

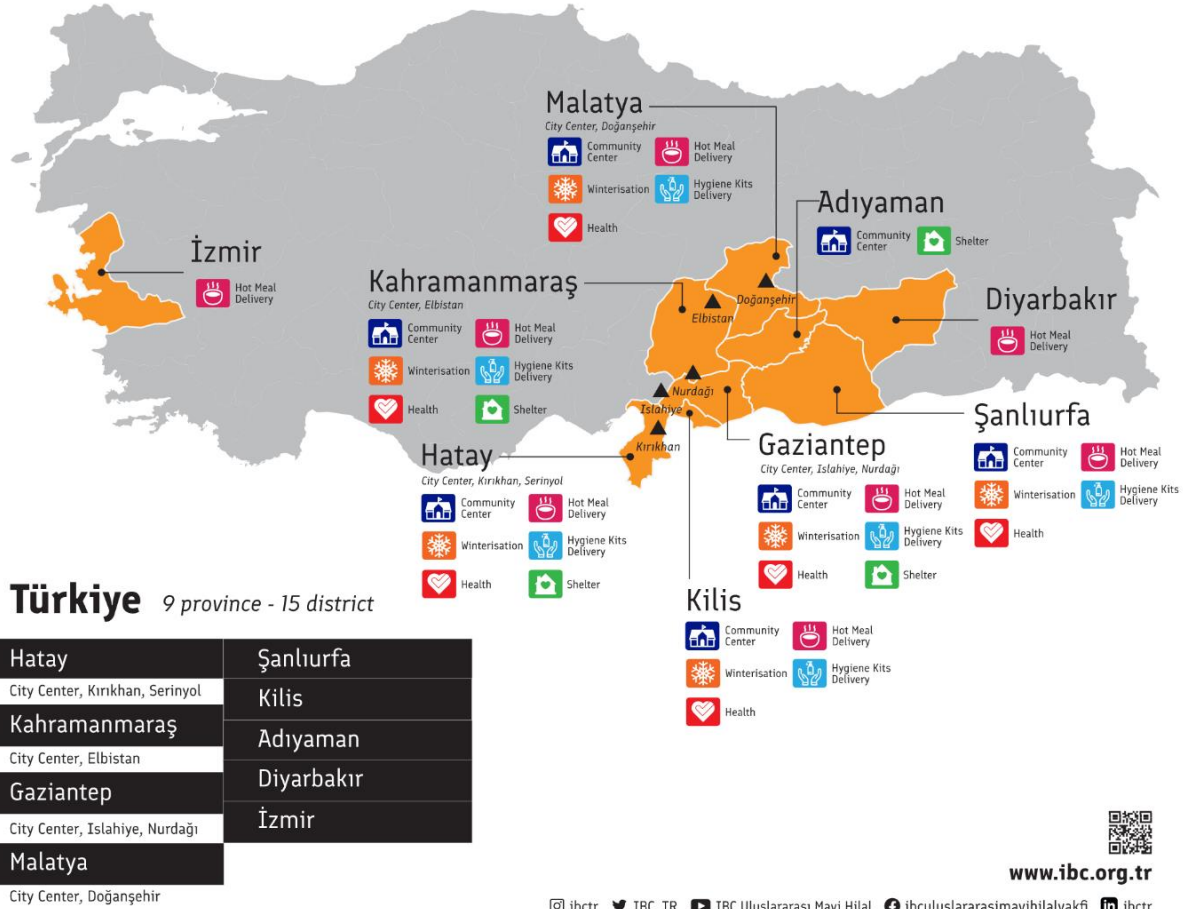
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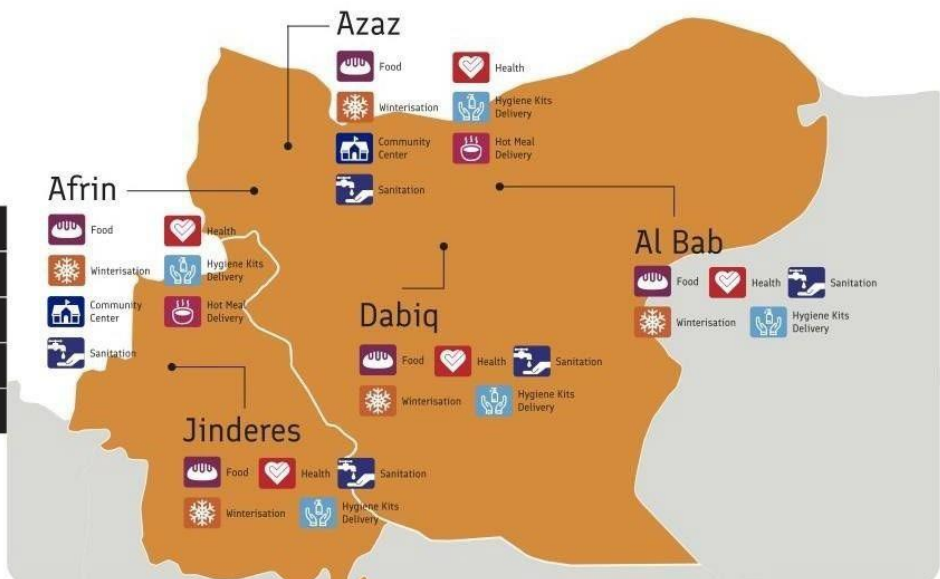
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Six Months After the Great Disaster...

