



## ASSOCIATION FOR SOLIDARITY WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS

### Latest Government Announcements & Decisions 11 February 2023, updated as of 18:54 (GMT +3)

#### Evacuation and Shelter

- AFAD issued a press release on 10.02.2023 regarding the allegation that Disaster Victims are required to obtain a document showing their status. You may find the statement above:

1. The destinations of the disaster victims willing to leave their provinces and need shelter are planned by considering the shelter capacity of other provinces and are carried out from the evacuation points announced in 10 provinces where the earthquake was effective.
2. Citizens who want to leave the disaster area with their own means or with the vehicles allocated at the evacuation point **are required to notify the evacuation points** determined in 10 provinces in order to avoid shelter problems in the provinces they go to.
3. At the evacuation points, citizens will be guided by taking into account the shelter capacity of our provinces and their shelter needs will be met by the commissions established by our Governorships in the provinces they will go to.
4. During the application process, **no document showing the status of the disaster victims will be requested** and AFAD will not issue any document or card after the application.
5. **Those who left the evacuation points by their own means without applying to the evacuation points** before the information made by AFAD on 08/02/2023 will be directed to the shelter areas determined by the commission units formed based on their residence status, if **they apply to the governorships in the provinces they go to**<sup>1</sup>.

- Related below, under the Education Section, **President of Republic of Türkiye** announced at the press conference on February 11, 2023 that dormitories of Credit and Dormitories Institution will be used for shelter.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> AFAD's press release dated 10.02.2023 [https://www.afad.gov.tr/afetzede-vatandaslarimizin-durumlarini-gosterir-belge-almalari-gerektigi-iddiasi-basin-bulteni?fbclid=PAaAa2RqnBym2BnUKI3Q\\_ueGfODiAntQsg34GGPLzbf5oPxxBasUI0daROSqw](https://www.afad.gov.tr/afetzede-vatandaslarimizin-durumlarini-gosterir-belge-almalari-gerektigi-iddiasi-basin-bulteni?fbclid=PAaAa2RqnBym2BnUKI3Q_ueGfODiAntQsg34GGPLzbf5oPxxBasUI0daROSqw)

<sup>2</sup> Press conference of the President of RoT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mxgYUK8Agg>



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### Infrastructure

- **Vodafone** has informed the public that %90 of the cell towers are functioning with additional 1.057 generators.<sup>3</sup>
- **The Ministry of Environment, Infrastructure and Climate Change** has informed that in addition to the 7584 collapsed or should be urgently-planned-collapsed buildings, and 12.617 heavily damaged buildings are determined.<sup>4</sup>

### Humanitarian aid

- A total of 326 mobile kitchens, 86 catering vehicles, 11 mobile bakeries and 252 service vehicles were dispatched to the region by the **Turkish Red Crescent, AFAD, MSB, Gendarmerie and NGOs**<sup>5</sup>.
- An air bridge was established for the delivery of personnel and supplies to the region. A total of 3,558 sorties were carried out by 1,074 air missions of the Air Force, Land Forces, Coast Guard and Gendarmerie General Command<sup>6</sup>.

### Health

- As per **AFAD's** statement dated 11.02.2023, 4 Mobile Social Service Centers were assigned to Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Osmaniye and Malatya provinces for psychosocial support services in the field. 1,645 personnel and 164 vehicles were deployed to the region. Psychosocial support was provided to a total of 110,650 people, 99,916 in the earthquake zone and 10,734 outside the earthquake zone<sup>7</sup>.
- **WHO** has warned on epidemics after earthquakes.<sup>8</sup>
- **The Presidency of Social Security Institution** announced that citizens covered by general health insurance will be able to apply directly or by referral to all health service providers contracted with the Institution by obtaining "natural disaster provision" for dialysis treatments in these provinces or in the provinces where they are transferred during the state of emergency<sup>9</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> News regarding Vodafone: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/vodafonedan-ohal-bolgesindeki-baz-istasyonlarina-yonelik-aciklama/2815601>

<sup>4</sup> News on the announcement of the MoEICC: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/asrin-felaketi/10-ilde-7-bin-584-yikik-ya-da-acil-yikilmasi-gereken-yapi-12-bin-617-agir-hasarli-bina-tespit-edildi/2816144>

<sup>5</sup> AFAD's 26th press release dated 11.02.2022 <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kahramanmarasta-meydana-gelen-depremler-hk-basin-bulteni-26>

<sup>6</sup> AFAD's 26th press release dated 11.02.2022 <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kahramanmarasta-meydana-gelen-depremler-hk-basin-bulteni-26>

<sup>7</sup> AFAD's 25th press release dated 11.02.2022 <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kahramanmarasta-meydana-gelen-depremler-hk-basin-bulteni-25>

<sup>8</sup> Interview with WHO Türkiye Representative Berdyklychev : <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/ekonomi/dso-uyardi-salgin-hastalik-riskine-dikkat-42218190>

