


TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA 2023 EARTHQUAKES – RESPONSE UPDATE

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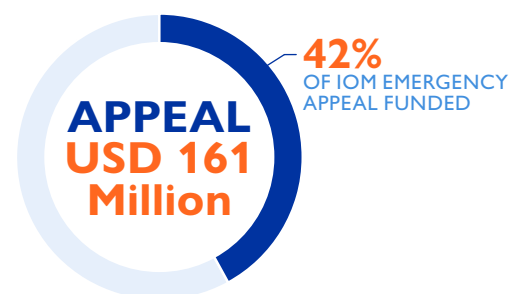
Torrential rains have caused flooding in provinces of Adıyaman and Şanlıurfa in Türkiye previously impacted by the earthquake.

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 **3 Million**
people displaced by the earthquakes in Türkiye

 **103,000**
people displaced by the earthquakes in Northwest Syria

 **2.1 Million¹**
relief items, including shelter materials, dispatched



SITUATION OVERVIEW

Over the past week, severe weather conditions worsened an already catastrophic situation for earthquake-affected regions in Türkiye and northern Syria. Communities were hit with heavy rain and floods, with significant humanitarian consequences in terms of health and access to services, particularly for those displaced and living in camps or temporary settlements.

In Türkiye, the floods caused the death of at least 18 people, as well as damage to around 2,000 homes and workplaces, according to the Ministry of Interior. With enough power to destroy infrastructure, split roads and move cars, the floods badly affected the temporary shelters and belongings of people impacted by the recent earthquakes. Heavy rainstorms also swept through northern Syria and the wider region, with the floods causing damage to homes and shelters, destruction of infrastructure and loss of livelihoods, particularly in the northeast.

The situation in Northwest Syria remains dire with over 4 million people already in need of assistance prior to the earthquakes. The disaster has only increased needs and displacement, while access to services remains dangerously low. According to REACH and the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster, 62 per cent of the reception centres newly established for persons displaced

by the earthquake have inadequate services and should be prioritized for immediate response.

In February, IOM **appealed for USD 161 million** to support response efforts in Türkiye and Northwest Syria. However, it is only 42 per cent funded, with some sectors having little-to-no funding, such as the early recovery and temporary settlement support sectors. As urgent funds are needed, IOM calls on the international community to back its multi-sector operations.

KEY MESSAGES

1. The earthquakes have worsened an already dire humanitarian situation in Northwest Syria where 4.1 million people are in need of assistance.
2. Heavy rains and flooding have increased the shelter needs of displaced persons in Türkiye.
3. The priority needs of displaced persons in Türkiye remain shelter and access to clean water and safe sanitation.
4. Despite 3 million people being displaced in Türkiye, the temporary settlement support (TSS) sector remains largely underfunded, both IOM operations and support to sector coordination as the co-lead.
5. In total, IOM's earthquake response still requires 60 per cent of the total USD 161 million appeal.

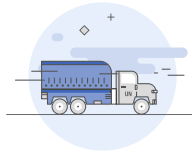
¹In Türkiye and Syria since 06 February 2023

