

# Promotion of the Standardisation of Disaster Response Operations by the Prefecture, Cities, Towns, and Villages

Niigata Prefecture



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## Situation

To solve the problem based on the past experience of earthquake disasters, Niigata Prefecture has tried to establish a system that can give swift and appropriate support to victims at the time of a disaster by standardising life-rebuilding support operations for victims with coordination between the prefecture, cities, towns, and villages.

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## Action

- ◆ Working study group for disaster planning  
With a focus on prefecture officials or city, town, or village officials who had experience of responding to disasters, universities and non-government organisations worked in collaboration to examine areas that became problems in past disaster responses,
- ◆ Operational training courses  
Training courses on life rebuilding support operations for victims were held for prefectural and municipal government officials.
- ◆ A council for the prefecture, cities, towns, and villages  
Systems were studied to standardise operations even more, and to make mutual support between municipalities within the prefecture go smoothly, based on the results from the working study group for disaster planning.

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## Impact

- ◆ Working study group for disaster planning  
Formulation of guidelines for the establishment of a system to carry out life-rebuilding support operations for victims at the time of a large scale disaster  
Collaboration between the prefecture and municipalities to construct a system to support municipalities outside of the prefecture
  - ◆ Operational training courses  
Acquisition of knowledge needed for operations
  - ◆ A council for the prefecture and municipalities  
Planning to construct a smooth support system for disaster-affected municipalities  
Promotion of the standardisation of operations through the introduction of a shared operations system
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