

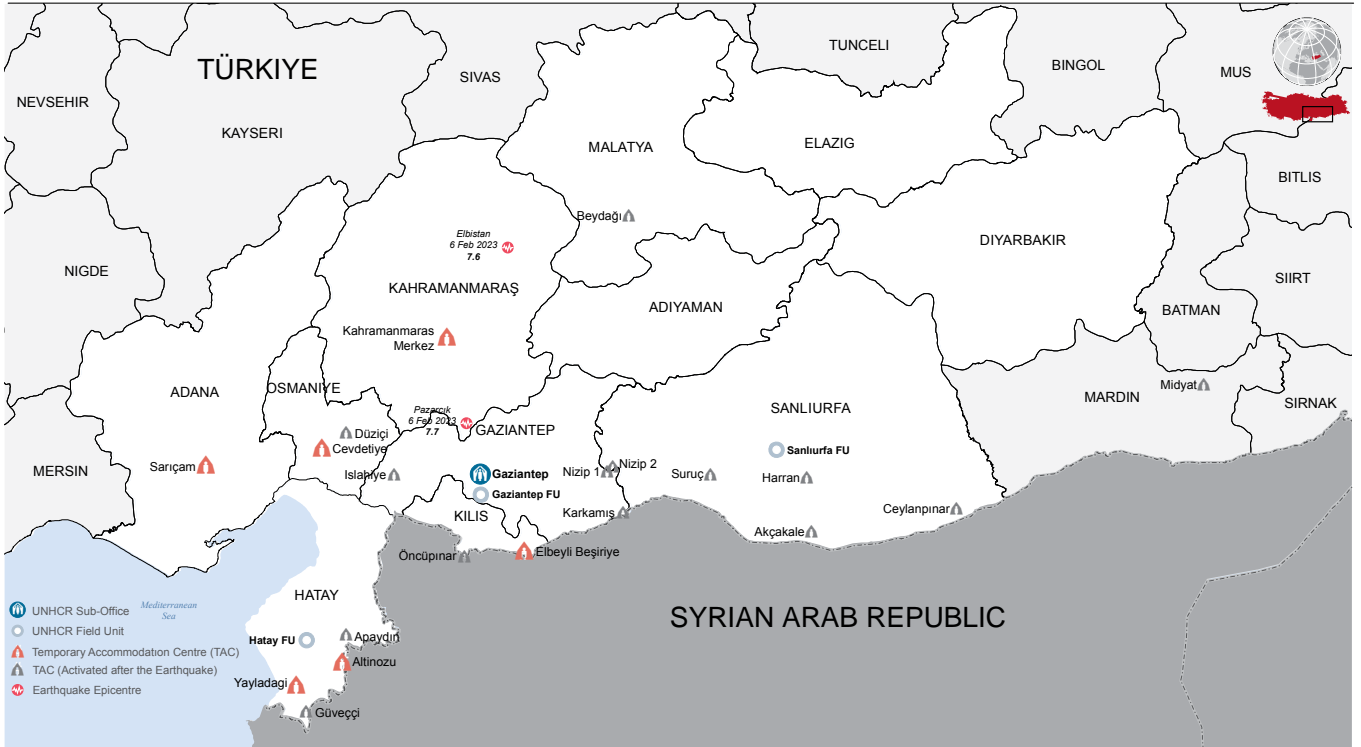


UNHCR TÜRKİYE

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO EARTHQUAKE

02 March 2023

PROVINCES AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKES



UNHCR FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(as of 28 February 2023)



US\$ 150M

Requirements for the UNHCR emergency response in Türkiye



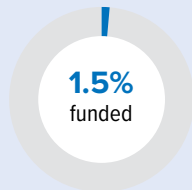
1.5M

people to be reached



US\$ 2.3M

Contribution earmarked to Türkiye



The overall [funding to the Syria and Türkiye Earthquake Emergency Appeal](#) is 10%

UNHCR ITEMS DELIVERED TO DATE



102,000

high-thermal blankets



45,000

sleeping bags



40,800

hygiene kits



28,700

foldable beds



28,600

tents delivered



19,500

kitchen sets



15,300

mattresses



10,000

plastic tarpaulin

BACKGROUND AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- Since the earthquakes of 7.7 and 7.5 magnitude in Kahramanmaraş Province on 6 February, over 11,000 aftershocks have been registered in the region, including two 6.4 and 5.8 magnitude quakes on 20 February, a few in Central Türkiye, as well as in Malatya Province on 27 February. The initial earthquakes impacted 11 provinces in Türkiye's southeast region and neighbouring Syria.
- As of 6 February, a three-month state of emergency is in place in provinces directly affected by the earthquake. In addition, on 24 February, Disaster and Management Authority of Türkiye (AFAD) [declared](#) some districts of cities outside the 11 affected provinces as "disaster zones". [According to](#) AFAD, as of 1 March, over 45,000 people have lost their lives,
- AFAD [announced](#) on 1 March that 332 tents sites have been established in the 11 earthquake-affected provinces, with over 358,000 tents, and that 162 container cities are being built in 10 provinces.
- According to the [Minister of National Defence](#) on 28 February, close to 42,000 Syrians have, for the most part, temporarily exited to Syria after the earthquake, mainly to check on family and to attend burials and funerals.
- The Turkish government is leading the response through coordination by AFAD and provincial governors. The Turkish Red Crescent (TRC), local partners as well as humanitarian organisations are working alongside AFAD. The Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) is coordinating support to temporary settlements accommodating refugees and members of the host community, while the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) is making available protection and psychosocial services for women, children and at-risk groups.
- As the inter-agency coordination structure is being set up, partners, NGOs and UN agencies are meeting on a regular basis to coordinate the response with local authorities and provincial directorates.
- UNHCR is responding with life-saving core relief items upon the request of the Turkish government. These include mainly emergency shelter materials, tents, blankets, hygiene and kitchen items, solar lamps, heaters and winter clothes.

