Outline of Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDR)

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1. Japan’s Emergency Relief

- Official Development Assistance (ODA)
  - Japan Disaster Relief Team
  - Emergency Relief Goods
  - Emergency Grant Aid
2. History of Japan Disaster Relief Team

- 1979  Medical team for Cambodian refugees
- 1982  Establishment of JMTDR
- 1985  Mexico Earthquake/Volcano Eruption disaster in Columbia
- 1987  Law concerning Dispatch of Japan Disaster Relief teams (JDR Law)

Need for SAR teams

Enabled Self Defense Force (SDF) participation

JDR Law  \(\iff\)  Natural or man-made disasters

IPC Law  \(\iff\)  Disasters caused by conflict
3. Type of JDR Team

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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Composition</th>
<th>Number of Personnel</th>
<th>Period of dispatch</th>
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<td>Rescue Team</td>
<td>Search and rescue activities</td>
<td>MOFA/ JICA Police Agencies Fire Departments Japan Coastal Guards</td>
<td>About 60</td>
<td>1 week</td>
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<td>Medical Team</td>
<td>Medical care activities (including epidemic-prevention activities)</td>
<td>MOFA/JICA Doctors, nurses, pharmacists, paramedics (registered in JICA)</td>
<td>10-25</td>
<td>2 weeks</td>
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<td>Expert Team</td>
<td>Provides technical advice to prevent the occurrence and/or spread of disasters</td>
<td>Experts from the concerned Ministries and agencies</td>
<td>3-10</td>
<td>2 weeks</td>
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<td>Units of SDF</td>
<td>International disaster relief activities and transportation of personnel / equipment</td>
<td>Japan Self Defense Forces</td>
<td>50-1000</td>
<td>2 weeks-2months</td>
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4. Conditions for Dispatch

I. **Large-Scale Disaster**
   - “large-scale” → disaster-stricken country unable to manage disaster relief operation alone
   - “Disaster” → natural disaster or man-made disaster
     (disasters caused by conflict excluded)

II. **Request from the Government or the international organization**

III. **Overseas**, especially in developing areas
   → developed countries, high sea included

IV. **“When Particularly Necessary” for SDF dispatch**

V. **Safety and Security of the team members**
   → resolution of the Diet (1987), Cabinet decision (1992: carrying weapon forbidden)

VI. **Report to the Diet**
   → no need for Cabinet decision
5. Record of Dispatch

Total: **98 teams** 1987-2008

**Civilian dispatch** 89
- Rescue team 13
- Medical team 46
- Expert team 30

**SDF dispatch** 9

**JDR**
Japan Disaster Relief Team