TÜRKİYE

35% of USD 110 million funding target reached



1.4 Million
estimated individuals reached²



1 Million
relief items dispatched



9,581
shelter dispatched³



290,036
Blankets



230,448
Mattresses and Bedding sets



91,524
Tarpaulins



76,880
Winter clothes and Shoes



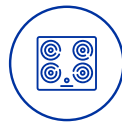
57,210
Kitchen sets



21,414
Hygiene kits

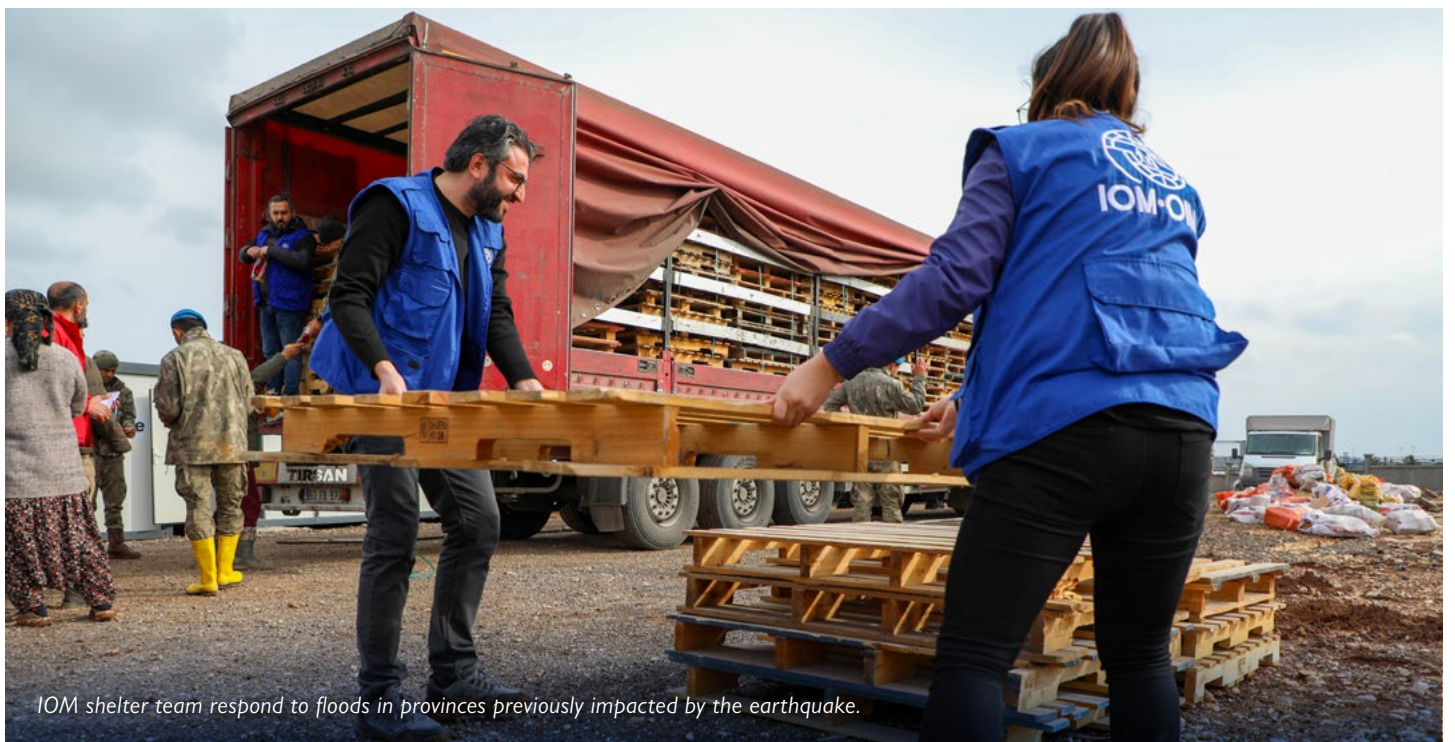


15,819
Heaters



3,800
Electrical Cookers

In response to the heavy rains and floods in southeast Türkiye, IOM teams worked with the Government to address urgent shelter needs in Adiyaman and Sanliurfa provinces by distributing items to strengthen shelters. This response builds on the shelter and non-food item support that IOM has been providing the people of Türkiye since the earthquakes struck. The floods also affected IOM operations, particularly protection activities in Sanliurfa province. Despite this, IOM has been able to reach more than 270 people with protection services in the past week. With over 5,000 temporary settlements established since the earthquakes, IOM is expanding its TSS operations to ensure displaced persons needs are known and met. Additionally, in partnership with the Government, IOM is co-leading the TSS sector coordination structure. The sector coordination team have been working with IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix team to ensure data collected from temporary settlements is accurately reflected in the OCHA-led inter-sector severity and prioritisation exercise. The sector coordination team has also been engaging partners to determine coverage of mobile TSS activities in informal sites, complimentary to the Government response in formal sites. Partners will then be supported with a set of tools to conduct a range of activities including service mapping, referrals, community engagement and site improvements.



IOM shelter team respond to floods in provinces previously impacted by the earthquake.

²Estimated figure based on National Average Household Data and number of Shelter and NFIs dispatched
³Tents: 9,231, Relief Housing Units: 350

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NORTHWEST SYRIA



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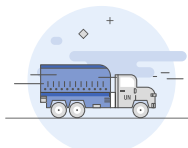
33% of USD51 million funding target reached



1,260,178
estimated individuals reached⁴



7,146
shelter related support provided⁵



214
trucks crossed into Syria



20,411
Hygiene kits



8,261
Kitchen sets



7,122
Winter clothes



4,752
NFI kits



4,262
Arrival kits



3,595
Blankets



379
Mattresses and sleeping mats



201
Beds

In response to the heavy rains and floods in Northwest Syria, IOM responded rapidly to assist displaced communities by distributing shelter materials and non-food items like winter clothes. With health needs high, IOM continues to be a main supplier of health items, including medicine, medical supplies and equipment, for hospitals and clinics in Northwest Syria. In the past week alone, the Organization provided hospitals with 45 cholera treatment kits comprised of medicine, medical supplies and rehydration materials. To help address protection needs, IOM worked with partners to operationalize mobile teams, helpdesks and mental health and psychosocial professionals, reaching over 2,000 people with case management and legal counselling last week, and more than 10,000 people with such support in total since the earthquakes.

⁴92% are indirect beneficiaries reached through health support provided to medical facilities
⁵2,797 family tents, 3,149 comprehensive shelter kits, 1,200 Tarpaulin

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Ozlem and Ejmal, a mother and daughter whose home was destroyed by recent earthquakes, stand in front of their flood-damaged shelter in a government-run temporary settlement in Adiyaman.

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IOM RESPONDS TO POWERFUL FLOODS AS NEEDS DEEPEN FOR EARTHQUAKE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES

“We’re truly in a difficult situation and now we are trying to live our lives in mud. We cannot even go out to get food. Everything is so difficult, and our resources are limited...I am trying to hold my family together, as a mother must...I want to be mad and get angry, but I don’t want my children to be further affected and become upset. All I can do is cry and then quiet myself,” said Ozlem, a mother of three, whose eyes welled up with tears as she spoke outside her family’s tent. IOM provided her and others in the temporary settlement where she is living in Adiyaman that has been badly affected by the floods with materials to help them strengthen their shelters.

IOM is grateful to partners that have enabled our rapid response in affected areas and further extends its appreciation for the ongoing support towards our Türkiye and Northwest Syria appeals.

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