<sup>9</sup> Social security institution's announcement dated 10.02.2023 <https://www.sgk.gov.tr/Download/DownloadFile?f=1a7799e4-b6c9-4b84-a688-e3f73c330c6f.pdf&d=c048920b-bb61-4a8f-bcd2-2f4eb4fb4833>



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### Education

- 6 Private school associations and platforms have announced that all private schools will participate in the solidarity campaign to the extent of their quotas and means, and that students migrating from the earthquake zone will have access to private schools with full scholarships (free of charge including food, books and education) during the second semester. All private schools that support the campaign will announce their guest student quotas on a common online platform ([www.misafirogrenci.org](http://www.misafirogrenci.org), which will be online soon) and the registration process will be carried out by enabling the relevant students to apply through this platform for 34 cities<sup>10</sup>.
- **The President of the Republic of Türkiye**, announced in a press conference that the higher education will continue online while the public dormitories will be used as shelters.<sup>11</sup>

### Livelihood

- **The Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency** has announced that credit card limits in the affected cities will be increased. Additionally credit for companies in terms of limit and credit period will be flexible<sup>12</sup>
- The Turkish Banking Association published a public statement on February 11, 2023 regarding mobile bank branches.<sup>13</sup>
- **The Financial Crimes Investigation Board** has published in the official gazette that in the circumstances that no identification card can be presented, the individuals may receive wages via declaration of person.<sup>14</sup>
- **The Insurance and Private Pension Regulation and Supervision Agency** has announced that all branches' premiums are postponed until the earliest of May 1, 2023.<sup>15</sup>
- **The Ministry of Labor and Social Security** announced that the unemployment pays for the residents in the affected cities will be paid on February 15, 2023.<sup>16</sup>

### Other Announcements

- **The Turkish Association of Municipalities** announced on February 9 2023 that a crises desk is established working in coordination with AFAD and related municipalities and municipalities abroad such as **the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, the Unities Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia**

<sup>10</sup> News in NTV dated 10.02.2023 - 17:38 <https://www.ntv.com.tr/egitim/ozel-okul-derneklerinden-ortak-aciklama-goc-eden-yavrularimizi-tam-burslu-okutacagiz.cnEqLiDrY0GIFl0rbnC0CA>

<sup>11</sup> Press Conference of the Presiden RoT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mxgYUK8Agg>

<sup>12</sup> Announcement of BRSA: <https://www.bddk.org.tr/Mevzuat/DokumanGetir/1159>

<sup>13</sup> Public release of TBA: [https://www.tbb.org.tr/Content/Upload/Dokuman/8896/TBB\\_KD\\_110223.pdf](https://www.tbb.org.tr/Content/Upload/Dokuman/8896/TBB_KD_110223.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> Official Gazette dated February 11, 2023: <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2023/02/20230211.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> Annotation of IPPRSA: <https://seddk.gov.tr/upload/SEDDK-basin-aciklamasi-10.02.2023.pdf>

<sup>16</sup> Tweet of MoLSS: <https://twitter.com/csgbakanligi/status/1624424748892536832?ctx=HHwVqlC-ofvsjostAAAA>



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Section, the Austrian Association of Cities and Towns, the National Association of Italian Municipalities, Union of BC Municipalities and existing sister cities' relations.<sup>17</sup>

- **The Presidency of Turkish Republic** announced that due to the earthquakes, female governmental officers who have children under age of 11 will have administrative leave permission until February 20,2023 with the limitation not to cause hindrance to the public service.<sup>18</sup>
- **AFAD** announced that 31 governors, over 70 district governors, 19 AFAD senior managers and 68 provincial directors were assigned to disaster areas<sup>19</sup>.
- **The Ministry of Justice** announced that it has requested from the offices of the chief public prosecutor to establish Earthquake Crimes Investigation Bureaus for gathering evidence. Moreover, the requested Bureaus' operations include the state attorneys assigned to this division due to the high number will not receive any additional responsibilities from other public crime cases, and cases from one constructor involving a building complex in which multiple collapse has happened, will be merged as one case.<sup>20</sup>

### International Support for Disaster Response

- The border between **Armenia** and Türkiye has opened for disaster response after thirty years of being closed.as of February 11, 2023<sup>21</sup>

### Search and Rescue

- As of 11.02.2023, a total of 31,832 search and rescue personnel consisting of AFAD, PAK, JAK, JÖAK, DİSAK, Coast Guard, DAK, Fire Brigade, Ministry of National Education, NGOs and international search and rescue personnel are working in the earthquake zone.<sup>22</sup>

### Humanitarian aid

- According to news, Russia has built a field hospital in Kahramanmaraş.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>17</sup> Announcement of TAM (TBB): [https://www.tbb.gov.tr/Tr/Haberler\\_yabanci-yerel-yonetim-birliklerinden-turkiye-destek\\_20769](https://www.tbb.gov.tr/Tr/Haberler_yabanci-yerel-yonetim-birliklerinden-turkiye-destek_20769)

