

This report is produced by the OCHA mission in Türkiye in collaboration with humanitarian partners and covers the humanitarian situation and earthquake response in Türkiye. Updates provided on emergency response activities reflect a summary snapshot rather than an exhaustive representation on all ongoing response efforts.

KEY FIGURES

9.1M

people directly affected

48K

people killed

354

formal tent settlements set up

3.5M

people provided with shelter and accommodation

2.7M

people displaced

SITUATION UPDATE

- Turkish Interior Minister Süleyman Soylu announced on 13 March that **48,448 people** lost their lives in the two powerful earthquakes that struck southern Türkiye on 6 February, including **6,660 foreign nationals**, primarily from Syria.¹
- He added that more than **433 thousand tents** have been established in the region, with **354 tent cities** currently in operation. **21 thousand containers** have been installed so far. Minister Soylu said **3 million 882 thousand hot meals** are distributed throughout the region.
- According to Türkiye's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD), the total number of people provided with shelter and accommodation is more than **3.5 million**. This includes about **1.9 million people** provided with shelter in the earthquake affected region and more than **1.6 million people** provided with accommodation in other provinces.
- Turkish Minister of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, Murat Kurum, has announced that the construction for **27,253 housing units** has begun.²
- **2.7 million people** have been displaced in Türkiye by the earthquake.³
- Since the two major earthquakes on 6 February, there have been about **16 thousand aftershocks** in the impacted region, causing fear among the communities. Most recently, early on Monday 13 March, AFAD reported two earthquakes of magnitudes 4.7 and 4.5 in Malatya. Meanwhile, an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.4 occurred in Hatay.



Münevver Tuvarlak is a community leader in Gaziantep who is still struggling with the psychological impact of the earthquakes. Her 8-year-old son has also been deeply affected and fears going to school. Despite these challenges, Münevver finds solace in providing aid and support to women in need within her community. Helping others motivates her and provides a sense of purpose. © UNOCHA/Gizem Yarbil Gürol

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The response to the earthquakes is being led by the Government of Türkiye, coordinated through the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) and with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC). The international humanitarian community is supporting the Government of Türkiye in providing immediate assistance to the affected population.

The United Nations and humanitarian partners are continuing to mobilize emergency teams and relief operations in Türkiye, in support of the response by the Government of Türkiye, and providing emergency relief, including food, medical supplies, shelter, winter supplies, hygiene and dignity kits and other life-saving items.

Below graphic provides a snapshot of ongoing humanitarian response provided by the United Nations and partners as of 13 March.



Communication with Communities (CwC)

UNHCR has been [providing essential information to refugee communities](#) affected by the earthquakes. As of 8 March, the UNHCR counselling line has received over 4,000 earthquake-related calls, seeking information about temporary accommodation or financial support. The top three nationalities calling were Syrian, Afghan and Iranian nationals. Most calls were received from Gaziantep, Hatay and Sanliurfa provinces.

The Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay) is [communicating with affected communities](#) through their 24/7, 5-language, Call-Centre and Online Hotline to inform and raise awareness among public institutions, society, and partners regarding the earthquake.



Leyla Gürler and her 6-year-old son Ömer were directly affected by the earthquakes and are now living in a tent. The family has ongoing needs for hygiene items, breakfast, and clothing, which they access through aid distribution sites. “The month of Ramadan is coming up. We need food, breakfast. We need clothes, slippers, shoes. We left our homes with nothing. We rushed outside, barefoot and into the snow,” she says. ©UNOCHA/Gizem Yarbil Gürol

WHO has been working with the Ministry of Health (MoH) to develop **public health advice**. MoH has been utilizing social media to share public health-related messages that have been developed in collaboration with WHO. On food safety and handwashing, WHO launched a social media campaign targeting the 10 most affected areas.

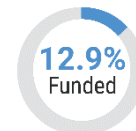
FUNDING UPDATE

On 16 February 2023, the UN has launched a **Flash Appeal** (available in English and Turkish) for US\$1 billion to assist 5.2 million people affected by the earthquakes. As of 13 March 2023, it is only **12.9%** funded with US\$130.3 million.

\$1B
required

\$130.3M
funded

\$876.3M
unmet



Sector	Required	Funded	Sector	Required	Funded
Education	\$41M	\$4M	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	\$84.9M	\$8.3M
Emergency Shelter/ Non-Food Items	\$246.6M	\$14M	Multipurpose Cash & Social Protection	\$143.6M	\$361k
Food Security and Livelihoods	\$107M	\$43M	Early Recovery & Debris Removal	\$148.5M	\$0
Health & Nutrition	\$118M	\$10.8M	Logistics & Emergency Telecommunications	\$3M	\$8.7M
Protection	\$104.8M	\$14.8M	Coordination	\$2M	\$960k
Temporary Settlement Support	\$7M	\$6.6M	Not specified		\$18.6M

■ Funded ■ Unmet

Data source: <https://fts.unocha.org/appeals/115G/summary>

For more information, please visit:
<https://response.reliefweb.int/turkiye>

¹ Anadolu News Agency, 13.03.2023 (Turkish)

² Anadolu News Agency, 11.03.2023 (Turkish)

³ IOM Türkiye and Syria 2023 Earthquakes – Response Update