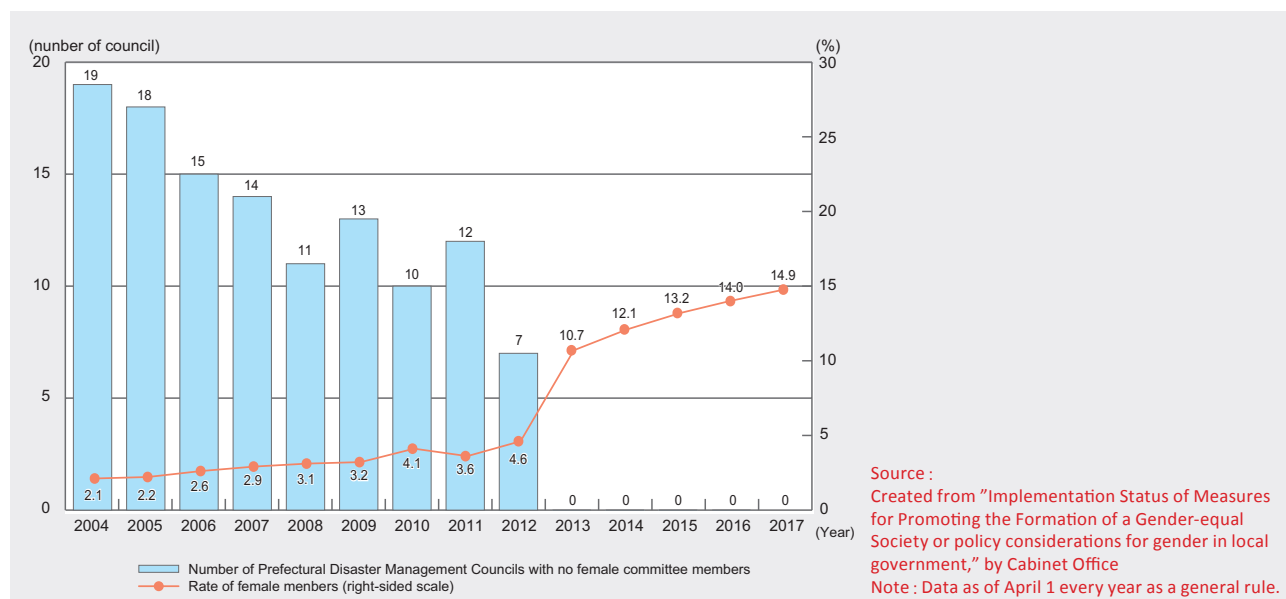


9. Disaster Prevention and Reconstruction

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 14.9% as of April 2017.

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



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 2016, 1,508 consultations were made at the counseling service desks in the three prefectures. The most major problems were for "family problems," such as relationships with parents, siblings, and children at 39.8%, followed by "psychological problems," such as unease, depression, and PTSD at 39.7%, and "marital problems," such as discord, drinking, money problems, separation, and divorce at 36.8%.