<sup>18</sup> News and formal writing on the administrative live is available at: <https://www.memurlar.net/haber/1055395/10-yas-alti-cocugu-olan-kadin-memurlara-idari-izin.html>

<sup>19</sup> AFAD's 26th press release dated 11.02.2022 <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kahramanmarasta-meydana-gelen-deprem-hk-basin-bulteni-26>

<sup>20</sup> Announcement of MoJ: <https://www.adalet.gov.tr/deprem-suclari-sorusturma-burolari-kurulacak>

<sup>21</sup> Announcement of the Member of Parliament, Garo Paylan: <https://twitter.com/GaroPaylan/status/1624397081413574656>

<sup>22</sup> AFAD's 26th press release dated 11.02.2022 <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kahramanmarasta-meydana-gelen-deprem-hk-basin-bulteni-26>

<sup>23</sup> News and pictures of the field hospital: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/pg/foto-galeri/rusya-kahramanmarasta-depremzedeler-icin-sahra-hastanesi-kurdu/0>



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- As of February 11, 2023 according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **99 countries offered their support and 68 countries are working on the grounds** in Türkiye with a total of 8326 personnel with the expectancy to increase with 13 search and rescue teams calculated to 1563 additional staff on the ground.<sup>24</sup>

### Previous Government Announcements & Decisions

#### 10 February 2023

##### Evacuation and Shelter

- On February 9, 2023 **Turkish Airlines (THY)** announced that it plans to aid evacuation of 26.299 persons from the affected cities.<sup>25</sup>
- **THY** also announced a change in regulation for flight-tickets from 06-28 February 2023 with the condition to be brought before February 9, 2023, any cancellation is for free.
- Following the announcement of the President of the Republic of Turkey on February 8, 2023, regarding shelter space in the hotels in Alanya, Antalya and Mersin, previously the **Antalya governorship** announced that some of hotels with capacity totaling to 19.400 persons (calculating 3-4 persons for one room) is available for evacuation from Kahramanmaraş, Malatya and Diyarbakır.<sup>26</sup> In order to benefit from the shelter opportunity, individuals must register to AFAD as survivors of the earthquakes and inform the Gendarmerie of their evacuation points.<sup>27</sup>
- In his press speech on February 10, 2023, **The President of the Republic of Türkiye** declared that the citizens who don't want to stay at the tents will receive rent support for one year (between ₺2000-5000), primarily in Adıyaman with possibility of other cities reminding after one year the new constructions will be finished.<sup>28</sup>
- In his press speech on February 10, 2023, **The President of the Republic of Türkiye** has reminded on the one-time cash support previously mentioned on February 8, 2023 increasing the limit to ₺15.000 (from ₺10.000).<sup>29</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Information from MoFA: [https://twitter.com/TC\\_Disimleri/status/1624341446227644417/photo/1](https://twitter.com/TC_Disimleri/status/1624341446227644417/photo/1)

<sup>25</sup> Announcement of the Press Adviser of THY:

<https://twitter.com/yhyustun/status/1623921272999800832?cxt=HHwWgMDTxefyqYktAAAA>

<sup>26</sup> Press release of the Antalya Governorship: <http://www.antalya.gov.tr/19-bin-400-oda-depremzedeler-icin-hazir>

<sup>27</sup> Details on confirmation: <https://teyit.org/analiz-depremzedelerin-otellere-yerlestirilmeden-once-afada-basvurmalari-gerektigi-iddiasi>

<sup>28</sup> Press speech of President of RoT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NQHig01DX4>

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### Infrastructure

- On February 9, 2023 **The Energy Market Regulatory Authority** published in the Official Gazette that some payments to electricity supplier companies will be taken from payment due date while some services will be priced from trade value.<sup>30</sup>
- According to the news, the **General Manager of Natural Disaster and Insurances Authority (DASK)**, shared information that more than 30.000 notices of damaged buildings have been received. The assessment of the claims will be realized starting with Kahramanmaraş, where DASK has settled its truck, and continue with mobile teams<sup>31</sup>

### Health

- On February 8, 2023 the ship hospital of the **naval forces arrived** at the Iskenderun harbour carrying also construction equipment and humanitarian aid.
- **The Ministry of Health (MoH)** announced that 143.829 personnel, including 17.929 physicians and 111.486 health personnel, are serving in earthquake affected zones in addition to the existing health facilities<sup>32</sup>.
- **MoH** has published in the official gazette that distance health support will be provided.<sup>33</sup>
- Pursuant the **Social Security Institution** announcement, it has become possible for persons covered by the General Health Insurance who reside in the disaster area to obtain medicines and continuously used medical supplies without a prescription for one time only<sup>34</sup>. In practice, it has been observed that temporary protection and international protection applicant ID card holders registered in the earthquake affected zone can also access medicines without a prescription for a fee.

