

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. To ensure support could be provided effectively and to increase our reach, World Vision provided relief support via our World Vision teams as well as through partners.

In total, World Vision **reached 603,334 earthquake survivors in Syria and Türkiye.**

SYRIA: 495,908 people reached in Syria, including 268,836 children

- 14,045 people received ready-to-eat and hot meals
- 1,957 households received blankets and non-food item kits
- 2,527 households received cash distribution support
- 155,660 litres of fuel distributed to protect survivors against the cold during winter
 - 17,308 students and teachers benefitted from fuel provided to schools while 4,916 students and teachers benefitted from the heaters and fuel tanks
 - 3,055 households received heaters and fuel to keep warm at home
- 2,262 people received hygiene kits
- 77,078 people benefitted from primary health care consultations
- 459 people benefitted from information sessions on self-care, positive coping strategies, protection risks (including the risk of injury on earthquake debris), and available services
- 7,383 individuals were visited and counselled by health workers
- 400 people benefitted from structured and semi-structured psychosocial support



TURKIYE: 107,426 people reached

- 322 households received gift cards for basic needs while 55 households received gift cards for clothing
- 200 baby kits were given out to support families with infants
- 1,032 people from 172 households benefitted from 1,539 blankets and non-food item kits as well as 513 mattresses
- 48,000 people had increased access to water
 - 4,000 households received bottled water
 - 3,000 people from 351 households received jerrycan for water
 - 23,875 people received 10-litre water can
- 1,800 people were provided with latrines and shower units
- 18,000 people benefitted from hygiene kits
- 1,800 women received 2,451 dignity kits
- 9,500 people benefitted from 2,150 family cleaning kits
- 42 households received animal feed support



IMPACT STORY



"After the earthquake, a team from World Vision came to the school my daughter is in. They explained to me how distressed my daughter was. They reached out and provided her with immense psychological support. They stood by her and other students as well. They were present at every step and provided support for students who felt afraid."

- Najat, mother of a child who is affected by the earthquake.
Her daughter has only known war since birth and was barely adapting from losing her father in a conflict. The deadly earthquake added another layer of fear and trauma. World Vision's psychosocial support helped her daughter to work through her emotions and overcome her hardships.

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.

To make a difference to children affected by other disasters, please support The Survival Fund. Visit <https://www.worldvision.org.sg/en/the-survival-fund> to learn more.