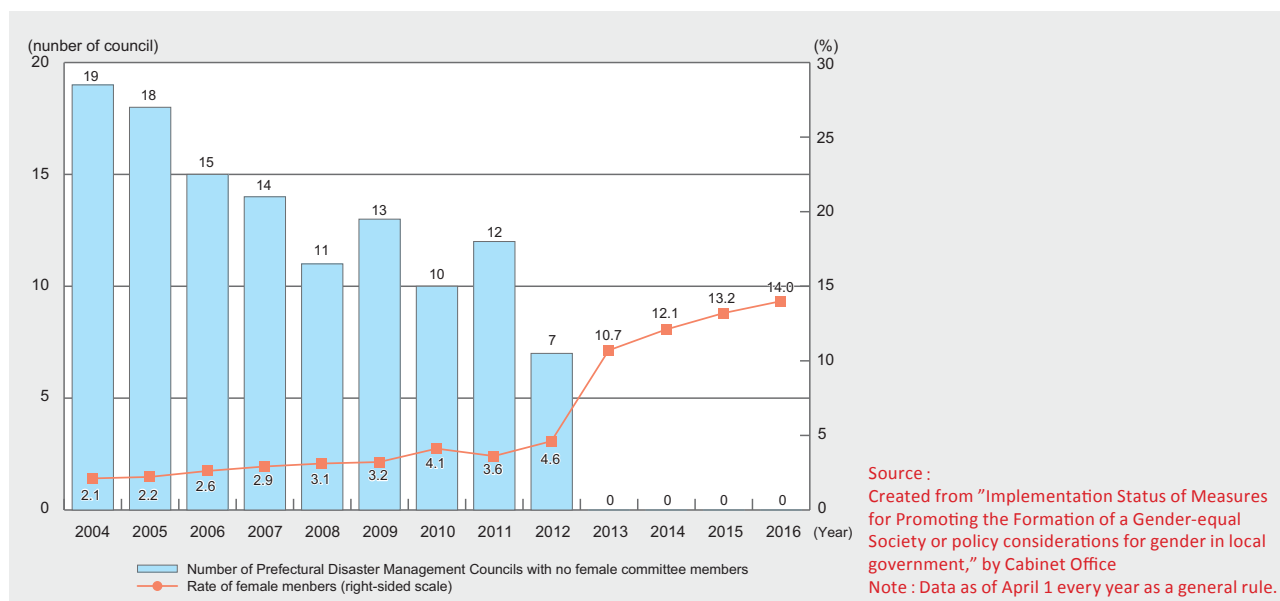


9. Disaster Prevention and Reconstruction

Expansion of Women’s Participation in Prefectural Disaster Management Council and Council Members

In Japan, each prefecture has a Prefectural Disaster Management Council, which promotes the drawing up and implementation of a Local Disaster Management Plan for that region and which has jurisdiction over deliberations on important matters related to disaster management. The ratios of female Council members for these Prefectural Disaster Management Councils are on an upward trend, and increased rapidly after 2013, following the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 2011; women currently account for 14.0% as of April 2016.

Furthermore, as of 2013 the number of Prefectural Disaster Management Councils with no female members was zero, which is maintained in 2016.



Number of cases of consultations about women’s concerns and violence related to the Great East Japan Earthquake

The Cabinet Office established counseling service desks in Iwate Prefecture, Miyagi Prefecture, and Fukushima Prefecture and conducted projects for consultations about women’s worries and violence in areas affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake. In fiscal 2015, 1,802 consultations (multiple answers allowed) were made at the counseling service desks in the three prefectures. Broken down, the large number of consultations were for “psychological problems,” such as unease, depression, and PTSD at 40.2%, followed by “lifestyle,” such as purpose for life, loneliness, and isolation at 37.5%, and then “family problems,” such as relationships with parents, siblings, and children at 37.1%.