### Education

- On February 9, 2023 **Ministry of National Education (MoNE)** announced that the high-school entrance exam and the high education entrance exams will be covering the first season curriculum (12 September 2022- 23 January 2023) for 8th and 12th graders.<sup>35</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Official Gazette publish: <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2023/02/20230210.pdf>

<sup>31</sup> News claim: <https://www.bloomberght.com/dask-30-bini-askin-hasar-ihbari-var-2325113>

<sup>32</sup> News in Anadolu Ajansı dated 09.02.2023 <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/asrin-felaketi/saglik-bakani-koca-10-ilde-17-bin-929u-hekim-olmak-uzere-143-bin-829-personelimiz-hizmet-veriyor/2813793>

<sup>33</sup> Regulations on distance health service: <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2022/02/20220210-2.htm>

<sup>34</sup> Social Security Institution announcement , dated 08.02.2023 <https://www.sgk.gov.tr/Duyuru/Detay/Afet-Bolgesinde-Yapilacak-Uygulamalar-Hakkinda-Duyuru-2023-02-08-04-01-50>

<sup>35</sup> Announcement of MoNE: <http://www.meb.gov.tr/2023-lgsde-8-sinifin-yksde-12-sinifin-ikinci-donem-konulari-sinav-kapsamina-dhil-olmayacak/haber/29003/tr>





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- On February 9, 2023 the **MoNE** informed that no continuity to school for the spring season, when opened, will be expected from the students.<sup>36</sup>
- The first registration and re-registration to open education high schools is extended until April 2023, declared by **MoNE**.<sup>37</sup>

### Other Announcements

- **The Ministry of Labor and Social Security** has announced that all retirement pensions will be paid early between 14-17 February according to type of retirement.<sup>38</sup>
- Istanbul Airport operator company **IGA**, according to the news, announced that it has been determined as the global transfer center for the humanitarian aid currently coming into Türkiye.<sup>39</sup>
- **The Union of Turkish Bar Association** announced that they've filed petitions for a criminal complaint against any constructor companies and decision makers related to the collapse building for each city.<sup>40</sup>

### International Support for Disaster Response

#### Search and Rescue

- **71 countries** have arrived in Türkiye for search and rescue and humanitarian aid with over 6636 persons as of February 9, 2023 22.40.<sup>41</sup>

#### Humanitarian aid

- President of AHBAP Association informed that in Iskenderun a field hospital was erected by the Team of **India**.<sup>42</sup>
- **China** is reported to transfer 20 tonnes of supplies and equipment according to news.<sup>43</sup>

<sup>36</sup> Announcement of MoNE: <https://www.meb.gov.tr/deprem-bolgesindeki-illerde-ogrenciler-icin-ikinci-donemde-devam-kosulu-aranmayacak/haber/28991/tr>

<sup>37</sup> Announcement of MoNE: <https://www.meb.gov.tr/acik-ogretim-okullari-ilk-kayit-ve-kayit-yenileme-islemleri-3-nisan-tarihine-kadar-uzatildi/haber/28990/tr>

<sup>38</sup> Twitter announcement of MoLSS: <https://twitter.com/csgbakanligi/status/1624046545979994115/photo/1>

<sup>39</sup> News on the announcement: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/asrin-felaketi/istanbul-havalimani-depremin-lojistik-merkezi-oldu/2814599>

<sup>40</sup> News of the Union: <https://www.barobirlik.org.tr/Haberler/deprem-nedeniyle-yikilan-binalarin-yapiminda-denetiminde-ve-onaylanmasinda-iligisi-olanlar-hakkinda--83535>

<sup>41</sup> Infographic of the countries supporting disaster response in Türkiye: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/info/infografik/32259>

<sup>42</sup> Announcement of President of AHBAP: <https://twitter.com/haluklevent/status/1623699433484390403>

<sup>43</sup> News on China's support: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/turkey-may-open-border-syrian-government-held-region-aid-turkish-official-2023-02-10/>



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- On February 10, 2023, the **Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation** is referenced for the donation of ₺1 million for disaster aid.<sup>44</sup>

### 9 February 2023

#### Search and Rescue

- On February 9, 2023 **The Minister of Treasury and Finance** stated that the search and rescue in Şanlıurfa is terminated and will continue with the rehabilitation process.<sup>45</sup> Following the announcement, **Disaster And Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD)** announced that search and rescue conducts are terminated for Kilis, the teams will transfer to support the cities where search and rescue is still carried out.<sup>46</sup>

#### Humanitarian aid

- Turkish Airlines (THY)** has stated that 920 humanitarian aid has been transported and plans to transport 900 ton humanitarian aid to the affected areas on February 9, 2023.<sup>47</sup>
- The Union of Turkish Pharmacists** has started to provide 24-hour uninterrupted service with "truck pharmacies and container pharmacies" in Kahramanmaraş and Afşin, one each in Hatay İskenderun and Gaziantep İslahiye, three in Malatya and one in Adıyaman<sup>48</sup>.
- According to the announcement of **the Revenue Administration**, all of the cash donations and aids made to the accounts announced by the AFAD Presidency for the disaster victims affected by the earthquakes can be subject to deduction by income and corporate taxpayers. Likewise, all cash donations made to the accounts announced by the Turkish Red Crescent will also be subject to deduction<sup>49</sup>.

