

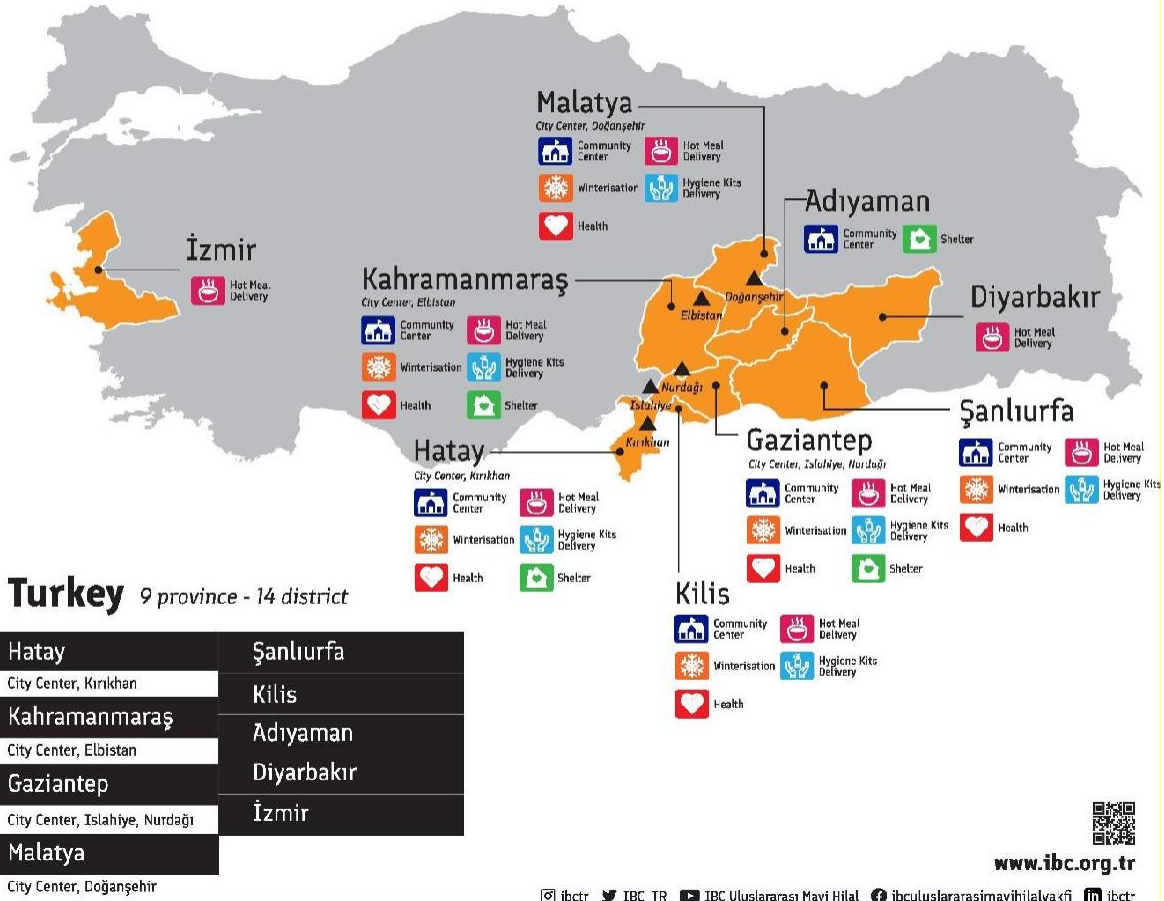
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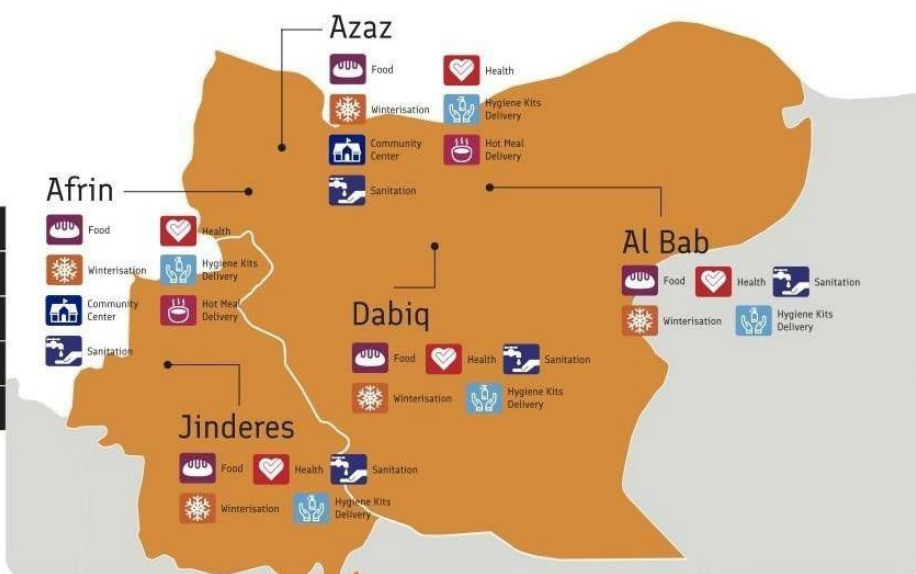
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53rd Day of the Earthquake:

“We Lost Everything We Had One Night”

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) would like to extend our sincere condolences to all those affected by the earthquakes. IBC employees in the region are safe and accounted for, though some have lost family members and loved ones and saw their entire homes destroyed. Thank you to all who continue to mobilize and to the heroic efforts of the many search and rescue teams. Immense and continued cooperation is needed to prevent further loss of life and suffering.



Elbistan / KAHRAMANMARAS

1. Developments

Humanitarian support efforts are accelerating after the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes which are defined as the biggest disasters of recent years.

In its latest statement, AFAD reported that the loss of life in Kahramanmaraş-centered earthquakes was 50 thousand 96, and the number of injured was 107 thousand 204.

On Wednesday, 15 March, the earthquake region experienced yet another disaster when extreme rains resulted in widespread, devastating flooding in Adıyaman and Şanlıurfa. Currently, it is known that 20 people have lost their lives due to the flood.

The United Nations International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) defined the earthquakes in Türkiye as "an incredible disaster" in its report.¹

¹ <https://www.insarag.org/>

INSARAG stated that managing a disaster of this size would be a huge test even in the most prepared situations, considering the huge area covering the 10 provinces affected by the disaster and the coordination units that are almost 200 kilometers apart.

According to the latest data from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), 301,000 buildings were destroyed in the region, and 3.3 million people, that is, more than 20 percent of the population in the cities affected by the earthquake, had to leave their homes.²

At the International Donors Conference held in Brussels on March 20, a commitment of 6.5 billion USD was provided, and the findings included in the "Türkiye Earthquake Recovery and Reconstruction Assessment Report", which explains the damage caused by earthquakes, were also presented at the conference. In the report, it is stated that the total damage caused by the earthquake is approximately 103.6 billion USD.

"The destruction is on an unprecedented scale," said Louisa Vinton, UNDP Türkiye Resident Representative.³

UNDP has called for approximately \$550 million in funding for sustainable improvement. UNDP initiatives to be considered by international donors include preserving local identity and the cultural heritage that underpins tourism recovery, safe removal of debris, and recycling and reuse when construction begins.



A building to be demolished in Kirikhan /Hatay

² <https://turkiye.un.org/tr/225357-toparlanma-yol-haritas%C4%B1-%C3%A7izen-undp-depremin-vurdu%C4%9Fu-t%C3%BCrkiye-i%C3%A7in-dayan%C4%B1%C5%9Fma-%C3%A7a%C4%9Fr%C4%B1s%C4%B1-yapt%C4%B1>

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response



Container City Construction in Islahiye/Gaziantep

Adiyaman

Adiyaman, along with Hatay, is expressed as one of the cities whose infrastructure was most damaged in the earthquake. One of the biggest needs of the region is water and sanitation...