To Be Hope for Children Who Witnessed Their Homes Destroyed Before Their Eyes ***We continue to work with our full capacity***

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 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
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

1. Developments

6 months have passed since the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes center in Kahramanmaras, which affected 11 provinces. In its latest statement, the Ministry of Interior stated that the highest number of casualties occurred in Hatay and that 50,783 people lost their lives in all regions. The number of migrants who lost their lives in the region was announced as 7302.

The debris removal works in Kahramanmaras, Hatay and Adiyaman, which are the provinces with the most destruction, have now come to an end. While the city centers where thousands of people live have been replaced by quiet squares, there are now empty lands in place of the destroyed buildings.

In this process, projects to provide disaster victims with a warm home continue to be realised one after another. Construction of 536 thousand 729 permanent houses is underway for 11 cities hit by the earthquake. It is aimed to build 82 thousand 104 new houses in Kahramanmaras, the center of the earthquake, and 220 thousand 66 new houses in Hatay. Support works have also accelerated for the tradesmen who were severely injured in the earthquakes. The construction of 3 thousand 400 workplaces were handed over to the tradesmen of the earthquake-hit region.



Antakya / HATAY

The construction of village houses in the earthquake regions continues at the same pace. Out of 143 thousand 271 village houses to be constructed; 37 thousand of them are about to be completed... While the houses are designed in accordance with the local architecture; worship areas and living centers in the region are also being rebuilt.

Along with shelter, it is also among the priorities to ensure that health services are not interrupted. In Hatay, built on an area of 25 thousand square meters, Defne State Hospital was completed and put into service in 2 months, while the works for the construction of Antakya and Iskenderun Hospitals accelerated. An all-out struggle is underway to develop all the provinces hit by the earthquake, but the most serious current problem in the region is still shelter and hygiene.

Periodical power and water cuts are a major problem especially for earthquake victims in temporary shelters. Increasing temperatures make living conditions even more difficult. According to the latest UNFPA data, 2.4 million people are currently living in temporary shelters in the earthquake zone. It is estimated that about 1.6 million people, half of them women and girls, are living in unofficial shelters and about 800 thousand people are living in official shelters.¹

The United Nations, on the other hand, continues its disaster support efforts following the earthquakes that shook Türkiye. In this context, UN Deputy Secretary-General Ivana Zivkovic was in Türkiye.

Zivkovic said, "We are now shifting our focus from survival to revitalizing the economy. People who receive training within the scope of the projects we will realise will have the opportunity to find qualified jobs and support their families when they return to their cities." Stating that Türkiye mobilized all its resources, Zivkovic said: "The international community supported many activities, especially search and rescue. As the United Nations Development Program, we are also helping small and medium-sized enterprises as well as our support for urgent needs. Today, we are announcing a \$4.5 million grant scheme for earthquake-affected businesses."

