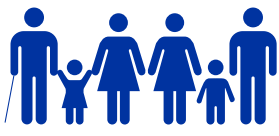



# REFUGEE RESPONSE OPERATIONS

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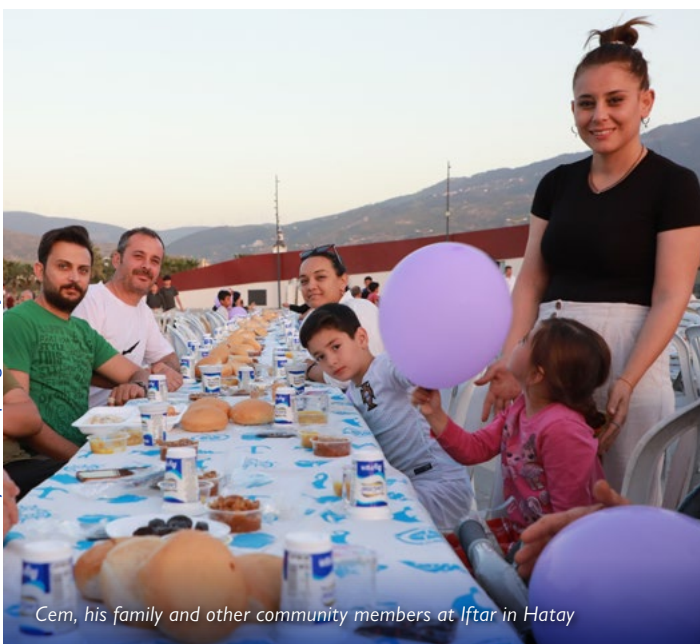
  
**155,465**  
BENEFICIARIES  
ASSISTED SINCE THE  
BEGINNING OF 2023

  
**3,609,847\***  
BENEFICIARIES  
ASSISTED IN TOTAL  
SINCE 2014

*\*This number includes host community members as well as beneficiaries who have received multiple services over the years from IOM, and approximately 40% are non-unique beneficiaries*

## SUMMARY

In response to devastating earthquakes and floods in Türkiye, IOM provided crucial support to affected populations. IOM supplied essential shelter and non-food items, including tents, relief housing units (RHUs), blankets and kitchen sets. IOM also supported food security through food kits and mobile kitchens, while its Early Recovery and Livelihoods program aimed to help families recover. Additionally, IOM rehabilitated critical shelters to improve living conditions for families in need. IOM continued to support individuals, including those affected by the earthquake, focusing on reducing risks, increasing capacities, and strengthening and (re)-building community resilience and social cohesion for migrant, refugee and host communities.



Cem, his family and other community members at Iftar in Hatay



People receive their Iftar meal.



## PROTECTION SERVICES: MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, EMERGENCY CASE MANAGEMENT, EDUCATION

IOM's Psychosocial Mobile Teams (PMTs) conducted various mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) activities, reaching 8,765 individuals (5,546 migrant/refugee and 3,219 host community members). The activities focused on enhancing individual and community resilience after the earthquake through activities on coping with anxiety, recreational handicraft, dance and science-related activities. Awareness raising sessions for parents and caregivers covered topics, such as self-care, contagious diseases, reproductive health, pregnancy care, and open education. Socio-cultural activities featured storytelling, art and music sessions, as well as sports, games, iftar events and thematic festivals dedicated to friendship and World Refugee Day. Within the scope of the specific education project, 4,363 individual sessions and 1,732 group sessions were provided to 161 children with specific education needs in four provinces, while IOM's school transportation project supported 5,354 students during the last semester of the academic year. Finally, case management and individual protection assistance was expanded through IOM's Municipal Migrant and Community Centres to address pressing needs in a timely manner.



