

TÜRKİYE AND SYRIA 2023 EARTHQUAKES – RESPONSE UPDATE

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To improve access to healthcare services in post-earthquake provinces in Türkiye, IOM handed over 15 mobile clinics to the Ministry of Health. They will be fully equipped by IOM and staffed by the Ministry to provide primary healthcare services to those in need.

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2.5 Million

relief items, including shelter materials, dispatched¹



22 Million \$

In-kind contributions



29,216

shelter-related items provided across Türkiye and Northwest Syria



58% of IOM emergency appeal funded

SITUATION OVERVIEW

With the end of the 3-month UN flash-appeal period, IOM continues to support the government response. IOM continues working on expanding its presence in the affected areas, planning and coordinating the opening of new offices, and establishing permanent teams to support the hard-hit provinces of Adıyaman, Malatya, Hatay, and Kahramanmaraş.

At the same time, IOM is responding to the longer-term recovery and reconstruction needs identified in the Türkiye Earthquakes Recovery and Reconstruction Assessment report. IOM continues leveraging existing programmes, partnerships, and engagement in the early recovery sector to best contribute to building back better.

To align with and support the government's recovery and reconstruction agenda, the UNCT+ in Türkiye proposed a Recovery Framework to ensure coordination after 17 August to address continuing needs of the host, migrant, and refugee communities affected by the earthquake until the end of the year. In addition, the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (the 3RP) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2024/25 will be revised to consider the national recovery plan to address the longer-term impacts of the earthquake.

However, quantifying humanitarian needs across all affected areas in Türkiye remains difficult due to lack of available public data. Data collection is one of the keys to better understanding of mobility trends and the needs of the displaced populations.

The Seventh Brussels Conference, Supporting the future of Syria and the Region, on 15 June, resulted in €5.6 billion for 2023 and beyond, pledged by the international community. It includes €4.6 billion for 2023 and €1 billion for 2024 and beyond. With the UN Security

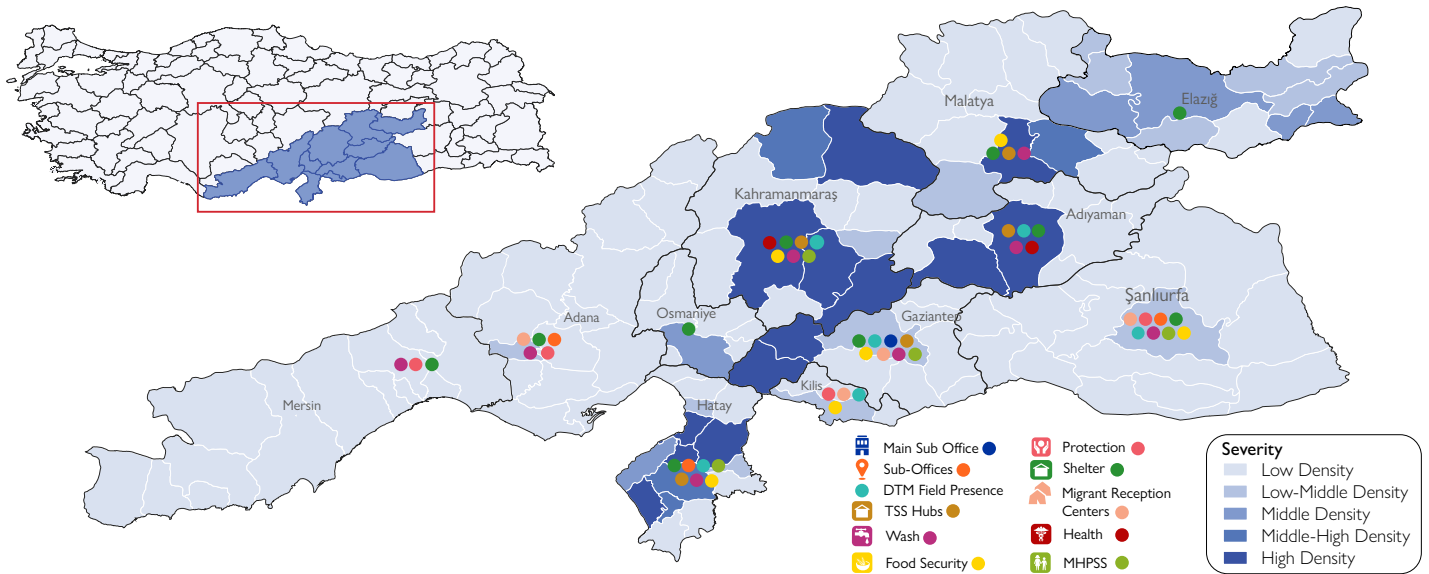
Council Resolution up for renewal on 10 July 2023, IOM continues to preposition humanitarian aid in Northwest Syria and strongly advocates for continued access and maintaining the cross-border mechanism for the next 12 months for continuity of the humanitarian response. In the wake of the devastating earthquakes, the needs of the increased displaced populations have grown, which only further challenges the international community to scale up the assistance and ensure its continuity.

