

Using **fractions and mixed numbers** in **addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division** is very important in **disaster management**, especially when handling measurements, sharing supplies, calculating doses, and splitting responsibilities.

Here's how each operation is used with **clear, practical examples**:

◆ 1. Addition of Fractions

◆ **Use:** Combining resources or quantities.

✓ **Example:**

Two shelters received:

- $\frac{3}{4}$ of a water tank
- $\frac{1}{2}$ of a water tank

Total water =

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{4} = \frac{5}{4} = 1\frac{1}{4} \text{ tanks}$$

➡ Enough water for more than one full tank. Helps plan refills.

◆ 2. Subtraction of Fractions

◆ **Use:** Measuring what's used or remaining.

✓ **Example:**

A generator has $\frac{5}{6}$ of a fuel tank.

It uses $\frac{1}{3}$ during the night.

Remaining fuel =

$$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6} - \frac{2}{6} = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$

→ Half a tank left—schedule next refill!

◆ 3. Multiplication of Fractions

◆ **Use:** Calculating portion sizes or scaling supplies.

✓ **Example:**

Each family receives $\frac{2}{3}$ of a food package.

If 4 families need food:

$$4 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3} = 2\frac{2}{3} \text{ packages}$$

→ At least **3 packages** must be prepared.

◆ 4. Division of Fractions

◆ **Use:** Sharing or splitting resources evenly.

✔ **Example:**

You have $\frac{3}{4}$ of a water tank to share among 3 families.

$$\frac{3}{4} \div 3 = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

→ Each family gets $\frac{1}{4}$ tank of water.

◆ 5. Using Mixed Numbers in Food Distribution

◆ **Use:** Working with larger measurements that include whole and fractional parts.

✓ **Example (Addition):**

A relief center has $2\frac{1}{2}$ kg of rice and receives $3\frac{3}{4}$ kg more.

$$2\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{3}{4} = \frac{5}{2} + \frac{15}{4} = \frac{10}{4} + \frac{15}{4} = \frac{25}{4} = 6\frac{1}{4} \text{ kg}$$

→ Total rice = $6\frac{1}{4}$ kg

✓ **Example (Multiplication):**

Each kit has $1\frac{1}{2}$ liters of water.

How much water is needed for 5 kits?

$$1\frac{1}{2} \times 5 = \frac{3}{2} \times 5 = \frac{15}{2} = 7\frac{1}{2} \text{ liters}$$

→ $7\frac{1}{2}$ liters of water needed.

 **Example (Subtraction with Mixed Numbers):**

A truck carried $6\frac{3}{4}$ tons of supplies. After delivery, only $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons remained.

$$6\frac{3}{4} - 2\frac{1}{2} = \frac{27}{4} - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{27}{4} - \frac{10}{4} = \frac{17}{4} = 4\frac{1}{4} \text{ tons delivered}$$

 Delivered $4\frac{1}{4}$ tons of aid.

Summary Table:

Operation	Scenario	Example	Result
Addition	Combine water	$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{4}$ tanks
Subtraction	Fuel left	$\frac{5}{6} - \frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ tank
Multiplication	Food packs	$4 \times \frac{2}{3}$	$2\frac{2}{3}$ packs
Division	Share water	$\frac{3}{4} \div 3$	$\frac{1}{4}$ tank/person
Mixed Addition	Add rice	$2\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{3}{4}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$ kg
Mixed Multiplication	Water in kits	$1\frac{1}{2} \times 5$	$7\frac{1}{2}$ liters
Mixed Subtraction	Supplies used	$6\frac{3}{4} - 2\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$ tons

These examples show how fractions and mixed numbers are essential for **precise planning** and **resource management** in disaster situations.