

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

46K

people killed

230K

Buildings collapsed or heavily damaged

3M

people evacuated

1.9M

people provided with shelter and accommodation

HIGHLIGHTS



Neslihan Çağca Akar and her daughter Kevser survived the earthquakes but have lost many of their relatives. Some of them died under the rubble behind them. Now they are trying to start over. UN Women/Ilkin Eskişehlivan

- Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced on 6 March that the death toll from the deadly earthquakes has risen to **46,104**.¹
- He said the number of collapsed and heavily damaged buildings in 11 provinces in the earthquake zone reached **230 thousand**.

- The President added that currently **3 million 320 thousand people** were evacuated from the earthquake zone and went to other provinces, while **800 thousand people** in the region took shelter in their villages.
- Human mobility remains a key characteristic of this disaster. IOM reports that over **2.7 million people have been displaced** in Türkiye by the earthquake. A majority of these individuals are living in temporary settlements, half of which are classified as informal. Due to the scale of the crisis, temporary settlements lack access to safe and dignified water and sanitation, health care and other essential services.
- On 2 March, Türkiye's Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) reported that the total number of people who were given shelter in the region affected by the earthquake is **1,593,808**. In other provinces, a total of **329,960** people affected by the disaster are provided with accommodation services, bringing the total number of people provided with shelter and accommodation to more than **1.9 million**.²
- As of 8 March, IFRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF have together provided more than **42 thousand tents**, along with more than **124 thousand bedsheets** by IOM. IFRC, IOM and UNHCR have provided more than **278 thousand blankets** and more than **181 thousand mattresses** as well as a variety of other critical items, including kitchen sets and tarpaulins.
- IOM alone dispatched more than **977 thousand non-food items**, including blankets, mattresses, winter clothes and kitchen sets, to an estimated **1.4 million people**.
- WFP has provided more than **5,7 million food packages and hot meals** as of 8 March. WFP and its partners have provided food assistance to over **900 thousand people**.
- WHO's Emergency Medical Teams initiative has provided essential healthcare to **23,986 injured and vulnerable people** affected by the disaster.
- As of 01 March, UNICEF has reached **nearly 319,000 people**, including **over 183,000 children**, with critical supplies including hygiene kits and non-food items such as winter clothes, electrical heaters, blankets etc.
- UNFPA supported around **8,900³ individuals** with life-saving assistance for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and violence against women, girls and other individuals in situations of vulnerability, including dignity and maternity kits.
- A long-term needs assessment led by the Government with support from UNDP, the World Bank and the European Union (EU) counts the earthquake damages at over **US\$100 billion**.
- On 8 March, Sebastian Rhodes Stampa, Senior Response Coordinator for Türkiye, joined UN Women in marking **International Women's Day** by meeting with **women frontliners, community leaders, and civil society organization representatives** in İslahiye, a town in Gaziantep affected by the earthquakes. While the earthquake increased the existing inequalities, women were on the ground from day one as frontliners. The women responders highlighted the immediate and longer-term specific needs of women and girls, including **safety and privacy, hygiene, psychosocial support and livelihood opportunities**.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

The Government of Türkiye is leading the response to the earthquakes with the support of the Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) and the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC). The international humanitarian community is also assisting the Turkish Government in providing prompt aid to those impacted by the disaster.

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 provide urgent aid including food, medical supplies, shelter, winter necessities, hygiene and dignity kits, and other essential life-saving items.

Shelter and Temporary Settlement Support

- On 2 March, AFAD reported that **332 tent cities and more than 360 thousand tents** have been set up in the region affected by the earthquakes. More than 1,4 million citizens are sheltered in tents.
- Besides establishing **189 container cities**, ongoing infrastructure works and the installation of more than **90 thousand containers** are also taking place. Currently, more than 34 thousand citizens are being accommodated in these containers.
- The Turkish Red Crescent (Türk Kızılay) reported that they have so far (as of 7 March) dispatched more than **75 thousand tents** to the field from their stocks.
- As of 8 March, IFRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF have together provided more than **42 thousand tents**, along with more than **124 thousand bedsheets** by IOM. IFRC, IOM and UNHCR have provided more than **278 thousand blankets** and more than **181 thousand mattresses** as well as a variety of other critical items, including kitchen sets and tarpaulins.
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- Approximately **5 thousand youth volunteers**, under the leadership of Ministry of Youth and Sports and trained by UNICEF are providing frontline response in the affected provinces reaching over **160 thousand people** in the Temporary Accommodation Centers.

