



OCHA

Supporting the Humanitarian System

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Who We Are

OCHA is the part of the United Nations Secretariat responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies.

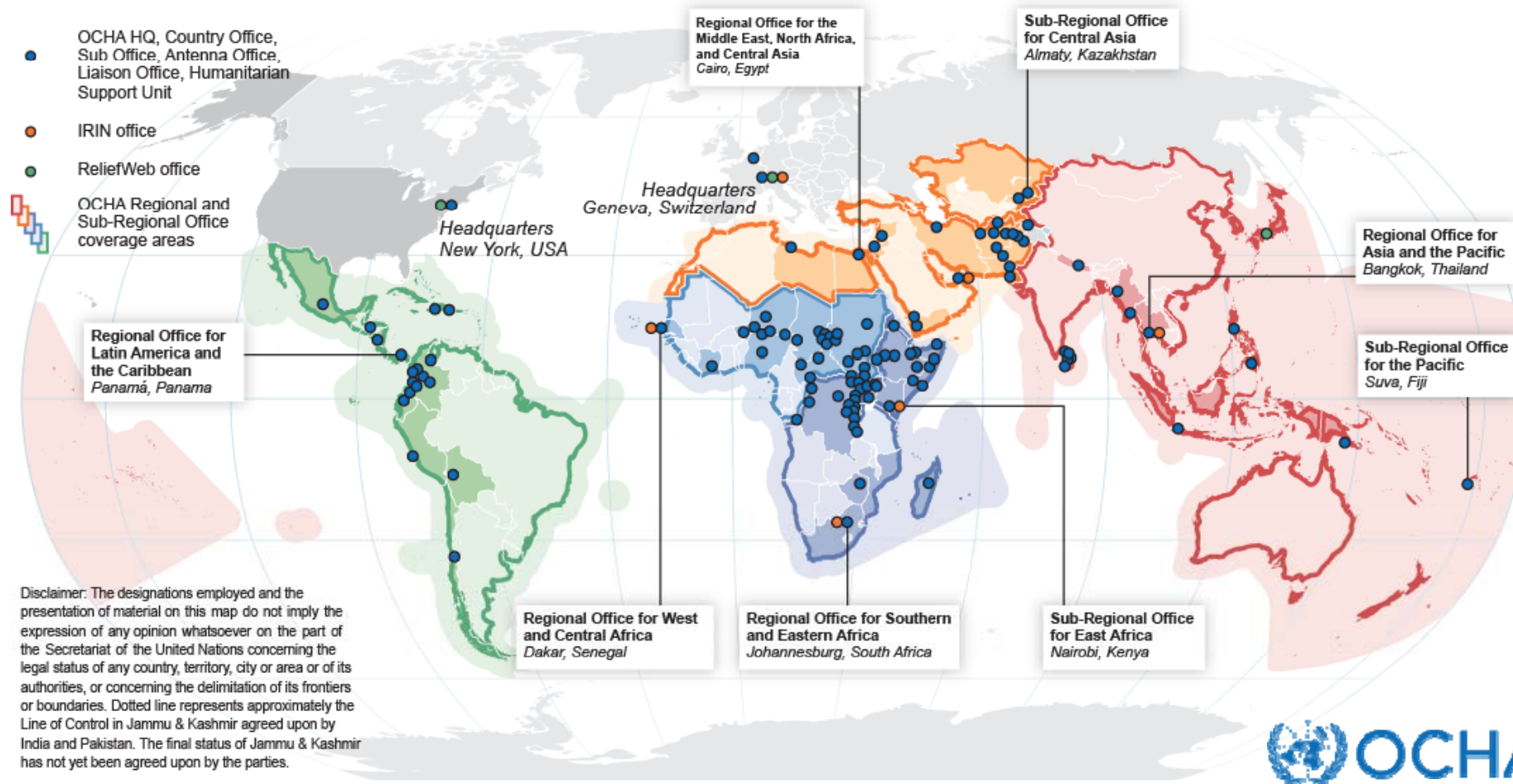


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General Assembly Resolution 46/182

In December 1991, the General Assembly adopted resolution 46/182. It was designed to strengthen the United Nations response to complex emergencies and natural disasters, while improving the overall effectiveness of humanitarian operations in the field.

