Following the February earthquakes, the three-month state of emergency declared in the ten earthquake-hit provinces in Türkiye expired on 9 May and will not be extended. However, the demand for humanitarian aid and early recovery efforts will remain high.

One of the most pressing needs in the impacted regions in Türkiye is to plan medium-term shelter solutions for individuals whose homes have either collapsed or are uninhabitable due to extensive damage. While IOM continues to provide essential items such as tarps and pallets to improve living conditions for those residing in tents and delivers containers to upgrade the living conditions of the displaced, it is projected that approximately 2.6 million people will endure living in tents during the scorching summer months. This poses significant challenges in terms of increased exposure to potential health and safety risks, as well as limited access to basic necessities and services. To improve access to healthcare, IOM is supporting the Ministry of Health in providing accommodation for healthcare professionals in the affected regions. In some cases, patient admissions in the earthquake regions will exceed 2,000 per day.

The need for protection services will continue to increase as families continue to reside in temporary settlements. Additionally, a recent study shows that 4.8 million children in Türkiye were affected by the earthquake, further emphasizing the urgent need for protection support.

Meanwhile, in Northwest Syria, the local capacity to respond to the crisis remains limited, with displaced populations heavily relying on humanitarian aid. Disturbingly, the displacement situation there has worsened after the devastating disaster, with at least 53,000 families being displaced after the earthquake. To address these needs, humanitarian funding is urgently needed, as the Syria Humanitarian Plan 2023 remains only 7.8% funded.

**SITUATION OVERVIEW**

**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.
5. In February, IOM appealed for USD 161 million to respond to the urgent needs of those affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Northwest Syria.
The Shelter and Non-Food Items (S-NFI) team has been actively coordinating relief efforts in earthquake-affected areas. They have conducted Shelter Sector Hub Coordination Meetings in Adıyaman, Malatya, and Hatay to ensure effective collaboration among involved actors. The team conducted site visits in Kahramanmaraş to assess living conditions and gather residents’ needs. Six more additional living containers were delivered to Hatay to assist families impacted by earthquakes. In the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector, IOM teams continue to contribute to improving access to clean and safe drinking water. In total, 32,640 litres of bottled water and 25 tons of liquid chlorine have been distributed in Hatay to address urgent needs. The Early Recovery and Livelihoods team has collaborated with the Kahramanmaraş Chamber of Tradesmen and Craftsmen to support small and medium-sized enterprises. Market assessments have been conducted to identify the needs of local businesses and develop strategies for targeted support. Temporary Settlement Support (TSS) operations have been ongoing, with site profiling, referrals, and community engagement activities conducted. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Health is underway to expand health support. In addition, medical items have been procured for Kahramanmaraş to strengthen health assistance in the province. As access to basic needs, like food, remains crucial, IOM teams have delivered 2,000 food kits to the Temporary Accommodation Center in Kahramanmaraş and the Şanlıurfa Municipality. Protection needs remain high and are likely to increase further. Therefore, IOM continued to provide counselling services and organize socio-cultural events through its Psychosocial Support Teams (PMTs) and Municipal Migrant and Community Centres. In addition, PMTs conducted a pop-up survey to assess the need and interest in mental health and psychosocial support activities with the participation of 36 individuals.

**Additional Food, S-NFI and protection support for earthquake affected populations**

- **1.4 Million** estimated individuals reached
- **1.1 Million** relief items dispatched
- **9,840** shelter dispatched

**List of items dispatched**

- **Blankets**: 290,036
- **Mattresses and Bedding sets**: 264,029
- **Tarpaulins**: 91,804
- **Fire Extinguishers**: 2,600
- **Kitchen sets**: 57,310
- **Hygiene Kits**: 32,842
- **Heaters**: 16,919
- **Pallets**: 23,037

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1 Estimated figure based on National Average Household Data and number of Shelter and NFIs dispatched
2 Tents: 9,231, RHU: 500, Shelter Container: 91, Rub Hall: 18
3 To help mitigate water seepage from flooding inside shelters

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*Additional information provided in a map showing the distribution of relief support in various provinces.*
IOM Türkiye’s cross-border team continues its efforts to improve shelter conditions in nine displacement camps through its partners. In the past two weeks, IOM has transhipped 43 trucks into Northwest Syria, carrying critical relief items. The IOM-supported Kafr Takharim Hospital continued providing healthcare services. As a result, 758 people received consultations, including 298 consultations on sexual reproductive health, and 13 women gave birth without complications. In addition, a mobile clinic operated through the local partner reached 491 displaced beneficiaries through 507 medical consultations, including 187 pediatric consultations for children under 12 years old and 110 sexual reproductive health consultations. Continuing its WASH interventions, IOM distributed 24,137 m3 of chlorinated water through local partners to earthquake-affected populations in IDP camps and different reception and collective centres. Moreover, 1,061 m3 of solid waste was removed and transferred to the landfill, and 3,479 m3 of the wastewater was de-slugged from existing cesspits and septic tanks. Through its implementing partners, IOM continued to provide protection support across the impacted areas. As a result, 1,371 earthquake-affected individuals benefitted from mental health and psycho-social support activities, child protection case management, individual protection assistance, legal counselling and awareness-raising sessions through mobile teams and static help desks in IDP sites and collective centres. In addition, IOM continued distributing cash assistance and in-kind donations, camp management activities, and other activities through its implementing partners in the earthquakes-affected areas.

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1 92% are indirect beneficiaries reached through health support provided to medical facilities
2 4,309 tarpaulins, 3,257 comprehensive shelter kits, 567 emergency shelter toolkits, 4,943 tents and 126 tent accessories

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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 most difficult thing for me is when my children see other kids getting new clothes in preparation for Eid,” said Amoun from Northwest Syria, a widow who has been raising her two daughters on her own for over five years.

Many families in Türkiye and Northwest Syria, displaced by the earthquakes, found themselves without belongings and often struggling to meet their basic needs like food and clothing, relying on humanitarian aid.

In a collaborative effort, IOM and partners joined forces to deliver 500 pallets of clothes to the affected areas in southeast Türkiye and Northwest Syria ahead of Eid al-Fitr celebrations, a season of festivities that marks the end of Ramadan. The distribution process followed the format of “social markets,” where individuals could choose items according to their specific needs. It was carried out in coordination with Turkish national partners and through local partners in Northwest Syria.

(Read more at IOM Türkiye web)