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. Rising temperatures will further affect displaced persons, posing public health risks and increasing the needs for adequate access to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) resources and facilities.
3. Where possible, the authorities support communities in informal temporary settlements to transition to formal sites in which multisectoral services are centralized.
4. In parallel to humanitarian assistance, scale up of recovery and reconstruction activities calls for heightened coordination and cooperation among the parties involved.
5. IOM is strengthening its presence in post-earthquake provinces by establishing field offices and deploying dedicated teams.
6. IOM's consolidated appeal for earthquake response, totalling USD 161 million, has reached 58% of its funding target. Specifically, the earthquake response in Türkiye has received 41% of the requested funding, while the response in Northwest Syria has reached 93.5% of the funding goal.

¹In Türkiye and Syria since 06 February 2023

TÜRKİYE RESPONSE



Additional food security, S-NFI and protection support for earthquake affected populations has been provided in Ankara, Aydın, Edirne, Izmir 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)

41% of USD 110 million funding target reached

 1.4 Million estimated individuals reached ²	 1.1 Million relief items provided	 10,091 shelter dispatched ³
 290,036 Blankets	 44,892 Hygiene kits	 91,804 Tarpaulins
 58,310 Kitchen sets	 264,029 Mattresses and bedding sets	 16,919 Heaters
 46,630 Winter clothes	 28,415 Pallets ⁴	 2,600 Fire extinguishers

IOM Türkiye’s Shelter and Non-Food Items (S/NFI) Teams successfully delivered a total of 156 containers to the affected areas, meeting the targeted number after delivering the last batch of 25 containers last week. Moreover, 1,300 pallets were distributed to the most vulnerable households to help them improve their living conditions. Additionally, IOM provided NFI and relief items to an orphanage accommodating 120 refugees, which was earlier equipped by IOM with furniture and household appliances.

Over the past two weeks, 5,000 hygiene items were delivered to Adana, Adıyaman, Gaziantep, and Malatya, aiming to assist those in need. In the Defne district, seven pallets of water were delivered, along with an additional 27 toilets, totalling 240 toilets provided by IOM in affected areas.

IOM and Qatar Charity are planning to offer prefabricated modules to support the establishment of businesses required by the affected populations residing in temporary settlements and container or tent cities. These businesses may include tailors, internet cafes, stationery shops, hair salons, fast food restaurants, bakeries, plumbing services, and electricians. Currently, an assessment is underway to identify the small and medium-sized businesses, as well as cooperatives, in need of such assistance.

IOM is actively conducting assessments to identify 5,000 vulnerable households eligible for multi-purpose cash assistance. So far, more than 10,698 households have been assessed.

Over 300 individuals have benefited from counselling services, awareness-raising sessions, and socio-cultural activities provided by IOM’s Psychosocial Support Teams in Adana, Hatay, Kilis, Kahramanmaraş, Mersin, and Şanlıurfa.

IOM’s Temporary Settlement Support (TSS) Teams continue their activities, including site profiling, referrals, site improvements, and community engagement. The organization has finalized contracts with implementing partners to conduct mobile TSS in the three most affected provinces.

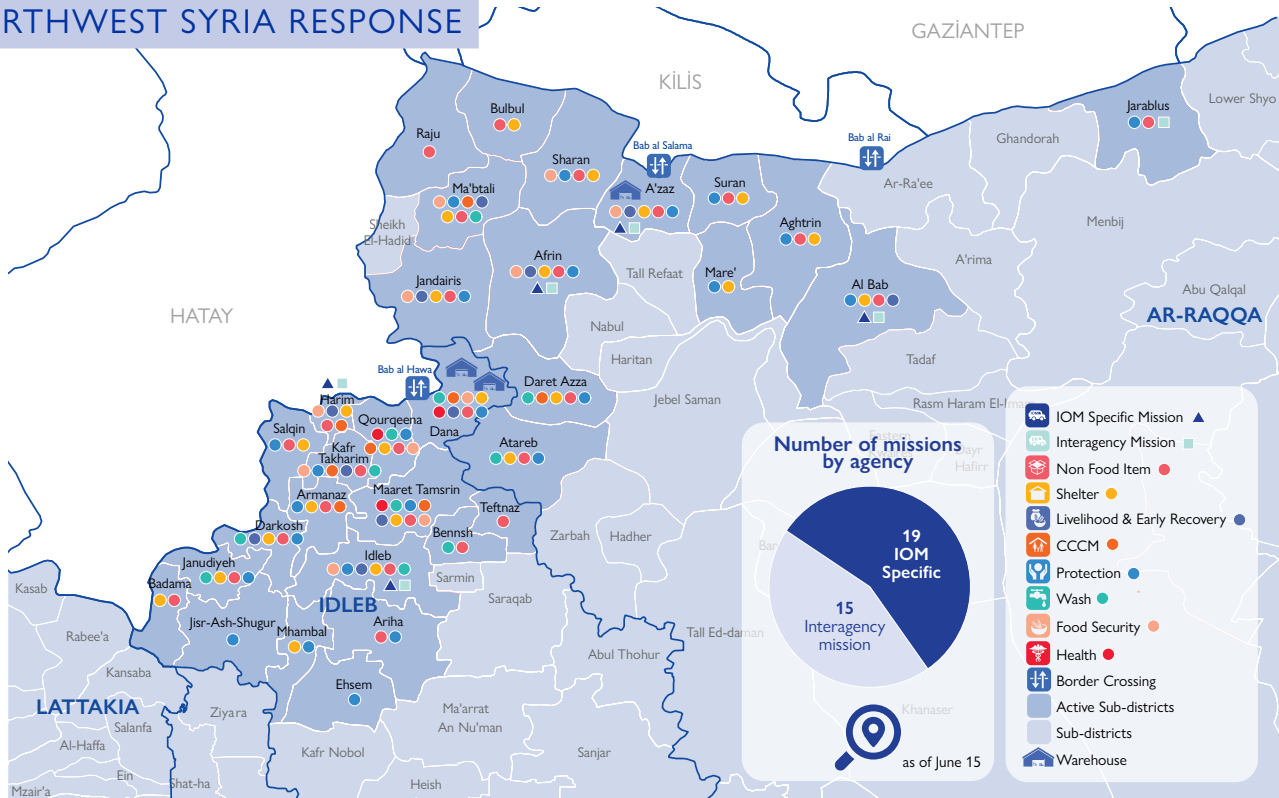
IOM Türkiye’s Health Team handed over 15 mobile clinics to the Ministry of Health. These clinics will be fully equipped by IOM and then staffed by the Ministry to operate in the earthquake-affected provinces, ensuring essential healthcare services reach the affected populations.