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/unfpa-turkiye-earthquake-situation-report-5-19-june-2023>



UN Deputy Secretary-General Ivana Zivkovic (HATAY)

UNDP is working to rapidly scale up this program to all affected provinces. UNDP also aims to equip container cities with wastewater treatment, drinking water and laundry facilities, disability-friendly showers and toilets, air conditioning systems; expand care services for the elderly and disabled; provide waste management equipment to hard-hit municipalities; and protect cultural heritage monuments at risk.²

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response

Adiyaman

According to official data, 8300 people lost their lives in Adiyaman, one of the cities with the most damaged infrastructure in the earthquake along with Hatay. In the city, the demolition and debris removal works of the collapsed and urgently demolished buildings have been completed.



Tent City (ADIYAMAN)

² <https://www.undp.org/>

The tent cities established to meet the need for shelter in the region were replaced by container cities. A total of 55 thousand 908 people are sheltering in container cities established at 48 points in Adiyaman center and districts. In addition to temporary shelter, the construction of permanent residences continues. 32 thousand 360 permanent houses are being built in Adiyaman center and districts. In the city where tradesmen started to open their workplaces, container bazaars were established instead of the destroyed workplaces. The required number of containers have been provided for the earthquake victims in rural areas, but there are problems in creating sufficient toilet and shower facilities in these areas.

Gaziantep

In the earthquakes, 3 thousand 919 people died throughout the city, 2 thousand 14 in Nurdagi district of Gaziantep and 1433 in Islahiye district.



*Nurdagi GAZIANTEP
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)*

Efforts are continuing to heal the wounds and normalize life in the city. While 14 thousand 45 heavily damaged buildings were identified in the region, 4 thousand 60 buildings were demolished. Over 21 thousand buildings were identified as urgently demolished, heavily, and moderately damaged. Tent cities where refugees were staying were emptied and moved to container cities. Around 2000 Syrian earthquake victims live in Aslanli-3 container city, which is supported by IBC and where mostly refugees live. While the electricity system connection in the region has been completed, the infrastructure for water connections is not ready yet, so it is not foreseen that the water system will be connected soon.

In Islahiye district of Gaziantep, some of the 400 houses consisting of 17 blocks in 5 months have reached the stage of completion. The first sample flats in the disaster houses in Islahiye have also been completed. Earthquake victims will be settled in these new houses in the winter months.

Hatay

In Hatay, where the earthquake caused a great destruction, 23 thousand 453 people lost their lives and 30 thousand 762 people were injured. While 22 thousand 820 buildings were destroyed throughout the city, 55 thousand 885 buildings were severely damaged.



Kirikhan, HATAY
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

As of July, 220 thousand 66 houses were under construction in the region, while the Emergency Hospital to be opened in Iskenderun has reached the stage of completion.

After the earthquake, Hatay, the city of civilizations, where 4 billion 90 million liras of investment was made, was brought back to its feet with the reconstruction process, while the infrastructure services in the region are being completely renewed. Along with all these, psychosocial support activities are not neglected. Expert teams have reached out to 472 thousand 249 earthquake victims so far.

Kahramanmaras



Container City (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

In Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter of two major earthquakes, 12,659 people lost their lives. In the region where approximately 47 buildings collapsed, first tents and then container cities were established for the sheltering needs of the earthquake victims. 19 thousand 404 containers were prepared in the city center and 13 thousand 983 containers in rural areas.

The construction of 82 thousand 104 houses and 30 thousand 310 houses of village house type in rural areas is progressing rapidly while the works initiated for permanent shelter in the region are being carried out by the relevant institutions and organizations.

The repair of public buildings in the city, whose entire infrastructure has been renewed, has also been completed. In addition to all these, psychosocial support teams working in the region have interviewed 616 thousand 894 people so far in order to heal the spiritual wounds of the earthquake.

Sanliurfa

In the region, which was also hit by floods after the earthquake, 17 people lost their lives due to torrential rains.

According to the latest findings, 22 thousand 464 independent sections in 12 thousand 728 buildings in the city have become unusable. Throughout the region, these figures reach 872 thousand units in 311 buildings. While the works to get the city back on its feet continue rapidly, the process has started for the completion of 3 thousand village houses in Sanliurfa. In addition, the construction of the houses in Eyyubiye, Birecik and Karakopru districts is continuing to be delivered to the earthquake victims in November.

Malatya

While normalization efforts are continuing in Malatya, the earthquakes in the region in the 2nd week of August caused great anxiety in the people.



MALATYA

The demolition of heavily damaged buildings in the city still continues. It has been determined that 127 thousand 293 of 421 thousand 616 independent buildings in the city are demolished, to be demolished urgently, heavily and moderately damaged.

