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ADANA FLOODING

In the second week of January, heavy rains fell across northern Syrian and southeastern Turkey causing severe floods. On 16 January, the IOM-supported [Adana Metropolitan Migrant Information and Coordination Centre](#) received a request for emergency support from the Yüreğir District Government, working in collaboration with the Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation (SYDV). The flooding caused the most major damage in the least prepared shelters and left many families without necessities. Yüreğir District Government, has a high migrant presence, predominantly made up of Syrian and Iraqi families alongside their Turkish neighbours, including 30 children.

In close collaboration with the authorities and the SYDV, IOM worked to plan a rapid response to the needs of the most vulnerable. A list was provided by Yüreğir District Government, detailing the items required to make people more comfortable until more permanent arrangements could be organized. From the Burç Warehouse outside Gaziantep, IOM prepared 65 family and non-food item kits, containing mattresses, blankets, jerry cans, diapers, plastic sheets, kitchen sets, solar lamps, hygiene kits, carpets and extra winter clothing for all the

family – especially for children. Working with local authority representatives and the families themselves, all initial items were distributed within a week of the flooding.

IOM Turkey is still working with authorities to assess what might be needed in the longer term, utilizing the skills of the whole of the Refugee Response team to respond to the emergency. The IOM-supported [Adana Metropolitan Municipality Migrant Information and Coordination Centre](#) is also available to provide information and support to the specific needs of the families as the situation progresses, including psychosocial support referrals, health referrals and legal guidance.

Amongst others, to support 65 families, IOM Turkey responded with:

-  **260** Mattresses
-  **260** Blankets
-  **130** Jerrycans
-  **65** Carpets
-  **65** Solar lamps
-  **65** Kitchen sets
-  **65** Hygiene kits