

# 9. RELIEF

## OUTSIDE RELIEF AND ASSISTANCE FOR REHABILITATION

Until the morning of 13 July, no effective assistance was received from outside. From that morning, however, various efforts for rescue, relief and rehabilitation were undertaken as indicated in the diagram to the right. Injured people were transported to hospitals on the mainland by helicopters. The Maritime Safety Agency, Self Defense Forces and fire brigades from outside were charged with the search of missing persons. For emergency food supply, dry bread (6,400 meals) and 20 tons of rice were provided. Special public telephones with radio transmitters were immediately installed in affected settlements.

When the UNCRD team visited Okushiri two weeks after the disaster, water was being supplied by temporarily installed pipelines and some food stores were still in business. The mayor of the town announced that no further relief material was necessary to be sent.

For rehabilitation and reconstruction, the emergency response headquarters of the central government and related ministries will promote the following policies:

- To designate two local areas (Okushiri and Shimamaki) as applied areas for the Intense Disaster Act and to implement the necessary investigation;
- To assure permanent housing by constructing public housing and promoting a special housing loan;
- To facilitate the reconstruction of medium and small businesses by applying special loans for disaster response;
- To assist in rebuilding small fishery boats;
- To promote job creation and assist the restructuring of industries; and
- To support reconstruction planning by the local government of Hokkaido.

Emergency Response and Rehabilitation	
13 July	Rescue team of the Self Defense Forces; Establishment of refuge places (51 locations); Emergency food and water; Investigation by the central government (Prime Minister and Minister of the National Land Agency)
15	Ferry boat (Setana line) opened
16	Ferry boat (Esashi line) opened; Power supply restored; Temporary post office (Aonae)
17	Airport opened
24	Telephone lines restored
26	Restoration of water supply piping completed
27	Temporary housing (Total of 330 houses in Okushiri)
27	Emperor's visit

Aerial photo of devastation area in Aonae  
(Source: Kokusaikogyo Co., Ltd.)

