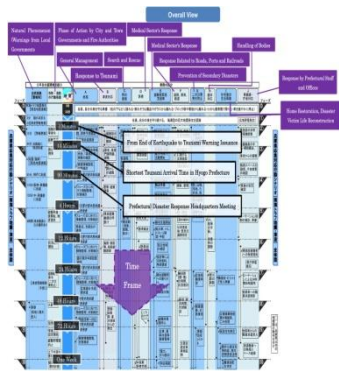


Hyogo Prefecture

Formalising implicit knowledge and experience



Situation

- In 1995, Hyogo prefecture suffered from Han-Shin Awaji Earthquake disaster and thousands of lives were lost in the disaster.
- In 2011, the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred, and another big earthquake, Nankai Trough earthquake is feared to occur in the near future.
- In order to deal with a disaster when it occurs it is essential to respond quickly and accurately in the initial stages. Many local governments in Japan are considering measures from such a perspective in preparation for future large-scale disasters.

Intervention

Based on the record of the Han-Shin Awaji Earthquake, advice of disaster experts and examples of overseas organisations such as the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Hyogo prefecture created an action plan arranged in a timeline that enables the prefectural organisations to respond to disasters effectively.

By using this scenario, it has become clear:

- What operations should be initiated, when they should be initiated by, and the time frame they should be completed in.
- What the disaster response headquarters should focus discussions on in each phase
- Operations priorities in each phase

Impact

- In 2015, the National Governors' Association Japan recommended this project as the Best Policy Measure in the disaster management area .
- Other local governments can reference the action plan as a standard approach.