Heavy rain and storm continuing in Adiyaman and its surroundings also affect life negatively. Adiyaman Governor's Office warned this week that in order to prevent a possible disaster from happening again it is necessary to be cautious and careful against possible risks such as poisoning caused by chimneys and natural gas, flying roofs, falling trees or poles, and disruptions in transportation. Adiyaman Municipality, on the other hand, has activated temporary neighborhood markets in order to restore life in the city to its old days and to meet the needs of the people more easily.

Hatay

Hatay suffered the biggest loss of life in the earthquakes. Life in the region began in tent cities and container cities. However, it is still not enough, thousands of people still need support. In Hatay, not only buildings, centuries-old mosques, castles, inns, churches, and many historical monuments were completely destroyed or suffered great damage. Reconstruction works by preserving the cultural texture of the city started within this framework.

The construction of Antakya State Hospital with 400 beds, Iskenderun State Hospital with 600 beds, emergency hospital with 200 beds, and Defne State Hospital with 300 beds has also started in the region.



Demolition of damaged buildings in Hatay continues...

Gaziantep

Efforts are being taken to address the need for shelter in the region. Temporary shelters consisting of masonry structures, prefabricated, and containers are being set up for earthquake victims, especially in Nurdagi and Islahiye regions. Steel construction bazaar building for tradesmen in the Nurdağı district has also started.

Kahramanmaraş

Debris removal and demolition of heavily damaged buildings in the region continue in 14 neighborhoods. According to the latest data from Kahramanmaraş Municipality, the number of containers installed in the city has exceeded 8700. Tradesmen's bazaars are being rebuilt along with temporary accommodation centers in the region.



The remains of the building destroyed in the earthquake in Elbistan / Kahramanmaraş

Sanliurfa

Seventeen people lost their lives due to heavy rains in the region, which was also damaged by the flood disaster after the earthquake. While the damage assessment works are being completed in the region; it was announced that the number of buildings that had to be demolished after the flood was 13.

Syria

In addition to the crisis it has been experiencing for 12 years, Syria is currently trying to recover from the damage caused by the earthquakes in which thousands of people lost their lives.

Current reports state that approximately 2.9 million people in the region were affected by the earthquake and 302,500 people were forced to leave their places of residence. Again, according to the latest data, approximately 6 thousand people lost their lives.

In the economy and labor market conditions, which have already suffered great damage in the last 12 years in Syria, approximately 170,000 employees lost their jobs due to the earthquake. While this loss directly affected 154 thousand households and more than 725 thousand people, around 35 thousand micro, small and medium-sized enterprises were also damaged. This temporary loss of employment in Syria results in a loss of labor income equivalent to at least \$5.7 million per month.⁴

42.4 percent of the country's population lives in Aleppo, Hama, Idlib, Latakia, and Tartus, which are the five worst-hit provinces of Syria. Of the 7.1 million people of working age (age 16 or over) in this population, 2.7 million were employed, either formally or informally, and 22.8 percent of them were women. Workers and businesses need urgent help to rebuild livelihoods and prevent poverty, informality and exploitation in the region.



Tent Camp in N. Syria – Aid delivered to earthquake victims in need by IBC staff

³ <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>

3. IBC in the Field

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) continues emergency response across the earthquake zones in cooperation with AFAD, Turkish Red Crescent, local municipalities, governorships, councils, and the relevant and necessary stakeholders. For the earthquake response, IBC is operational and present at multiple sites located in seven provinces in Türkiye (Gaziantep, Hatay, Izmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Sanliurfa) and in the Aleppo governorate in Northwest Syria (5 camps in Al-Bab, multiple camps, and villages in A'zaz including IBC's pre-earthquakes established office).

With an aim to use resources efficiently, IBC has agreed on protocols with all local governorates and coordinates all activities with AFAD, TRC, the Directorate of Migration Management, and all other relevant and necessary stakeholders. Additionally, in line with the permission that IBC and all stakeholders must obtain to conduct psychosocial support (PSS) and related activities in the earthquake response, IBC's mobile PSS team has been approved by the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoSS) for all operational areas. As assessments are ongoing, IBC is responsive to the needs in the whole earthquake region, including the cities to which survivors have been evacuated.

