between the team on the ground and the Humanity First International team through regular conference calls via mobile phones. The teams are motivated and have the full support of their families who are being kept informed of the situation. Humanity First plans to be on this site for at least a week if not longer.

Humanity First is assisting the team on the ground by sourcing simple household utilities and about 500-600 relief kits that contain many of the little handy items and sanitation supplies; the logistics for these relief kits is underway. Humanity First is also communicating with the various UN bodies to ease the process of replenishing supplies and the sharing of information.

Humanity First has started working on the next phase of relief. Meanwhile, a global fundraising appeal has been launched. *Please donate generously for us to sustain the relief efforts until needed!*

Photos of relief work are attached