<sup>44</sup> News on PABSEC's donation: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/asrin-felaketi/karadeniz-ekonomik-isbirligi-parlamenter-asamblesinden-deprem-bolgesi-icin-1-milyon-lira-bagis/2814938>

<sup>45</sup> News on the Minister of MoTF: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/sanliurfada-arama-kurtarma-calismalari-tamamlandi/2812731>

<sup>46</sup> Announcement of AFAD: <https://twitter.com/AFADBaskanlik/status/1623616840470564869?cxt=HHwWisC4ucC6n4gtAAAA>

<sup>47</sup> Announcement of Press adviser of THY: [https://twitter.com/yhyustun/status/1623615273252057089?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1623615273252057089%7Ctwgr%5E1dce551fa723f844d3fc356dd5155b3c1813e96e%7Ctwcon%5Es1\\_&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.haberturk.com%2Fdeprem-bolgesinden-bugun-30318-kisiyi-tahliye-edecek-3564074-ekonomi](https://twitter.com/yhyustun/status/1623615273252057089?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1623615273252057089%7Ctwgr%5E1dce551fa723f844d3fc356dd5155b3c1813e96e%7Ctwcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.haberturk.com%2Fdeprem-bolgesinden-bugun-30318-kisiyi-tahliye-edecek-3564074-ekonomi)

<sup>48</sup> News on Anadolu Ajansı dated 9.02.2023 <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/depremin-etkiledigi-5-ilde-tir-ve-konteyner-eczaneler-kuruldu/2812400>

<sup>49</sup> Announcement of the Revenue Administration dated 9/2/2023 - 14:01 <https://www.gib.gov.tr/deprem-nedeniyle-yapilan-bagis-ve-yardimlarin-vergi-mevzuati-karsisindaki-durumu-0>





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### Evacuation

- **Gendarmerie units** have set up evacuation areas for those who want to leave the province. Evacuation areas have been published. It was announced that those evacuated will be placed in accommodation areas and guesthouses determined by the coordination of the Governorates and AFAD in the provinces they will go to. In Kahramanmaraş 2, in Malatya 4, in Diyarbakır 2, in Adıyaman 2, in Gaziantep 1, in Şanlıurfa 3, in Osmaniye 3, in Hatay 2, in Kilis 1, and in Adana 2 zones are determined for the evacuation areas.<sup>50</sup>
- **THY** plans to realize 170 evacuation flights for February 9, 2023.<sup>51</sup>
- On February 9, 2023 11:38, **AFAD** announced that so far 28.044 individuals have been transferred to non-affected cities.<sup>52</sup>

### Infrastructure

- **The Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change** informed that damage assessments are carried out for the 10 cities with the help of satellites and unmanned aerial vehicles.<sup>53</sup>
- On February 9, 2023 **The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** has informed that the repairs for Hatay airport is planned to be finished and accessible as of February 13, 2023, Monday.<sup>54</sup>
- **The Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change** announced that as of February 8, 2023 Osmaniye's water infrastructure is repaired and is open for usage.<sup>55</sup>
- **The Presidency of Defence Industries** has declared that through unmanned aerial vehicles aerial support over the cell tower for phone connection will be provided, it will be the first time that it is used.<sup>56</sup>

<sup>50</sup> News on TRT dated 09.02.2023 - 01:11 <https://www.trthaber.com/haber/gundem/deprem-bolgelerinde-tahliye-noktaları-olusturuldu-744628.html>

<sup>51</sup> The announcement: <https://twitter.com/yhyustun/status/1623434600977408002/photo/1>

<sup>52</sup> AFAD press release: <https://www.afad.gov.tr/depremden-etkilenen-illlerden-28-bin-44-kisi-tahliye-edildi-merkezicerik>

<sup>53</sup> News on MoEUCC: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/cevre-sehircilik-ve-iklim-degisikligi-bakanligi-uydu-ve-ihalarla-hasar-tespiti-yapiyor/2812676>

<sup>54</sup> News on the press release of Minister of MoTI: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/ulastirma-ve-altyapi-bakani-adil-karaismailoglu-hatay-havalimani-pistini-en-gec-pazar-gunune-kadar-bitirmis-olacagiz/2812337>

<sup>55</sup> Announcement of MoEUCC: [https://twitter.com/ilbanktr/status/1623246490612137984?cxt=HHwWglCw\\_aaF94YtAAAA](https://twitter.com/ilbanktr/status/1623246490612137984?cxt=HHwWglCw_aaF94YtAAAA)