To contribute to economic recovery in the region, temporary container business centers were opened for tradesmen.

70 thousand 263 earthquake victims in the region were placed in 18 thousand container cities located in 51 different locations. Within the scope of the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change's Re-Transformation project, work has started to build 103 thousand units of 19 houses in Malatya, which are disaster-resistant and suitable for horizontal structuring. Currently, the construction of 14 thousand 338 permanent houses in the region is also continuing rapidly.

North Syria

Syria, already suffering from a 12-year-long crisis, is now grappling with the aftermath of the devastating earthquake, where thousands have lost their lives.

Current reports indicate that approximately 2.9 million people have been affected by the earthquake in the region, with 302,500 individuals forced to leave their homes. The earthquake claimed the lives of 8,476 people.



Water Tank Project (Soran, NORTH SYRIA)

In response to the earthquake, the European Union (EU) extended exemptions in the sanctions applied to Syria due to the Kahramanmaras-centered earthquakes for six months to facilitate the swift delivery of humanitarian aid. These exemptions include the freezing of assets and restrictions on economic resources applied to certain individuals and entities on the sanctions list.³

After the earthquake, Washington and Brussels decided to waive sanctions to pave the way for more humanitarian aid to enter Syria.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/index_en

In a press conference, UN Secretary-General Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric gave information about the humanitarian aid to Syria and stated that the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) carried out two regular missions through the Oncupinar crossing these days. Dujarric stated that technical supplies were provided to the children's hospital and various health facilities.

Dujarric also noted that contacts with the Syrian administration on the UN's activities and position in the region are continuing.

It was announced that the Syrian administration allowed the UN humanitarian aid agencies to use the border crossing points of Oncupinar and Cobanbey with Türkiye until 13 August 2023 to deliver aid to the areas affected by the 6 February earthquake.



UN Secretary-General Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric

The five provinces that were most severely affected by the earthquake in Syria are Aleppo, Hama, Idlib, Latakia, and Tartus, where 42.4% of the country's population resides. Within this population, out of the 7.1 million people of working age, 2.7 million are employed, either formally or informally, and 22.8% of them are women. Workers and businesses in the region are in urgent need of assistance to rebuild livelihood opportunities, combat poverty, informality, and exploitation.

In the past 12 years, Syria's already heavily damaged economy and labor market conditions led to around 170,000 workers losing their jobs due to the earthquake. This loss directly affected 154,000 households and over 725,000 people, and about 35,000 micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises suffered losses.⁴

⁴ <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>

3. IBC in the Field



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)

IBC is continuing its emergency response efforts in the earthquake-affected areas in collaboration with AFAD, the Turkish Red Crescent, municipalities, governorates, and all relevant stakeholders. IBC operates in six regions in Türkiye, namely Adiyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Kilis, and Sanliurfa, as well as in five camps in El-Bab in North Syria, including operations in A'zaz camps and villages, including the pre-earthquake office.

In the sixth month of the earthquake; IBC has completed the establishment of three community centers, child-friendly spaces, and one mother-child care center in the earthquake-affected areas.

IBC works in coordination with all governorates under protocols signed for efficient use of resources, while coordinating its projects with AFAD, Turkish Red Crescent, Directorate General of Migration Management, and all relevant stakeholders.

In addition, IBC obtains the necessary permissions from relevant institutions to carry out psychosocial support activities, and all operational support services are approved by the Ministry of Family and Social Services.

Following the devastating effects of the earthquake and the losses it caused, the vital needs of earthquake survivors have become even more evident. In areas where life has come to a standstill, such as Gaziantep/Islahiye and Hatay/Kirikhan, especially in villages and locations where tent settlements are established, access to hot meals and self-care facilities is more crucial than ever.

IBC which conducts regular needs assessments in the earthquake-affected region, has also made mobile kitchens, showers, and toilets available to earthquake survivors.

IBC serves over 2,000 hot meals daily through the mobile kitchens it has set up in the region. Regular hot meal distributions will continue in Islahiye container cities, Kredi Yurtlar Kurumu, Fevzipasa district, camp construction sites, and tent cities in Kirikhan / Hatay where access to hot meals is limited.



