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Government of Nunavut donates to Japan's relief efforts

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 18, 2011) – The Government of Nunavut is assisting with Japan's relief efforts after the devastating earthquake and tsunami hit the country on March 11, 2011.

"I was shocked and saddened by the devastation caused by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan," said Nunavut's Premier, the Hon. Eva Aariak. "The Government of Nunavut is donating \$25,000 to the Canadian Red Cross to assist with relief efforts."

The magnitude 8.9 earthquake and subsequent tsunami have ravaged parts of Japan. Thousands of people have died and many more are reported injured or missing. The Red Cross has 82 medical teams working in the region providing first aid, as well as search and rescue.

"I offer condolences to those who have lost loved ones – our thoughts and prayers are with you," said Premier Aariak. "Our hope for the people of Japan, including the victims' relatives and friends around the world, is for courage and resilience."

Nunavut shares a special relationship with the island of Hokkaido, Japan, which is also a member of the Northern Forum.

If Nunavummiut wish to make a personal donation they can do so by contacting the Canadian Red Cross office toll-free at 1-800-418-1111 or visit www.redcross.ca.

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