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**KEY MESSAGES**

1. **IOM has been scaling up in Türkiye and Northwest Syria**, particularly in the areas hardest hit and where needs are highest.
2. **Weather conditions ranging from heavy rains to rising temperatures** continue to impact displaced persons and the humanitarian community is adapting its response to address the resulting needs.
3. **Where possible, communities in informal temporary settlements are supported to transition to formal sites** in which multi-sectoral services are centralized.
4. **IOM’s early recovery, protection and health responses** in Türkiye remain greatly underfunded.
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¹In Türkiye and Syria since 06 February 2023
Ahead of Eid Al-Fitr celebrations, marking the end of Ramadan, the Shelter and Non-Food Items (S-NFI) team, working with local authorities, began the distribution of 500 pallets of clothes through social markets where people can choose items as per needs. Additionally, over 4,000 thermal blankets were dispatched to temporary settlements in Adiyaman in the past week and more than 1,400 to Sanliurfa. The team continued its support to the Government shelter response by providing 20 containers that will provide living spaces for families in Hatay, while in Kahramanmaras, the team is helping repair relief housing units sheltering displaced people that were damaged during recent storms.

Weather conditions continued to be of concern in much of the earthquake zone and in response, IOM dispatched more than 2,500 pallets to raise shelters above ground water in Malatya, along with over 2,000 sleeping mats. The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) team continued to support to local efforts in Hatay, including supplying water, toilets, showers, water containers and materials to clean water. In the past week, over 55,500 litres of clean drinking water were distributed to eight informal settlements, bringing the total number of litres distributed since the start of the disaster to more than 1.08 million. As the emergency moves towards recovery, support to local businesses is key. IOM coordination is ongoing with local authorities in Nurdagi to support 60 businesses with prefabricated modules to re-operate their businesses. Protection support progressed in six earthquake-affected provinces with awareness raising sessions, counselling services and social events, including iftar community meals, reaching more than 300 people in the last week. The Temporary Settlement Support (TSS) team continued their support to the Government’s efforts to coordinate assistance for people living in temporary settlements. IOM will continue providing protection, site care and maintenance with community engagement and needs referral support in selected communities as they transition to the formal sites.

Additional food security, S-NFI and protection support for earthquake affected populations has been provided in Ankara, Aydın, Edirne, İzmir and Kayseri provinces, and is not shown in this map. The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).
As health needs remain high in Northwest Syria in the aftermath of the earthquakes, the S-NFI team ensured that the dispatch of 13 trucks of medical supplies into Northwest Syria began, along with the continued dispatch of other in-kind donations. Their local partner also continued the replacement of tents with dignified shelters in nine displacement camps in Idleb. These camps will also receive infrastructure upgrades and WASH services. Around 35 per cent progress has been made towards achieving this target.

In the past week, more than 360 people were provided with health care at the IOM-supported Kafr Takharim Hospital. Three of the people were pregnant women who gave birth to healthy babies. Additionally, a mobile clinic run by a local partner through support from IOM, reached 260 displaced people with health care.

The beneficiary verification process for multi-purpose cash assistance was completed for all locations in the Albab sub-district of Aleppo Governorate, with distribution intended to start in the coming weeks.

In support of early recovery efforts, IOM partners began the implementation of cash for work activities in Idleb and Aleppo Governorates, targeting earthquake affected communities. Activities include, but are not limited to debris removal, rehabilitation of damaged roads and cleaning public facilities. IOM, in partnership with three local partners, continued its life-saving emergency WASH activities in 43 displacement camps and 50 transit/reception/collective centres for earthquake-affected populations. The protection team reached nearly 900 people in the past week with essential services, such as case management, including child protection, mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS) activities, legal counselling and information sharing.

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60% of USD 51 million funding target reached

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- 18,706 Hygiene kits
- 10,667 Kitchen sets
- 11,295 Shelter related support provided
- 16,139 Blankets
- 7,999 Winter clothes
- 6,167 Arrival Kits
- 3,648 NFI Kits
- 3,165 Mattresses and sleeping mats

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592% are indirect beneficiaries reached through health support provided to medical facilities

4.243 tarpaulins, 3,257 comprehensive shelter kits, 567 emergency shelter toolkits, 3,100 tents and 111 tent accessories
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, including IKEA Foundation, Better Shelter and Flexport.

THE HEALING POWER OF IFTAR: REBUILDING A COMMUNITY AFTER DISASTER

This Ramadan, with millions still living in temporary settlements, Iftar, the fast-breaking evening meal, has been a time to bring communities torn apart by tragedy back together.

“I see we are not alone. People think about us, and they are doing something for us. It’s nice to come together for Iftar as being alone doesn’t feel right,” said Aleyna who attended an iftar organized by IOM and national partners in Hatay.

During Ramadan, IOM organized a series of iftars in nine cities all over Türkiye, including earthquake-hit areas, for more than 7,000 people to bring communities back together and help them cope with the aftermath of the disaster.

(Read more at IOM Türkiye web)