Nurdagi, GAZİANTEP
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

Among the most vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake, children undoubtedly hold the top priority. IBC provides clothing, health assistance (including medication and mobile medical services), hygiene materials, baby diapers, and formula support for newborns, children under the age of three, and school-age children. The aim is to meet the needs of children of all age groups and prevent potential risks such as secondary and tertiary health issues, hygiene problems, and growth retardation. IBC also organizes breastfeeding counselling, psychosocial support and activities that contribute to the fine motor development of children through the Baby Friendly Space established in Elbistan Musiad Container City.

The container houses in Kirikhan/Hatay are provided through partnerships of IBC with Caritas, Conrad Hilton Foundation, JDC, Hungarian Church, GIZ, King Baudouin Foundation, Corus International, IDRF Canada, Muslim Charity, World Jewish Relief, and World Vision. Child-friendly spaces and psychosocial activity areas are supported by Good Neighbors International. Action Medeor support continues in Gaziantep/İslahiye, with daily distribution of hot meals for 1,000 people.



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)

As of August, we will continue to realize projects for the protection and development of the people of the region with the 170 container houses we have placed in the Türkiye-Korea friendship city established in Hatay / Serinyol. IBC extends its gratitude to all its partners for their support, on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries.

Adiyaman

IBC has reached more than 10,000 beneficiaries with its support activities in Adiyaman since the last weeks. Within the scope of the project, which was realized in partnership with World Vision, protection services, psychosocial support activities and distribution of grocery vouchers for earthquake-affected people continue on a regular basis. Within the scope of protection and psychosocial support activities, individual interviews were also conducted with earthquake victims.



Distribution of nutrition kits for children in cooperation with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)

Kitchen kits and baby care kits have also been distributed in the region in recent weeks. In addition, battery-powered wheelchairs distribution and diapers for people with special needs have also been distributed in recent months. In the past weeks in the region; in addition to providing support for the distribution of books within the scope of the mobile library project coordinated by the Provincial Directorate of Family and Social Services; meetings were also held for the new Public Education courses to be opened.

Gaziantep



Workshops for children at Child Caravan (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

We have offices and community centers in Nurdagi Aslanli-3 Tent City and Islahiye in Gaziantep, where we have been operating since the first day of the earthquake. With the cooperation of local administrations, we provide psychosocial support services, hot food distributions, in-kind aid and basic health services to approximately 2000 people per month.

In Nurdagi, where the settlement in Container Cities is almost completed, we continued to provide psychosocial support, laundry installation, hygiene support, child-friendly area activities and in-kind aid support this month. In Islahiye, our psychosocial support activities, child-friendly area activities, basic health - physical therapy services and hot food distribution services continue at full speed. In addition, hot food service for 1250 people and breakfast service for 260 households are provided daily in the region.

Since the first days of the earthquake, hot meal distributions have been continuing in the container cities in Islahiye, in the credit dormitories institution, in the Fevzipasa region and in the construction sites of the camp installation areas.

Child-friendly area practices in Nurdagi include sports activities, hand skill development activities, free time activities, creative drama activities. In addition to these, food, hygiene, cleaning, clothing, underwear distributions continue regularly within the scope of in-kind aids.













Workshops for children at Child Caravan (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

In addition, psychosocial support activities, children's activities and in-kind distribution services continue with our expert teams in Belpınar, Mesthuyuk, Gedikli, Cakmak, Kıriskal, Nogaylar, Yaylacik, Balikalan, Emirler, Satirhoyuk Villages and Yesilova hamlets of Nurdagi.

In Islahiye, a 3-room study center was opened in Living Area-1 container city with the support of NEAR. Here, trainings are organized for both adult and child groups with expert trainers. Handicraft activities for women and awareness sessions on disaster management will also be organized here in the coming days.

With the physical therapy support provided within the scope of IMC project in the region, we have also completed the screening of 1100 households.