² Estimated figure based on National Average Household Data and number of Shelter and NFIs dispatched

³ Tents: 9,417, RHU: 500, Shelter Container: 156, Rub Hall: 18

⁴ To help mitigate water seepage from flooding inside shelters

NORTHWEST SYRIA RESPONSE



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93.5% of USD 51 million funding target reached



23,179

Hygiene kits



11,561

Mattresses and sleeping mats



19,125

Shelter related support provided⁶



16,204

Clothes



6,167

Arrival kits



3,943

NFI kits



55,652

Blankets



12,435

Kitchen sets

⁵ 92% are indirect beneficiaries reached through health support provided to medical facilities

⁶ 8,600 tarpaulins, 3,275 comprehensive shelter kits, 711 emergency shelter toolkits, 6,344 tents and 195 tent accessories

IOM Türkiye's S/NFI teams for cross-border operations are making steady progress in replacing tents with dignified prefabricated shelter units in 10 camps in Idleb. As of now, they have completed 60% of the replacement process. In the past two weeks, a total of 666 transitional dignified shelter units have been handed over to the beneficiaries, with an additional 714 units ready for distribution.

Through its Rapid Response Mechanism partners, 1,700 households have already received NFI kits, and the registration and verification process for other targeted households is still underway.

An IOM-supported hospital provided 2,700 individuals with consultations, including sexual and reproductive health consultations. Furthermore, a mobile clinic, launched on 13 April and operational for two months, has completed its mission, benefiting over 134 displaced individuals through 314 medical consultations in the past two weeks.

A tendering process for conducting care and maintenance and care works in 56 Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) sites and five reception centres has been initiated. Additionally, the beneficiary registration process for regular cash for food assistance, targeting 9,500 households, is ongoing in Aleppo and Idleb.

Within the reporting period, IOM Türkiye's WASH teams have continued to support activities such as water chlorination, solid waste removal, and desludging to ensure access to clean water. Moreover, through its partners, IOM has distributed 82 water tanks in 2 IDP camps. Hygiene promotion remains a priority, with over 1,454 residents of IDP camps and reception centres benefiting from 359 hygiene promotion sessions.

Additionally, 263 women and girls have participated in 97 menstrual hygiene-related awareness sessions.

IOM, through its implementing partners on the ground have reached nearly 3,199 earthquake-affected beneficiaries with various protection services through mobile teams and help desks operating in Northwest Syria.



ACCESS TO INCOME BRINGS HOPE TO EARTHQUAKE-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN NORTHWEST SYRIA

“I was very happy when they asked me to come and sign the contract because it will allow me to have an income, even if temporary, and learn agricultural skills as I want to continue working afterwards,” said Fatima.

Every day, Fatima diligently tends to plants at a plant nursery—watering, cleaning, removing harmful grass, and planting saplings. She is the sole provider for her six children, as her husband has a disability that prevents him from working.

Fatima is among the 500 displaced individuals in Northwest Syria benefiting from IOM’s Cash for Work programme, implemented through local partners. IOM prioritizes creating sustainable livelihood opportunities in regions most affected by the devastating February earthquakes. Through this initiative, IOM offers short-term income-generating opportunities, empowering beneficiaries like Fatima to address immediate needs and contribute to the recovery process of their communities.

Fatima, a beneficiary of IOM’s Cash-for-work programme implemented through partners in Northwest Syria, works at a plant nursery where she is temporarily employed.

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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.

