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## **Yukon supports Canadian Red Cross relief efforts in Japan**

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is contributing \$25,000 to Canadian Red Cross relief efforts in Japan.

“The 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck northeastern Japan and the subsequent tsunami has devastated the area,” Premier Dennis Fentie said. “Our hearts go out to the people of Japan as emergency relief efforts are carried out in the areas affected by this massive natural disaster.”

Thousands of people are reported to have died and many others are injured or missing. The Japanese Red Cross has 82 medical teams working in the region and volunteers are providing first aid as well as search and rescue efforts.

As co-chairs of the Northern Forum, Yukon and Nunavut share a special relationship with the island of Hokkaido, on Japan’s northern tip, which is a member of the forum.

“Yukon is pleased to be able to contribute financially to support humanitarian efforts in Japan,” Fentie added. “On behalf of all Yukoners, I extend a heartfelt thank you to the Canadian Red Cross and other relief agencies for their continued dedication to helping those in need.”

Yukon also made donations to the Canadian Red Cross in 2010 for relief efforts in Chile following the earthquake and in Pakistan after catastrophic flooding, as well as in 2009 after disasters struck the Philippines, Vietnam, Samoan Islands and Indonesia.

Yukoners wishing to make a personal donation may contact the Canadian Red Cross Donation Inquires office toll-free at 1-800-418-1111 or visit [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca) for more information.

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