

Foreign Volunteers Japan

Coming Together To Make A Difference



The impact of the earthquake and tsunami affected everyone in Japan in varying degrees. In the aftermath, many foreigners shaken by the quake in Tokyo, felt a call to arms to help those in the worst hit regions of the country.

The Power of Social Networking

Tokyo resident, El-Branden Brazil, who had long been aware of the power of social networking sites for his Free Burma activism, created a Facebook page, called Foreign Volunteers Japan, where people could rapidly network and share information about volunteer activities in the disaster zone.









Foreign Volunteers Japan was initially created with the following aims:

- To provide an online space for NGOs/NPOs to recruit volunteers, if and when required.
- To provide advice for those wishing to venture into the disaster zone to help.
- To be a source for up-to-date information, regarding supply requirements in the disaster zone.
- To create an avenue for various NGOs/NPOs to coordinate.
- To provide information for fundraising events.
- Advice about the most effective ways to donate.



Within hours of the Facebook group's inception, hundreds of willing individuals joined, creating a very dynamic and diverse community. We currently have over 1500 members, all contributing their various skills, talents and experience.

Two days after Foreign Volunteers Japan was created...

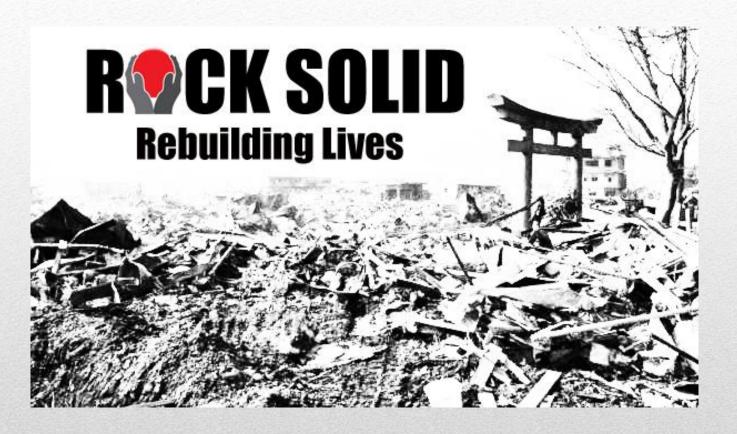




Truckloads of food, water, clothes and other vital supplies, donated by generous donors, were taken to the most stricken areas, by dedicated volunteers.

On a daily basis, Foreign Volunteers Japan ships supplies to the Tohoku region, and will continue to support, whilst there is a need. We are also very much involved in the post-relief stage, with many of our volunteers contributing to the cleanup efforts.





Foreign Volunteers Japan is presently in the process of organizing a large fundraising concert.