Distributions in Gaziantep since July 15, 2023;

-  Cleaning Kit: 454 pieces
-  Baby Hygiene Kit: 300 pieces
-  Female Hygiene Kit: 770 pieces
-  Kids Snack Packs: 900 Pieces
-  Lice / Bacteria Remedy: 454 pieces
-  Antibacterial Eye Drops: 500 pieces
-  Hygiene Kit: 454 pieces
-  Hot Food Service: 1250 persons per day
-  Breakfast Service: 260 households per week
-  Children's Snack Kits: 250 pieces



Good Neighbors visit and distributions (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Workshops for children at Child Caravan (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

Services in Gaziantep since July 15, 2023;

Nurdagi;

- Household Visits : 295
- Number of Individual Interviews: 1799
- Child Friendly Area Activities: 8182 children
- Group Discussions: 156
- In-Kind Supports: Approximately 18123

Islahiye;

- Household Visit: 404
- Individual Interview: 1596
- Hot Food Service: 1250 persons per day
- Breakfast Service: 260 households per week
- Child Friendly Area Activities: 2706
- Basic Health Service: Approximately 1550
- In-kind Support: : Approximately 7504

Hatay



*AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)*

Kirikhan



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area's Child Beneficiaries (Kirikhan, HATAY)

In Hatay, life has begun at the Kirikhan Temporary Shelter Area, where people in need can access various services such as shelter, food support, psychosocial support, and protection measures with the support of AFAD (Disaster and Emergency Management Authority). Through AFAD's coordination, beneficiaries are settling into their containers at the Kirikhan Temporary Shelter Area. This area, supported by various organizations such as Action Medeor, GIZ, IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, JDC, World Vision, Good Neighbors, King Baudouin Foundation, Hungarian Church, and Caritas, is built on 34 acres of land with the capacity to expand to several hundred houses over 60 acres. It is estimated to accommodate about 3,000 people and provides access to electricity, water, and sanitation facilities.

As of the August, earthquake-affected families have been placed in 330 containers, and the registration of 1,185 individuals has been facilitated at the AFAD & IBC Temporary Shelter Area. Also in August, the Health Center containers were installed and put into use. In addition, last week, the asphalt works of the region and the trench excavation works to prevent flooding were completed.



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area daily food distribution (Kirikhan, HATAY)

The child-friendly area, which was established with the support of Good Neighbors, started its activities in August. Our beneficiaries in the child-friendly area start the day with sports activities, while they also participate in documentary hour, chess hour, puzzle and chess activities. Activities have also started in a children's education and activity caravan, which will be operational in the same area.



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan (Kirikhan, HATAY)

According to the latest data:

- Approximately 1308 portions of breakfast and dinner are distributed every week in the region.
- With the support of donors, a total of 10.000 people 5-liter water was distributed to the earthquake victims in Kirikhan container city and other earthquake victims in the region.
- With the support of donors, 12 washing machines were put into service in the camp and laundry detergent support was provided for each container.
- In cooperation with Good Neighbors Int. regular distribution of hygiene kits continues in the region.



Distribution of nutrition kits for children (Kirikhan, HATAY)



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan (Kirikhan, HATAY)

Serinyol

We inaugurated the Türkiye-Korea Friendship City in Hatay Serinyol with the participation of Korean Ambassador Won Ik Lee, Hatay Deputy Governor Bugra Karadag, Antakya District Governor Salih Gultekin, Head of AFAD Foreign Relations Department Muhammed Maruf Yaman and IBC Vice President Muzaffer Baca.

We are providing support to the container city, which will accommodate approximately 2000 people, together with Save the Children, Good Neighbors, First Hope Association, and KFHI in coordination with AFAD and KOICA.



Opening ceremony of Turkey-Korea Friendship City (Serinyol, HATAY)

- ✂ In this area where we have placed 170 containers, we will also distribute;
- 📦 Basic needs kits for earthquake victims,
- 👤 Develop psychosocial support activities for women
- 👤👤 Employment projects for redevelop the people of the region.

Kahramanmaras



Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS
(Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

IBCF Baby Friendly Space, which we have established in Elbistan Musiad Container Camp with our partner Japan International Support Program (JISP), is at the service of mothers-to-be and mothers with (newborn) babies... The team of nurses, psychologists, and facilitators responsible for child development activities also visit our beneficiaries in neighboring container camps Talas and Deik on certain days of the week. The most important activities of our Baby Friendly Space project, which is a very innovative and special service of its kind, are breastfeeding counseling workshops and psychological support activities for expectant mothers and mothers who are breastfeeding their babies...

In this context, the importance of breast milk, factors that increase or decrease breast milk, expressing breast milk, breastfeeding techniques, problems experienced during breastfeeding, what should be considered during breastfeeding, and problems and solutions arising from improper breastfeeding are conveyed by our nurses at the workshop.