After the effects of the devastating earthquake and the losses it caused, the vital needs of the earthquake victims become more evident. Like many regions where life has come to a standstill, in İslahiye and Kırıkhan, especially in villages, access to hot meals and self-care facilities is more than ever in places where tent settlements are set up. IBC, which performs needs analyzes at regular intervals in the earthquake area, has put the mobile kitchen, shower, and toilet, which it has completed, into the service of earthquake victims.

More than 2000 hot meals are served daily in the mobile kitchens developed by IBC in the region. With the onset of Ramadan, hot meals are regularly distributed to earthquake victims, especially those who don't have access to hot meals during the fast-breaking hours, in the container cities in İslahiye, the credit dormitories institution, the Fevzipaşa region, the camp construction, and the tent cities in the center of Kırıkhan. Hot meal aid is not limited to the month of Ramadan but will continue as two meals a day during and after the feast.



Hot Meals Distribution

Children are among the most vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake. IBC also provides clothing, health aids (including medicine and mobile services), hygiene materials, diapers, and food support for newborns, under-three and school-age children, which it prioritizes in humanitarian aid. The aim here is to reach children of all ages and meet their needs while preventing risks such as possible secondary tertiary health, hygiene, and intellectual disability.



Distributions for children with the support of Action Medeor

In this direction, IBC will host the Donor organization Action Medeor and RTL on the field this week. Our partners, who support our emergency humanitarian aid distributions from Germany, will also accompany our distributions in İslâhiye, Nurdağı, Kırıkhan, and Antakya. As IBC, we would like to express our special thanks to all our partners for their support, on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries we have reached.

Adiyaman

With the support of WHH, preparations were made for the distribution of 500 tents to those in need. Planning for the distribution of 500 hygiene and 500 food packages has been completed. In this process, the goal was to identify those in need and deliver requested goods in a timely manner, with case management support.

Diyarbakir

In the past weeks, we distributed hot meals to 500 people as part of the GIZ Earthquake Emergency Support with the Diyarbakir-based Smile to Life Association, to which we provided mentoring support within the scope of the GIZ Community-Based Local Initiatives (CLIP) project.⁵ We will continue to support the region with hot meals for the next 2 months.

⁵ <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/67106.html>

Gaziantep

Hot food distribution in the mobile kitchen, which started its operations with the support of Action Medeor, continues in the container cities in İslahiye, the credit dormitories institution, the Fevzipaşa region, and the campsite construction sites. With the arrival of Ramadan, the service of iftar menus takes place regularly.

Also this week in the region, protection, psychosocial support, and social adaptation activities were also carried out for 2000 beneficiaries.

In the case studies made within the framework of these efforts, interviews were held with 8 households including 19 children, 9 women, and 6 men beneficiaries. As a result of the analysis, 2 people were referred to the clinical psychiatry service, and 1 person was referred to the Family and Social Service Nurdağı Coordination.

Following the Rapid Protection Needs Analysis, blanket distributions regarding protection risks to 14 beneficiaries were also completed. In addition, 3 beneficiaries were directed to the Nurdağı Coordination of the Provincial Health Directorate for access to health services, and 5 beneficiaries were directed to the Nurdağı coordination of the Provincial Directorate of National Education for access to education services.

With the support of GIZ, the activities continued this week in the children's caravan located in Nurdağı /Gaziantep. Drama, Origami, Painting, and sports activities were held for children in tent cities. This week, 638 children were reached through educational and instructive activities.

Other deployments completed this week in the region:

İslahiye

- ✚ 100 sets of underwear
- ✚ 300 sleeping bags
- ✚ 50 wood stoves
- ✚ 525 food parcels (in cooperation with IDRF and Muslim Chartiy)
- ✚ 525 hygiene kits ((in cooperation with IDRF and Muslim Chartiy)
- ✚ Daily hot food distribution for 1000 people
- ✚ 100 fire extinguishers (with Action Medeor support)
- ✚ 1000 pcs kids food kits

Nurdağı

- ✚ 4000 units of 5 litre drinking water
- ✚ 1 container toilet,
- ✚ 400 food kits (with IDRF support)
- ✚ 55 wood stoves (with Action Medeor support)
- ✚ 300 fire extinguishers,
- ✚ 1000 pcs baby formula
- ✚ 1500 pieces of children's stationery kit



Workshops for children in the Child Caravan and tent camp (Nurdagi/Gaziantep)



Iftar meal is given in a container in İslahiye with the support of Action Medeor

Hatay

Preparations have been completed for the construction of the Kirikhan Community Center in Hatay, where people in need can access many services such as food support / psycho-social support / and protection measures.