<sup>56</sup> Announcement of the resident of PoDI: [https://twitter.com/IsmailDemirSSB/status/1623569244054061056?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweteembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1623569244054061056%7Ctwgr%5E6f6540dc5c69720606ec3e2c596324b6d0ba5934%7Ctwtcon%5Es1\\_&ref\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aa.com.tr%2Ftr%2Fgundem%2Faksungur-ihale-deprem-bolgesine-baz-istasyonu-hizmeti%2F2812580](https://twitter.com/IsmailDemirSSB/status/1623569244054061056?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweteembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1623569244054061056%7Ctwgr%5E6f6540dc5c69720606ec3e2c596324b6d0ba5934%7Ctwtcon%5Es1_&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aa.com.tr%2Ftr%2Fgundem%2Faksungur-ihale-deprem-bolgesine-baz-istasyonu-hizmeti%2F2812580)



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- **The President of Republic of Türkiye** has stated in his press release the upcoming buildings in the affected cities will be up to floor ground +4.<sup>57</sup>

### Education

- **The Ministry of National Education** announced on its social media account that students studying in schools in 10 provinces affected by the earthquakes can transfer their registration to schools in any preferred provinces.<sup>58</sup>
- **The Ministry of National Education** has extended the closure of schools and education until February 20, 2023 country-wide. Previously, this date was announced for the affected cities.<sup>59</sup>
- **The Presidency of THE Council of Higher Education (YÖK)** has announced that Spring term higher education is put on hold until further notice.<sup>60</sup>

### Other Announcements

- According to the news of February 9, 2023, on February 7, 2024, the **Presidency of Migration Management's** circular letter, persons under temporary and international protection will be provided with travel permits for 90 days except the city Istanbul.<sup>61</sup>
- **The Ministry of Treasury and Finance** announced in a press release in Şanlıurfa that the wages of the employees (governmental officers and workers) residing in the affected cities will be paid on February 11, 2023.<sup>62</sup>
- **The Social Security Institution (SGK)** has announced that the 10 cities are determined at the state of force majeure and thus will be exempted from, previously existing and additional costs until the end of June, premium debts.<sup>63</sup>

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<sup>57</sup> Press Release of President of RoT: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/cumhurbaskani-erdogan-deprem-anindan-itibaren-devlet-olarak-tum-kurumlarimizla-sahadayiz/2812738>

<sup>58</sup> Tweet dated 8.02.2023 - 5:59

[https://twitter.com/prof\\_mahmutozer/status/1623335619668676613?s=46&t=tlvI7aZJ7mP87BLN3qBkgQ](https://twitter.com/prof_mahmutozer/status/1623335619668676613?s=46&t=tlvI7aZJ7mP87BLN3qBkgQ)  
<https://www.trthaber.com/m/haber/gundem/10-ilde-egitim-goren-ogrenciler-farkli-illere-nakil-edilebilecek-744599.html>

<sup>59</sup> News on the announcement: <https://www.hurriyet.com.tr/egitim/tum-turkiyede-okullar-20-subat-a-kadar-kapali-42217591>

<sup>60</sup> News on the announcement: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/tum-yuksekogretim-kurumlarinda-egitim-ogretim-ikinci-bir-duyuru-a-kadar-ertelendi/2813384>

<sup>61</sup> News on the circular: <https://m.bianet.org/bianet/print/273924-goc-idaresi-baskanligi-ndan-depremezde-multecilere-gecis-izni>

<sup>62</sup> News on the announcement:

<https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/turkiye-genelinde-kamuda-maas-odemeleri-11-subatta-yapilacak/2813188>

<sup>63</sup> Announcement can be downloaded via: <https://www.sgk.gov.tr/Duyuru/Detay/Prim-Borclarinin-Odenme-Sureleri-ile-Kuruma-Verilmekle-Yukumlu-Olunan-Bilgi-Belge-ve-Beyannamelerin-Verilme-Surelerinin-Ertelenmesine-Dair-Duyuru-2023-02-09-11-29-03>