In addition to breastfeeding counseling, our nurses discussed common sensitivities of newborn babies such as newborn baby care, washing, use of cotton clothes, room temperature, and the presentation of thrush, a mouth infection in babies).



Activities for children in a Baby Friendly Space support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Beneficiaries who were affected by the earthquake also regularly meet with our psychologists in order to share their feelings and receive the necessary psychological support. Mothers who socialize with energizer games both relieve stress, are informed about the social and psychological support they can receive during the postpartum period, and benefit from the distribution of breastfeeding, hygiene, and newborn kits prepared according to the feedback they give us. Located in Musiad Container Camp, our tent has also been specially designed for babies to develop their fine motor skills. The Baby Friendly Space is open to moms and babies from 9-6 every day of the week.



Activities for children in a Baby Friendly Space support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

This week in the region, 419 participants were reached in 17 sessions with group psychosocial support activities, mother-baby counselling, group trainings, awareness sessions, social activity activities for children; 15 individual interviews were made and a total of 524 beneficiaries were reached together with the area users. In the child-friendly area, 168 child beneficiaries were reached with 12 activities. In addition, 10 breastfeeding kits and 17 newborn kits were distributed in the area this week.



Activities for children and mothers in a Baby Friendly Space support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)



Activities for children in a Baby Friendly Space support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)



Activities for children at IBC Community Center Tent support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Kilis

Since 2011, IBC has established the Kilis Community Center, which has become an important center for social cohesion and child-friendly activities in the region. Currently, in addition to its cross-border projects, the Kilis Community Center serves as the main coordination center for the activities of International Blue Crescent. The center collaborates with local governments, public institutions, and other NGOs to develop effective and sustainable solutions to the problems faced by earthquake survivors. It provides various services, including psychosocial support, protection, social cohesion, vocational skills, school and homework support, information, and counseling services, to individuals affected by the earthquake.

Kilis experienced less damage compared to other cities after the disaster, leading to an influx of migrants from different regions. The city already hosted a significant number of vulnerable groups, increasing the sensitivity of the situation. In response, IBC has expanded its ongoing projects to provide more comprehensive emergency support, protection, psychosocial assistance, training services, social cohesion, and information services.



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (KILIS)

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The center was visited by GIZ and ECHO teams (KILIS)

In addition to all these practices, the center was visited by GIZ and ECHO teams for a documentary filming in recent weeks and the practices developed by the center for many years as well as its efforts in the fields of localization, capacity strengthening and providing qualified services were shared with the documentary team from abroad.

In August, awareness sessions for women were organized in the center in cooperation with DRC. With the support of World Vision, the distribution of grocery vouchers for 1500 people was completed.

In addition to all these, within the scope of the World Vision project, group psychosocial support sessions for 110 child beneficiaries, activities for 120 child beneficiaries, handicraft workshops for 66 women beneficiaries were held, and stationery and nutrition kits were distributed for 150 children.



Distribution of stationery and nutrition kits for children with Word Vision support (KILIS)

The Kilis Community Center continues to play a crucial role in supporting earthquake survivors and vulnerable groups, working diligently to meet their various needs and foster social cohesion in the region.

Since the first hours of the earthquake, the IBC Kilis Field Team has been carrying out support activities, providing services to 7643 individuals. These services include distributions, temporary shelter assistance, protection services, emergency support, and regular aid to those affected by the earthquake. The team has been actively working to address the urgent needs of the affected population and provide them with essential assistance and protection during this challenging time.



Maharetli Eller Workshop (KILIS)

Sanliurfa

IBC is carrying out its activities in the region in collaboration with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality and other NGOs. In recent weeks, psychosocial support services within the scope of the projects carried out with GIZ and World Vision for those in need in the region continued in Toki Batikent, Ahmet Yesevi and Ceylanpinar Youth Centers and more than 100 beneficiaries were reached. Within the scope of these activities, a soccer match was also organized with the beneficiaries in the Youth Centers.



Soccer event within the scope of social cohesion workshops (SANLIURFA)

In recent weeks, with the support of World Vision, the distribution of vouchers was completed to support the monthly grocery shopping of 2500 households in the region. With this project, families in need were able to reach their basic food, cleaning and clothing needs for 3 months without straining their budgets.