The installation of activity/community tents in the area has begun. The Kirikhan container camp is built on an area of 34 decares to expand from 400 houses to several hundred houses more on 60 decares. The area will house an estimated 3000 people and provide access to electricity, water, and sanitation.

With the month of Ramadan, IBC started to distribute iftar and sahur meals at the mobile food bank in the region.

This week, IBC field staff delivered daily hot meals to 1000 people in 3 different locations, 500 stationery sets for children, 252 hygiene kits with the support of Caritas, and food parcel distributions with the support of IBC donor and long-term donor and long-term strategic partner International Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF) Canada. In addition, the distribution of 200 stoves in cooperation with Istanbul Aydın University and AKEV and the distribution of 88 children's entertainment sets donated to IBC Esenyurt Community Center by business people from Esenyurt was completed.



The Kirikhan Container Camp



Iftar meal distribution with the support of IDRF



Food and hygiene package support

Izmir

In Türkiye, 330 thousand people from 11 provinces under the state of emergency were evacuated to other provinces. In this context, thousands of earthquake survivors reached İzmir in the past weeks and a cooperation protocol was signed for earthquake victims in accordance with the demands of local administrations and the Directorate of Migration Management. Currently, IBC provides hot meals to those affected by the earthquake at the Air Force Special Education Center in Özdere, İzmir, and TMÖ camp in Gümlüdü, İzmir.

Within the scope of the first agreement of the project, three hot meals a day are served, with a total of 35,000 meals. This week, with the support of GlobalGiving and Episcopal Relief, the centers distributed hot meals to approximately 1000 people. Iftar and sahur support will continue to be provided during the month of Ramadan for earthquake victims in the region.



Air Force Special Education Center in Ozdere/Izmir

Kahramanmaraş

Electrical infrastructure installation works for tent cities in Elbistan region of Kahramanmaraş have been completed this week. While the regular distribution of food and heaters continues in the region, 250 stoves were distributed this week with the support of Istanbul Aydın University and AKEV.

While social cohesion activities were carried out for children at Ekinözü Primary School in the region, a popcorn machine was installed for children in the child-friendly tent in Elbistan and movie screenings began.



Popcorn Machine for Kahramanmaraş / Elbistan Child-Friendly Area

IBC Elbistan Community Center has been transformed into a study area for children preparing for the high school entrance exams (LGS). Work has started to establish a mother-child center in the container city in the region with the support of the Japan International Support Program (JISP).



Workshops for children in a tent camp in Elbistan/ Kahramanmaraş

Kilis

IBC also carries out social cohesion and child-friendly space activities at the IBC Kilis Community Center, which is an established and important center for the region since 2011.

In addition, IBC Kilis Community Center serves as the main center for IBC coordination, including cross-border projects.

More than 500,000 meals have been served in the region so far. This IBC partner IDRF Canada also visited our center in Kilis, and meetings were held for the coordination of the upcoming projects slated to begin in the coming days.



Stove distribution in cooperation with Istanbul Aydın University and AKEV / Malatya

Malatya

An IBC child-friendly area and PSS services have begun in Dogansehir/Malatya with the support of GIZ. In addition, our child-wellness teams continue their activities in the region for children affected by the earthquake. While the final preparations for the children's caravan to be put into service in the region were completed, 250 stoves were distributed in cooperation with Istanbul Aydın University.

Sanliurfa

IBC is meeting one of the most urgent needs in the field by providing psycho-social support services (PSS) in Sanliurfa. This week, in cooperation with Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality, PSS activities were carried out at Ahmet Yesevi Youth Center support activities and social cohesion activities. In addition, an iftar tent was opened with the support of Şanlıurfa Municipality.

Distribution of food, hygiene boxes, blankets, and mattresses was also completed for 32 families affected by the flood disaster in the region this week.