1,800+ staff members in 47 country, regional and headquarters locations



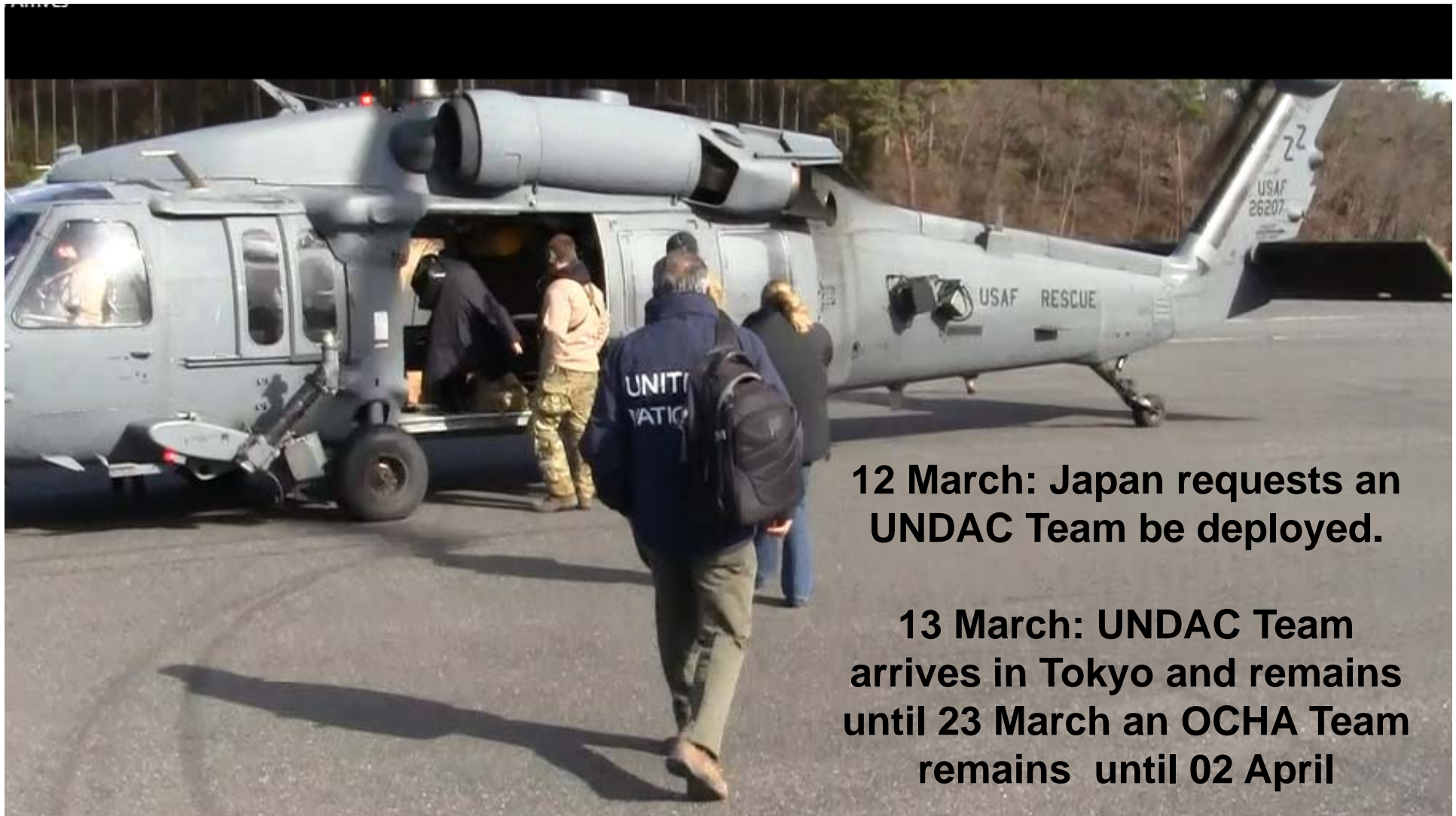
The Earthquake strikes at 14:46 JST on Friday, 11 March 2011



The National Response

**The immediate response begins and
by 15:14 JST March 11 the
Government of Japan set up
Emergency Disaster Response
Headquarters in the Prime Minister's
office**





**12 March: Japan requests an
UNDAC Team be deployed.**

**13 March: UNDAC Team
arrives in Tokyo and remains
until 23 March an OCHA Team
remains until 02 April**

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The International Response

123 Countries and 33 International organisations offer assistance. International USAR Teams and UNDAC Deploy (no significant UN or NGO deployments)



**As of March 22, 2011,
twenty U.S. naval ships, 140
aircraft, and 19,703 Marines
and Sailors were involved
in humanitarian assistance
and disaster relief efforts in
and around Japan.**

Tools & Services

Key humanitarian tools and services which help Member States and other partners make better informed decisions, assist vulnerable people more effectively, and ensure a more predictable approach to preparedness and response, including:



Humanitarian
Coordinator
system



Country-level
Pooled Funds



Civil-Military
Coordination
system





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Coordination Saves Lives

La coordination sauve des vies

La coordinación salva vidas

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