

TÜRKIYE & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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OVERVIEW OF DISASTER

On 6 February 2023, two earthquakes of 7.7 and 7.5 magnitudes took place in Türkiye's Kahramanmaraş Province, followed by subsequent earthquakes of 6.4 and 5.8 magnitudes on 20 February 2023. Collectively, 11 provinces in Türkiye's southeast region and neighbouring Syria were impacted. The tremors were felt by millions of people across the region up to 1,000km away.

According to government and UN sources, more than 55,190 people have died and 129,490 have been injured. OCHA note that 17.9 million people have been directly affected, 10.1 million need humanitarian assistance and the humanitarian community is asking for 1.398 billion USD, to address the issue. Additionally, heavy rains in Türkiye and Syria have caused flooding and have exacerbated the shelter crisis in both countries.



Map showing where World Vision is responding

WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE: IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

World Vision stepped in to support affected people within hours of the earthquakes and the floods by working in the earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye and Northwest Syria. The first phase of the response, "Emergency Assistance", was conducted during the first 30 days of the Response from 6 February 2023 to 5 March 2023. During this Emergency Assistance phase, World Vision put its ongoing programming on pause. It was critical to ensure that employees and their families were safe. Once this was assured the team rapidly began allocating funding to partners and conducting direct implementation.

Key activities implemented in Northwest Syria

- 2,545 households and 4,916 students and teachers received heaters and fuel to combat the cold weather
- 11,463 people affected by the earthquake have been given a meal.
- 2,004 households received cash distributions
- 2,262 people received a hygiene kit to care for their basic needs.
- 1,447 households received blankets and other items.

Key activities implemented in Türkiye

- Started water, sanitation, and hygiene activities in Adiyaman and Hatay through our partner Support to Life by providing:
 - 30 days' safe water for 9,600 people
 - 2,400 hygiene and dignity kits,
 - latrines for 2,000 people for 30 days
 - 600 emergency water storage containers
 - communal water tanks
- 2,500 people in Sanliurfa, mainly refugees in informal tent settlements, received clean water and non-food item kits the day after the flooding on 17 and 18 March 2023
- 322 households in Sanliurfa provided with non-food items and voucher support, in conjunction with the Turkish Red Crescent

IMPACT STORY



The situation in the tent is pretty good but not so much. It is difficult to adapt. I buy the bottle of water and it costs so much. I cannot afford that, I have eight children. I wish the best to this organisation [World Vision], they alleviate my situation. I was delighted when they installed the tanks, they helped me adapt to the situation. We used to buy a bottle of water and it would finish every 30m to 1 hour. After that, we arrived to this camp and may God grant them wellness [World Vision] and installed these tanks. They helped me wash up and pray and do other things.

*- Layla and her eight children lost their home to the earthquake.
They eventually settled in this temporary shelter*

PHOTOS



MOVING FORWARD

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of the children and families affected by the Türkiye-Syria earthquake who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

As humanitarian needs are immense and the impact on children, including safeguarding risks, is enormous, World Vision will continue to respond to the needs in Syria and Türkiye to save lives and protect children. Key needs that persist include:

- **Syria:** In Northwest Syria, shelter and education are the two priority sectors. World Vision's rapid assessment noted that 94% of respondents reported their homes had been damaged in the earthquake. Half of these reported that it had been destroyed. Additionally, OCHA reports that, "Heavy rain and storms affected northwest Syria (over the weekend of March 25) flooding 30 displacement sites, 1,500 tents were destroyed or damaged." In the education sector, 84% of needs assessment respondents reported that the earthquake had negatively affected their ability to access education for their children. Many schools were damaged and over 100 are being used as temporary shelters for displaced people. Multi-purpose cash remains one of the most effective modalities for delivering aid since the underlying vulnerabilities of the population mean that households have variable and urgent needs.
- **Türkiye:** As of March 16th, approximately 2.3 million people live in temporary settlements in earthquake-affected areas, of which 1.6 million (70%) live in scattered informal settlements. Overcrowding and unsafe and unhygienic living conditions in shelters pose significant risks. The needs and risks continue in many sectors, such as health, education, protection, shelter, food security, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). Health services (mental health), shelter, water-sanitation facilities, protection (psychosocial support), and continuity of education are priority needs.

Moving forward, we will:

- **Phase 2 – Stabilization (March 6 to end Sept 2023)** -Transition programming from immediate life-saving activities to rehabilitation of critical WASH, Education, Livelihood (cash for work), and Protection activities.
- **Phase 3 – Rehabilitation (Oct 2023 to Sept 2024)** - Continue to strengthen our response by integrating the Syria- Türkiye Earthquake Response into ongoing programming.

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