## MUNICIPAL MIGRANT AND COMMUNITY CENTRES

The Municipal Migrant and Community Centres (MMCCs) continued to provide counseling and socio-cultural activities to all individuals in the respective cities, including earthquake survivors. Iftar events were implemented in coordination with the local authorities in an effort to promote social cohesion after the earthquake, bringing almost 7,000 migrant, refugee and host community members together. In Adana, the MMCC and the Adana Metropolitan Municipality held a festival for children and strawberry picking and pottery making activities for women. In celebration of Türkiye Children's Day in April, a variety of events for children and their families were held in Adana, Gaziantep, Ankara, and Şanlıurfa through the MMCCs. The Keçiören MMCC co-organized the 6th International Children's Land Film and Art Festival with the Sinematopya Cinema Volunteers Association. Additionally, Mersin and Kilis Centres focused on building capacity of their staff and stakeholders. The Mersin Centre provided disability inclusion and child protection trainings for stakeholders and partners while the Kilis MMCC focused on a briefing session for staff.



Children from the community enjoyed a week at the festival filled with film screenings, folk dances, music recitals, concerts and workshops on creative writing, gender studies, and cinema philosophy.



## SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) SUPPORT

In response to devastating earthquakes and floods, IOM collaborated with local authorities in Adana, Adıyaman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Mardin, and Şanlıurfa. IOM provided essential support, focusing on shelter and non-food item (NFI) supplies. IOM supplied 156 shelter containers, 150 Reinforced Housing Units (RHU), 130 tents, and 3 rubble halls for safe accommodations. 18,402 pallets were also provided to increase shelter safety. IOM also distributed a range of essential items, including 74,040 blankets, 26,110 mattresses, 23,520 hygiene kits, 4,000 pillows, 1,000 bed sheets, 500 electric heaters, and 2,520 kitchen sets. More than 150,000 liters of drinking water were provided to ensure access to clean water, while 250 clothing kits addressed immediate needs of the affected populations. Additionally, IOM rehabilitated 851 shelters in Adana, Istanbul, İzmir, Kilis, Mardin, and Mersin, aiming to provide safer and more dignified living conditions for 4,221 individuals, ensuring increased privacy and protection from severe weather.



## EARLY RECOVERY AND LIVELIHOODS

Between April and June 2023, IOM's livelihoods programming supported over 800 beneficiaries in Adana, Gaziantep, Istanbul, Izmir, Mardin, Mersin, and Şanlıurfa. A total of 224 businesses received cash grants, 40 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) were supported, 204 individuals received entrepreneurship training, 18 participants benefited from vocational education, and 71 individuals were engaged in community farming. An Earthquake Impact Analysis was conducted in Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, and Malatya to assess local production effects, additionally, The Eco-Doku Women's Cooperative in Hatay has received assistance in the form of a container to safeguard their silk-worm habitat to ensure uninterrupted silk production. In order to improve access to essential services, foster innovation, and meet diverse community needs, a total of four communal spaces were either upgraded or established in Adana, Gaziantep, and Istanbul. Furthermore, IOM provided electrical infrastructure and various equipment to the Hatay Provincial Directorate of Migration Management to rehabilitate a temporary accommodation centre. The Turkish Employment Agency (İŞKUR) in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş received support in the form of five containers for temporary office spaces. Additionally, to ensure a healthy and hygienic environment, IOM supported the Tut Municipality in Malatya by providing three mini road sweepers.



## BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT

IOM provided support to 1,696 vulnerable families (or 9,185 individuals) by offering one-time unconditional and restricted cash grants, which enabled them to purchase food and hygiene items from a designated supermarket chain in Osmaniye and Şanlıurfa. In addition, IOM provided Core Relief Items to two families referred in Gaziantep to help meet their basic needs.



## FOOD SECURITY AND AGRICULTURE

IOM provided assistance to 12,388 families affected by the earthquake and displaced to Aydin, Hatay, İstanbul, İzmir, Kırklareli and Malatya by distributing food kits. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Şanlıurfa Municipality, IOM provided a mobile kitchen to Şanlıurfa serving three meals a day to 1,000 individuals. Additionally, IOM facilitated the establishment of a public kitchen in the Elbistan district of Kahramanmaraş by providing essential equipment and cooking tools.



Syrian women in Nizip, Gaziantep, are reclaiming their sense of home and forging connections through a sewing activity organized by IOM

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