UNHCR CAPACITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Delivery of Life-Saving Assistance

- In liaison with AFAD and PMM, UNHCR has prioritized the delivery of core relief items, winter clothing, tents and shelter materials, and working with partners and communities to identify and assess the overall needs of refugees and the host community.
- UNHCR is procuring and dispatching core relief items and hygiene materials from its in-country and global stocks in Europe, the Middle East and Asia regions to provide urgently needed shelter assistance. Items are dispatched through airlifts and road transport.
- With PMM, UNHCR is coordinating the provision of core relief items for **PMM-managed centres**, including temporary accommodation centres (TACs) to accommodate affected refugees and local residents. So far, UNHCR has provided PMM with 19,500 high thermal blankets, 12,000 foam mattresses and 19,500 kitchen sets, 12,500 supplementary food packs, 9,000 hygiene parcels, as well as heaters, winter clothes and boots, and other standard core relief items for distribution in the TACs.
- UNHCR has delivered 4,000 high thermal blankets and 5,000 hygiene kits to **local authorities** to support them in hosting people who have moved from their provinces, and to **partners** with blankets and mattresses.
- UNHCR has provided **AFAD** with over 45,000 sleeping bags, 28,000 family tents and close to 600 all-weather tents, 28,700 foldable beds, 78,000 high-thermal blankets, over 26,800 hygiene parcels, 10,000 sheets of plastic tarpaulin and 3,100 foam mattresses. UNHCR is also supporting the **Ministry of Family and Social Services** with 3 Rub Halls and over 100 tents and 800 powerbanks.

Field Response

- In provinces neighbouring the affected areas, UNHCR is working with the local authorities to identify needs, challenges and population movements, as they receive individuals from the earthquake-affected provinces.
- UNHCR's field teams across the country are following up with the provincial directorates of migration management issuing travel permits, partner NGOs and refugee leaders and associations to track refugee movements into receiving provinces. Accommodation in receiving provinces is being provided by refugee relatives, local associations as well as municipalities, sports centres and dormitories among others.
- According to UNHCR's tracking, close to 148,500 refugees were reported to have arrived in 44 provinces from their earthquake-affected home regions so far. On 1 March, PMM informed UNHCR that PDMs have so far issued 125,000 travel permits for international and temporary protection beneficiaries who have been relocated, the majority being Syrian nationals.

UNHCR presence in the affected areas

- As of early February, UNHCR had three offices in Gaziantep, Hatay and Şanlıurfa with 85 staff. UNHCR teams are currently operating from Gaziantep with daily missions to Hatay and affected provinces. UNHCR is setting up a working space in Hatay to facilitate and maximise response efforts in Hatay, where UNHCR had an office prior to the earthquake. A temporary area with two tents has been set up at the humanitarian hub in Hatay, in cooperation with UNDAC, until a light base camp is established.

SNAPSHOT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND LOCAL RESPONSE

A comprehensive mapping of community-based and refugee-led organisations (CBOs and RLOs) and their earthquake response is being undertaken at the inter-agency level. As part of this effort, UNHCR has reached out to nine Syrian and Afghan RLOs that are active as first responders and are assisting municipalities with material distributions.

Some supported the response through volunteers from both the refugee and host community; many are responding to persons with specific needs. The most prominent needs of the affected population according to the CBOs and RLOs is information on where to receive assistance and how to access services.

INTER-AGENCY

UNHCR is working with OCHA and the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) on a coordination structure under the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator (RC/HC). To ensure localization from the start, UNHCR would be co-leading with a national NGO partner the Protection Sector, as well as the sub-sectors for Child Protection and Violence against Women, Girls and Other Vulnerable Groups, and the CBI

Technical Working Group. Discussions with the RC/HC, UNDP and OCHA underline the continued importance of the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP).

The Protection coordination team chaired by UNHCR is currently working on guidance on referral pathways for protection, child protection and prevention and response against violence against women, girls and other vulnerable groups.

APPEALS AND FUNDING

In alignment with the Türkiye Earthquakes [UN Flash Appeal](#), UNHCR is appealing for USD 150 million to cover the emergency response in Türkiye through an [Earthquake Emergency Supplementary Appeal covering Türkiye and Syria](#). The overall aim of UNHCR's action is to improve living

conditions of earthquake-affected people, and to assist those with specific needs, including among refugees, in finding and accessing necessary services including documentation and social protection.

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