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- **The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD)** informed the public that 1.639.774.16,00 TL Emergency fund was directed to AFAD coordination as of 08.02.2023.
- **AFAD** announced that for psychosocial support activities, additional 2902 staff and 132 vehicles are sent to the affected areas.<sup>64</sup>
- According to **AFAD's** press release dated 08.02.2023; In order to ensure the quickest identification of those who lost their lives in the earthquake and to deliver their bodies to their relatives in an urgent manner, it has been decided to carry out the necropsy procedures at the Provincial or District Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices where the bodies are located and not to transfer them. It has been deemed appropriate to bury the bodies that cannot be identified in accordance with religious rites by taking a DNA sample after a 24-hour waiting period and recording the location/location of the grave within the framework of the evaluation of the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Local Administrative Authority<sup>65</sup>.
- AFAD announced that through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 5,309 international staff have arrived and sent to the affected areas.
- On February 7, 2023, the **Minister of National Defence** announced that the military quarters and stations will be opened for civilian citizens for water, soup and resting. In the statement made by the Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Turkey, it was stated that 7500 soldiers were sent to the region for search and rescue activities in the earthquake area and 1500 soldiers would be assigned additionally on February, 8.<sup>66</sup> In this statement, it was stated that aid and teams from foreign countries started to move to Incirlik, Gaziantep and Malatya airports.
- On February 7, 2023, the **Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** announced that the first emergency response ship sailed to İskenderun to supply aid materials with the expectation to arrive in 3 days (February, 10).
- **The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** increased train frequency from Malatya to Ankara and Sivas for the earthquake survivors. Additionally, carriages are opened for shelter.<sup>67</sup> Malatya governorship confirmed the activation of the railroad as of 09.02.2023.<sup>68</sup>
- **The Ministry of National Defense** announced that three landing craft of the Turkish Navy set off from Izmir to bring construction equipment to the earthquake zone<sup>69</sup>.

<sup>64</sup> <https://twitter.com/AFADBaskanlik/status/1623226977954983936?cxt=HHwWgMCzrcKV7oYtAAAA>

<sup>65</sup> AFAD's press release dated 08.02.2023: <https://www.afad.gov.tr/kamuoyu-aciklamasi-basin-duyurusu-16>

<sup>66</sup> News of habertürk dated 07.02.2023 - 21:51 <https://www.haberturk.com/son-dakika-haberi-bakan-akar-7-bin-500-asker-sahada-3563475>

<sup>67</sup> MoTI announcement:  
<https://publish.twitter.com/?query=https%3A%2F%2Ftwitter.com%2Fakaraismailoglu%2Fstatus%2F1623073170147229698&widget=Tweet>

<sup>68</sup> Malatya governorship tweet:  
<https://twitter.com/TCMalatyaV/status/1623058030630952961?cxt=HHwWgoDT2b6roYYtAAAA>

<sup>69</sup> News of habertürk dated 07.02.2023 - 20:43 <https://www.haberturk.com/turkiye-nin-ilk-acil-mudahale-gemisi-nene-hatun-iskenderuna-hareket-etti-3563462>



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- According to the data of the **Turkish Statistical Institute**, 13,421,699 Turkish citizens and 1,730,491 Syrians under Temporary Protection resided in 10 provinces that were heavily affected by the earthquake. In this respect, the total population of Turkish citizens and Syrians under Temporary Protection reached 15,152,190 in the earthquake that affected one out of every 6 people in Turkey. In the statement made by UNICEF, it was stated that more than one third of this population consists of children.
- **The Presidency of Migration Management** announced that all residence permits processed to be put on hold in Adana, Adıyaman, Batman, Diyarbakır, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Mardin, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Osmaniye, Kilis, Malatya and all , international protection and temporary protection processes are suspended in Adana, Mersin, Kayseri, Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Şanlıurfa, Diyarbakır, Mardin, Konya, Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, Osmaniye, Kilis.<sup>70</sup>
- **The Presidency of Migration Management** announced with its letter dated 7.02.2023, that foreigners in the earthquake-affected areas can leave the cities without the need for a travel permit, and that PDMM will issue them a 90-day travel permit document from the provinces they go to, Istanbul is excluded.
- **The Ministry of National Defense** announced that three landing ships of the Turkish Navy set off from Izmir to deliver construction equipment to the earthquake zone.<sup>71</sup>
- **The Minister of Treasury and Finance** announced that tax returns for the affected are postponed until August 15, 2023 and tax payments will be delayed until August 31, 2023.<sup>72</sup>
- **The Ministry of National Education** extended school holidays that were declared for until February,13,2023 announced on February 7, 2023. In the affected regions education is postponed until February 20,2023.<sup>73</sup>
- **The Ministry of National Education** has announced that the vocational training schools are preparing 700.000 bread, 300.000 provisions, and 500.000 hot meals daily, to be sent to the affected cities.<sup>74</sup>
- **The Minister of National Education** informed in his Malatya visit that 251.000 citizens are sheltered in the Ministries facilities. These are teacher houses, schools and vocational practice hotels.<sup>75</sup>
- **The Ministry of Youth and Sports** declared currently that 150.000 individuals are reading in 152 facilities of the Ministry. The facilities are 23 dormitories, 95 sports facilities. The Ministry also informed that additional 12 cities' facilities will be soon

<sup>70</sup> Announcement of PMM: <https://www.goc.gov.tr/duyuru2>

<sup>71</sup> Habertürk News dated 07.02.2023-21:24 <https://www.haberturk.com/is-makinesi-tasiyan-cikarma-gemisi-deprem-bolgesine-dogru-yola-cikti-deprem-haberleri-3563468>

