

<b>Proposal 3</b>	Standardization and coordination of disaster operations	Local governments
<b>Completion, standardization, and sharing of disaster prevention business by the prefecture (broad self-governing body) for the improvement of disaster response capabilities of municipalities (basic self-governing bodies)</b>		
➤ Refer to initiatives 4, 12	Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction priority action 2 (strengthening governance and institutions to manage disaster risk)	

- Basic self-governing bodies (cities, towns, and villages) are devoted to protecting residents' lives and property from disasters; however, in the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, these municipal governments suffered extensive damage both to facilities and staff. This significantly reduced administrative capabilities, creating massive hindrance to operations that required expertise, and at the same time hindering emergency measures.
- Based on this situation, the government of Iwate Prefecture is striving to improve administrative functions in the municipalities, which play a vital role in reconstruction efforts, through coordination with governing bodies across the nation as well as personnel support, such as the dispatch of professionals.
- In addition, in order to respond to the common challenge of emergency disaster countermeasures, the prefecture is actively involved in the creation of a template for municipal disaster response operations in preparation for the next disaster, and other such efforts that take advantage of the breadth and expertise of prefectural operations.
- In this way, the prefectural government and the municipal governments can work together to create standardized disaster operations (standardization), with the prefecture using its size and access to expertise to complement and coordinate with the municipal governments (coordination). In addition to contributing to swift survivor support and emergency measures, this will make for effective preparedness, and improve the ability of prefectural and municipal governments to respond in the event of a disaster.



Otsuchi Town Hall, destroyed in the tsunami



Manual created by Iwate Prefecture for use by disabled individuals in the event of a disaster