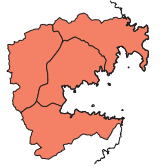


Listening to residents support in town where lifelines were disrupted



▲ March 20: Water supplies from Yamagata.
By this time, relief supplies began to arrive from all over the country,
and hot food aid was available.

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In Minamisanriku, where nearly 10,000 residents were initially evacuated, the mayor appealed for food aid through the media. A lot of water and food supplies were sent from all over the country, the town also received aid in preparing and distributing food.

Initially, the residents shared a single rice ball made by inland residents. For those who had not been able to eat hot food for some time, the volunteers' donation is an unforgettable taste.

In addition, as the water supply was not restored until the summer, the neighboring city of Tome provided water and local authorities from all over the country supported the operation of water trucks. Relief supplies, such as food and daily necessities, from private organizations, companies and people from all over the country and the world were delivered one after another to evacuation centers.

In April, an even greater variety of volunteer support was deployed at various evacuation centers to heal the residents' minds and bodies. Volunteers came to offer massages, footbaths, haircuts, and create a gathering place to drink tea. These activities focused on meeting residents needs.