<sup>72</sup> News from the press announcement: <https://www.milliyet.com.tr/ekonomi/deprem-bolgesi-sanliurfada-son-durum-bakan-nebati-acikladi-6900407>

<sup>73</sup> Announcement of the MoNE: <https://www.meb.gov.tr/afet-bolgesindeki-illerde-egitime-20-subata-kadar-ara-verildi/haber/28965/tr>

<sup>74</sup> Announcement of the Minister of MoNE: [https://twitter.com/prof\\_mahmutozer/status/1623251667528433668/photo/1](https://twitter.com/prof_mahmutozer/status/1623251667528433668/photo/1)

<sup>75</sup> MoNE's statement: <https://www.meb.gov.tr/bakan-ozar-depremden-etkilenen-10-ildeki-okullara-iliskin-bilgi-verdi/haber/28943/tr>

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welcoming survivors of the earthquake while the facilities in 10 facilities will continue to operate.<sup>76</sup>

- **The President of the Republic of Türkiye** announced in Kahramanmaraş visit that the survivors of the earthquake can move to the contractual hotels in Alanya, Antalya and Mersin<sup>77</sup>. More information on capacity is expected.
- **The President of the Republic of Türkiye** stated in Kahramanmaraş visit that mass housing projects will be developed for the affected ten cities within one year.<sup>78</sup>
- **The President of the Republic of Türkiye** informed in Kahramanmaraş visit that after the risk assessment the identified families will be provided with a cash support of 10.000TL.<sup>79</sup>
- **The Ministry of Labor and Social Security**, announced precautions for treatment of chronic illnesses. For one time only, no prescriptions will be requested for drugs and patient share costs will be postponed in the affected cities.<sup>80</sup>
- **The Ministry of Family and Social Services** opened calls for foster care homes for unaccompanied and separated children via e-Devlet, online platform for bureaucratic procedures for citizens.<sup>81</sup>
- **The Minister of Health of the Republic of Türkiye** announced that 77 field hospitals have been established in 10 provinces, and surgical operations can be made in some of these hospitals where emergency health services are provided. It was stated that the earthquake victims with risky health conditions were transferred to hospitals by helicopters after the first intervention<sup>82</sup>.
- **Sun Express** followed other airlines with a fixed price of 100TL including taxes for departures from the affected cities until February 13, 2023 and will approve of any departure/arrival ticket changes until February 21, 2023 in Adana, Diyarbakır, Elazığ, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Hatay, Malatya, Mardin, Kars, Kayseri, Samsun, Trabzon and Van.<sup>83</sup>
- On February 7, 2023, **WHO** Regional Director for Europe, Dr. Hans Kluge announced that they declared the highest level ' Grade 3 Emergency' after the earthquake that affected Turkey and the northwest regions of Syria on a Sky News interview.<sup>84</sup>

<sup>76</sup> News related to MoYS up-date: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/bakan-kasapoglu-152-tesiste-150-binden-fazla-vatandasimiz-konakliyor/2811359>

<sup>77</sup> News on the President's declaration: <https://www.ntv.com.tr/turkiye/son-dakika-haberi-cumhurbaskani-erdogan-deprem-bolgesine-gidiyor.p--pKXp7QE0ztHixEG85Sw>

<sup>78</sup> Flash news in: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem>

<sup>79</sup> News on the President's declaration: <https://www.ntv.com.tr/turkiye/son-dakika-haberi-cumhurbaskani-erdogan-deprem-bolgesine-gidiyor.p--pKXp7QE0ztHixEG85Sw>

<sup>80</sup> Announcement of MoLSS: <https://www.csqb.gov.tr/haberler/dogal-afet-bolgesinde-ilac-temini-ve-recete-uygulamalari-hakkinda-duyuru-1/>

<sup>81</sup> <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/gundem/depremzede-cocuklara-koruyucu-aile-olmak-isteyenler-e-devlet-uzerinden-basvuruda-bulunabilecek/2811745>

<sup>82</sup> News from Milliyet dated 08.02.2023 - 14:48 <https://www.milliyet.com.tr/gundem/bakan-koca-duyurdu-10-ilde-sahra-hastaneleri-kuruldu-6900524>

<sup>83</sup> The news on Sun Express announcement: <https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/sirkethaberleri/ulasim/sunexpress-bilet-fiyatlarini-100-ilye-sabitledi/678570>

<sup>84</sup> Interview with WHO Regional Director for Europe: <https://twitter.com/SkyNews/status/1623044501202776065>



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- On February 8, 2023 **EU Commission's** Civil Protection Mechanism stated that it has mobilized 23 search and rescue teams with €3 million worth humanitarian assistance.<sup>85</sup>

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<sup>85</sup> [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/earthquake-eu-mobilises-support-syria-and-further-aid-turkiye-2023-02-08\\_en](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/earthquake-eu-mobilises-support-syria-and-further-aid-turkiye-2023-02-08_en)