Iftar meal given in cooperation with Şanlıurfa Metropolitan Municipality

N. Syria

IBC Syria team continued to visit tent camps in the region this week as part of the mobile clinic project (Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadiif Village, and Tadif Camp). A total of 588 people were reached this week in the camps visited by community health teams.

In addition, IBC's work continues at the Dabiq Health Center where services were provided for 878 patients this week. 20 patients were transferred to hospitals by IBC ambulances.

As IBC within the framework of the protocol signed with the Ministry of Health and the Syrian Task Force, it was decided to run the Dialysis Department of the Al-Bab Hospital in the region with the support of MSF (Medicines Without Borders). Within the framework of the protocol, support will be provided to approximately 240 patients per week in the center where there are 17 dialysis machines.



Health Center and Ambulance Services in Dabiq



Hygiene kits were distributed in 3 camps in N. Syria with the support of Action Medeor.

Upcoming Projects to be Started in the Coming Days

- ✚ While our activities and distributions continue in Hatay, Kilis, Kahramanmaraş and Diyarbakir within the scope of the earthquake emergency aid project with the GIZ, 1300 children's clothes, 2000 blankets, 2000 hygiene packages, 4000 baby kits will be distributed in the project provinces.
- ✚ We will expand our work in Hatay with Caritas, which we have been working with since the first days of the earthquake. With Caritas, IBC has distributed 800 feminine hygiene packages, 800 family hygiene boxes, 500 children's and adult clothing, and 500 tarpaulins. IBC will expand our Mobile Toilet and Mobile Shower Cabin services in Hatay Container Kent. The new mobile toilet units will also have a separate toilet for the disabled.
- ✚ Within the scope of the project IBC carried out with International Medical Corps (IMC), IBC team provided 3 trucks of carboy drinking water to people living in tent cities. In the coming days, 750 feminine hygiene packages, 750 family hygiene packages, 1300 children's and adult clothes, 400 dry food boxes, and 5000 children's nutrition packages will be distributed. Within the scope of our project, IBC will cooperate with İslahiye State Hospital and provide medical supplies such as neck braces, arm cuffs, and crutches to individuals who need physical therapy.

Coordination

Coordination is central to the humanitarian response for the earthquakes regions. In this context, IBC has mobilized its full capacity in the region to cooperate and participate in daily and weekly meetings and in contact with AFAD authorities, Governors, District Governors, municipalities, and all relevant provincial representatives along with NGOs and civil society actors. Local and national NGOs involved in the earthquake response are organized under the name of Local Humanitarian Forum (LHF) which IBC participates in, in coordination with other local actors to improve coordination and inclusion of local NGOs and CSOs to the newly implemented OCHA cluster system in Türkiye. To that end, IBC participated to a number of sectoral meetings this past week including:

- ✚ Türkiye/ UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting
- ✚ Syria / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting
- ✚ Türkiye / UN OCHA- Shelter Meeting
- ✚ Syria Cross-Border / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting

Through the cluster system and coordination mechanisms, effective humanitarian aid is provided and standardized in line with international standards, preventing duplication of aid, and promoting humanitarian principles of neutrality, humanity, independence, and impartiality.



Hatay/Kirikhan

IBC would like to thank its generous partners, donors, and their networks so far who have allowed us to respond urgently to this devastation that has shaken the region to its core.



The earthquakes response is still evolving. Shelter/tents, thermal clothing, sleeping bags, heat, water, power supply, and baby care kits are still urgently needed. The damage done to roads and infrastructure has made many areas simply unlivable, the multiple earthquakes and over 7,000 aftershocks that continue have caused significant damage to the villages and rural areas in addition to urban areas.

As personnel on the ground are tasked with recovering the deceased and evaluating structural damage, the relief efforts to meet the hundreds of thousands of displaced residents must continue to be scaled up, especially for the most vulnerable women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons facing protection issues due to legal status in Türkiye. IBC will keep all partners and potential donors apprised of the current situation regularly.

We ask our partners and international civil society members to help us in these tragic days so that together we may overcome the suffering of our people. Please, do not forget about us.

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