Food

- On 2 March, AFAD reported that **369 mobile kitchens** have been dispatched by the Turkish Red Crescent, AFAD, Ministry of National Defense, Gendarmerie and NGOs to meet the nutritional needs of those affected by the disaster. To date, more than **97,4 million hot meals** have been served in the region, according to AFAD.
- As of 7 March, Türk Kızılay reports that they have provided more than **117 million hot meals and breakfasts**. Almost 400 mobile kitchens, 47 mobile ovens, 22 field kitchens and 86 catering units have been deployed to the field by Türk Kızılay.
- WFP has provided more than **5,7 million food packages and hot meals** as of 8 March. WFP and its partners have provided food assistance to over **900 thousand people**.

Health and Nutrition

- Türk Kızılay deployed **38 health staff** to the field to provide visits to the affected communities living in rural areas and tented camps and respond to the needs of the affected people. Türk Kızılay has provided more than **18 thousand different health care assistance** in coordination with the Ministry of Health since the onset of the disaster.

- WHO has delivered supplies worth over **USD\$222K** and as of 9 March, has **17 active Emergency Medical Teams** (EMT) working on the ground.
- WHO's EMT initiative has provided essential healthcare to **23,986 injured and vulnerable people** affected by the disaster. WHO is also providing technical support to the Ministry of Health, Health Promotion Department, for public health advice, mental health messages, and food safety.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- Supporting the Ministry of Health, the Türk Kızılay has provided **8 mobile showers and toilets** to the affected area. Additionally, more than **25 thousand hygiene kits** were distributed.
- As of 8 March, IFRC, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF distributed close to **169 thousand hygiene kits**.
- As of 01 March, UNICEF has reached **nearly 319,000 people**, including **over 183,000 children**, with critical supplies including hygiene kits and non-food items such as winter clothes, electrical heaters, blankets etc.
- Additionally, UNHCR has provided tens of thousands of hand sanitizers, sanitary napkins, soap and other hygiene items.

Protection

- Approximately 4,500 UNICEF trained social workers from the Ministry of Family and Social Services are providing protection support in affected and evacuated provinces with coverage of more than **500,000 people**.
- UNFPA supported around **8,900⁴ individuals** with life-saving assistance for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and violence against women, girls and other individuals in situations of vulnerability, including dignity and maternity kits.

Education

- UNICEF has provided 87 tents to Ministry of National Education, which are being used as **temporary learning centers** in affected provinces and host schools in other provinces. Catch up classes are running in two shifts benefitting nearly **3,600 children** every day.

Emergency Telecommunications

- **Türk Kızılay reports** that within the scope of efficient communication between the organization and the affected communities, the well-established **168 Call-Centre** is working 24/7 in 5 languages (Turkish, Arabic, English, Persian, and Pashto) and prioritizing the calls regarding the earthquake. The **Türk Kızılay Online Hotline** is another active system, with teams promptly responding to needs as soon as they receive notice.
- On 4 March, the first **10 charging station mobile units** arrived in Hatay and were set up by the Emergency Telecommunications Sector, co-led by WFP and the Turkish Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, in a temporary settlement for affected populations to power communications devices and facilitate access to information. So far, one out of 10 charging stations is operational, powered by a generator.

Private Sector Engagement

- Together with the Turkish Enterprise and Business Confederation (TÜRKONFED) and the Business for Goals (B4G) Platform, the OCHA-UNDP Connecting Business initiative held a **business briefing** on the Türkiye earthquake humanitarian response on 7 March. With over 150 participants, the session provided an overview of the role of the UN and humanitarian agencies in supporting the government-

led response to the Türkiye earthquakes and facilitated a discussion on how the private sector can support the response and recovery efforts.

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 directly affected by the earthquakes. As of 9 March 2023, it is only **10.4%** funded with US\$104.3 million.

\$1B
required

\$104.3M
funded

\$902.3M
unmet



¹ Anadolu News Agency, 6 March 2023 (Turkish)

² AFAD Press Release #37, 2 March 2023

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