In addition, stationery and nutrition kits were distributed for children.



Distribution of stationery and nutrition kits for children with Word Vision support (SANLIURFA)



Distribution of battery powered wheelchairs in cooperation with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality (SANLIURFA)

In Sanliurfa, with the support of the Metropolitan Municipality, IBC also provided battery powered wheelchairs for beneficiaries with special needs to increase their freedom of movement and facilitate their daily lives.



Distribution of battery powered wheelchairs in cooperation with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality (SANLIURFA)

In Sanliurfa, more than 10.000 thousand beneficiaries have been reached so far with in-kind aids, psychosocial support activities, mental health support, social cohesion activities and individual interviews.



Workshops for youth (Suruc Youth Center, SANLIURFA)



Social cohesion and PSS activities (Suruc Youth Center, SANLIURFA)



Workshops for children (Suruc Youth Center, SANLIURFA)

North Syria

Following the 2023 Kahramanmaraş Earthquakes, IBC continues to provide emergency assistance in different health specialties to the communities affected by the devastating effects of the earthquake in North Syria, simultaneously with the emergency humanitarian aid support provided in different provinces and in accordance with our national policies.

In this direction, IBC will be the first and only Turkish NGO that provides support to certain medical branches, especially to inpatient hospitals, in addition to emergency humanitarian aid areas, with its donor, Action Medeor.

The process we have determined as Phase 2, will continue until 31.12.2024 and will include physiotherapy and psychosocial support services in Azaz Watan Hospital, supported by the Turkish Republic Ministry of Health, in the Euphrates Shield Region.

IBC Syria team continues to visit the tent camps in the region as part of the mobile clinic project. The last weeks, the team visited Qatar Village, Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadiff Village, and Tadif Camp. Within the scope of the Mobile Clinic Project, the Community Health teams have provided support to 874 patients as of this week. Among them, 538 patients received outpatient treatment, 212 patients were treated in the non-communicable disease's clinic, and 124 patients received treatment at the Sexual Health / Reproductive Health Clinics.

Additionally, the health center in Dabiq is still operational. This week; 1,012 patients received treatment at Dabiq Health Center, and 21 patients were provided services through evacuations conducted with the help of IBC ambulances. Moreover, 97 patients have completed their treatment at the dental clinic. Within the scope of the newly started physical therapy and psychological support project, screenings have started and a total of 173 patients have been reached with dialysis patient transfers.



Health services support with Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)

The Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, which shook northern Syria along with Türkiye, caused major damage to house, facilities and infrastructure in Northern Syria.

As IBC, we took action to meet the needs of Soran, one of the most affected regions, in line with the needs analyses we conducted. We are rapidly continuing the construction of a new water tank with a capacity of 100 cubic meters in Soran, whose main water tank was completely destroyed. In addition, we are also restoring the water tank with a capacity of 50 cubic meters, which was also damaged in the earthquake. After the restoration, we will provide water service to approximately 35,000 people in Soran.

The construction of the solar-powered system to fill both water tanks and distribute water to the city is nearing completion...



IBC Water Tank Project (Soran, NORTH SYRIA)

We believe that our project is one of the important steps towards a sustainable future; we aim to increase environmental awareness in an environmentally friendly order with a solar-powered water pumping system.

Again, within the scope of the Access to Water and Sanitation (WASH) project, we continue our work to build 4 toilet blocks in the IVA camp in A'zaz.



IBC Water Tank Project (Soran, NORTH SYRIA)

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The protocol preparation process for the installation of 21 toilet blocks for the Brotherhood Camp in the same region continues.

Coordination

Coordination is central to the humanitarian response for the earthquake's 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 several sectoral meetings this past week including:

- Türkiye / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting
- Türkiye / UN OCHA - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Meeting (WASH)
- Türkiye / UN OCHA - Shelter Meeting
- Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Monthly Meeting
- Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA – HEALTH Monthly Meeting
- Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA – WASH Monthly Meeting
- NGO forum Monthly meeting
- UN women's gender working group
- Türkiye Localization Advocacy Group Monthly Meeting
- Disaster Platform Monthly 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. The earthquakes response is still evolving.

Shelter/tents, thermal clothing, sleeping bags, heat, water, power supply, and baby care kits are still urgently needed. 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.



OCHA Türkiye Weekly Meeting

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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, keep us in your minds.

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