

TÜRKIYE—NORTHWEST SYRIA **EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE 2023**

SITUATION REPORT 08 FEBRUARY 2023

INCIDENT FIGURES

Türkiye



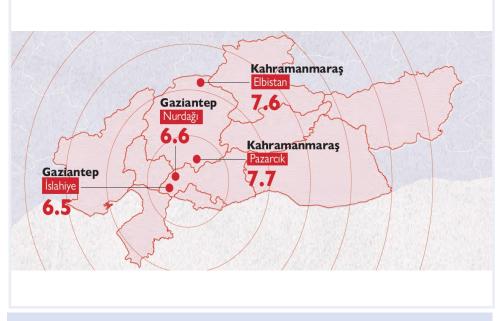
(1) 37,011 injured

6,217 buildings collapsed

Syrian Arab Republic

👚 2,530 dead

4,654 injured



Provinces in the South-East Türkiye affected by the earthquake. © IOM 2023 (Map: IOM Türkiye, DTM)

SITUATION OVERVIEW

A magnitude 7.7 earthquake with epicentre in Southern Türkiye struck in the early hours of Monday, 6 February 2023. The earthquake was one of the strongest to hit the region in more than 100 years. Ten provinces have been affected, with the cities of Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Adiyaman and Hatay experiencing significant destruction. The earthquake was followed by more than 100 aftershocks and a second magnitude 7.5 earthquake in Elbistan, Kahramanmaras. Gas and electricity have been cut in affected areas, with the airports and roads closed between Ankara and Hatay, and Gaziantep and the Syrian border. In response, the Republic of Türkiye has declared a state of Level-4 Alarm which contains a call for international help. To date, this includes a request for urban search and rescue and medical support.

As of February 8, at least 6,234 people have died and more than 37,011 people have been injured while the number is expected to increase. In the Syrian Arab Republic, reports made by local authorities indicate at least 2,530 deaths and more than 4,654 injured.

Despite staff being heavily affected in different provinces across the country, particularly in Gaziantep and Hatay, IOM has received multiple requests for assistance and is liaising with the Presidency of Migration Management (PMM) and other government bodies to support messaging for migrants, nonfood items (NFIs) and shelter. IOM expects to address displacement needs through a shelter response, an NFI pipeline, and a protection response providing much needed postearthquake psychosocial support and protection for vulnerable migrants, and community members.

In the Syrian Arab Republic, severe winter weather is affecting many in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps, and many more in urban centres are being displaced. IOM's implementing partners (IPs) are ready to mobilize and respond with shelter, NFIs, cash support and other emerging needs linked to the wider humanitarian response.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS

According to preliminary information available and the requests received from multiple government institutions, immediate needs are lifesaving, water, food, and non-food items such as winterization items, generators, heaters, tents, hygiene materials, clothes, cash support, and interpretation assistance from Turkish to Arabic.

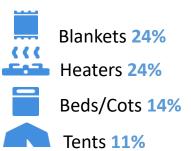
These needs are intensified as the area struck by the earthquake is affected by cold weather, snowstorms, power outages, interruption in the water supply service and damaged infrastructure. The Turkish Meteorological Service predicts severe weather conditions in the region, with temperatures between -4°C and 11°C. Due to the current circumstances, it is difficult to obtain accurate data on the current needs of the affected population in each province.

IOM has been in close coordination with the Presidency of diapers, clothes, boots, raincoats, fuel, water, hygiene kits. The Protection, as well as providing assistance to UN staff and heaters, winter boots, and raincoats. IOM has affected population at our offices. IOM has received requests from a number of ministries for assistance and is in the process of prioritizing requests for support. A longer-term response plan is also under development to provide comprehensive support to the government efforts.

electric stoves/heaters, beds, blankets, pillows, sheets, food kits, of NFIs and shelter for distribution.

IOM Türkiye has received direct requests for urgent support from the following government institutions: the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS), PMM and the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management in different provinces.

Top items requested



CURRENT RESPONSE

Disaster and Emergency Management (AFAD), PMM, and the Permanent Mission of Türkiye in Geneva has also shared a list MoFSS, to identify and respond to emerging needs. Despite of medical supplies and in-kind items needed. These requests severe logistical barriers, IOM has committed to provide food are under assessment in coordination with other UN agencies. and water distribution to 900 Syrians under Temporary IOM will coordinate immediate delivery of blankets, electricity

In the northwest part of the Syrian Arab Republic, IOM's implementing partners are ready to mobilize and respond with 1,150 tents, 1,735 NFIs and 60 Refugee Housing Units (RHUs) inside Syria. Needs assessments are being coordinated by local response actors, and as soon as the border is opened, The PMM has shared a detailed list of needs, including tents, and road access is restored, IOM will begin replenishing stocks

FUNDING AND CAPACITY

unearmarked funding to ensure we can respond flexibly.

IOM considering how flexible funds might be applied to the IOM is well placed to respond to these needs with global emerging crisis. However, the scope of the disaster will require expertise on earthquake-related displacement and response, additional funds, both to respond to stated government needs, as well as locally, with support provided to the Turkish but also to the subsequent needs and gaps that will emerge as government during the Earthquake Response in Izmir in 2020. the disaster unfolds. IOM is looking to expand its overall With over 1,200 staff in Türkiye and more than 600 funding envelope for Türkiye and NW Syria to ensure the personnel stationed in the earthquake-affected south-east of response to the earthquake emergency without compromising the country, and with a state-of-the-art supply chain, IOM is the current programming in the country. IOM is reaching out one of the largest operational UN agencies in the response. to donors now to seek funding commitments, in line with IOM continues to extend its capacity, post-earthquake with expected needs, and encourages the provision of technical support from our regional and global experts, and stands ready to support the response.

