

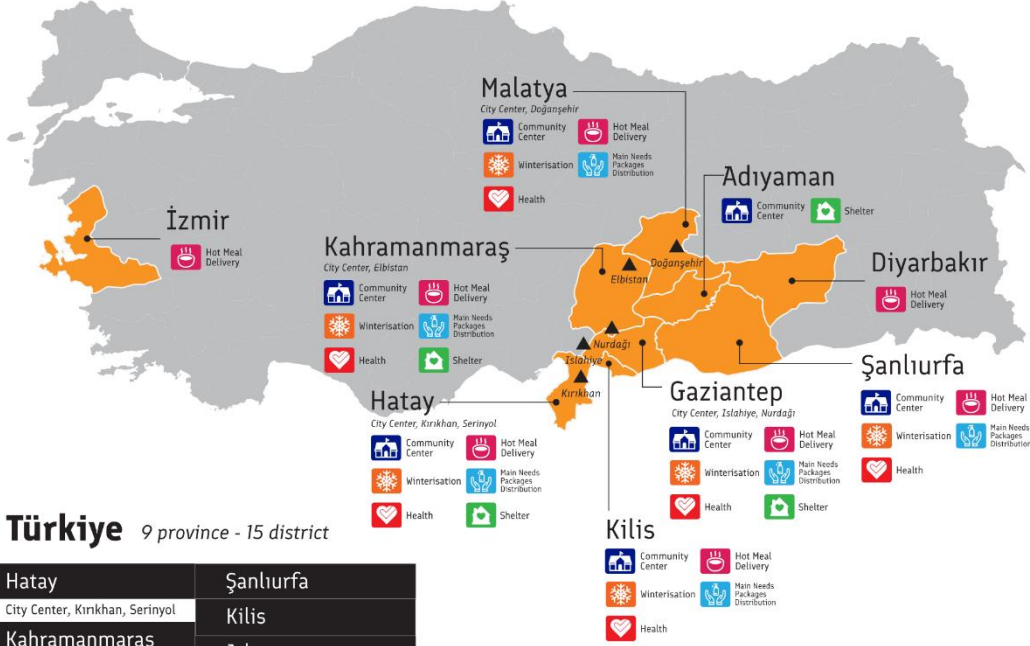
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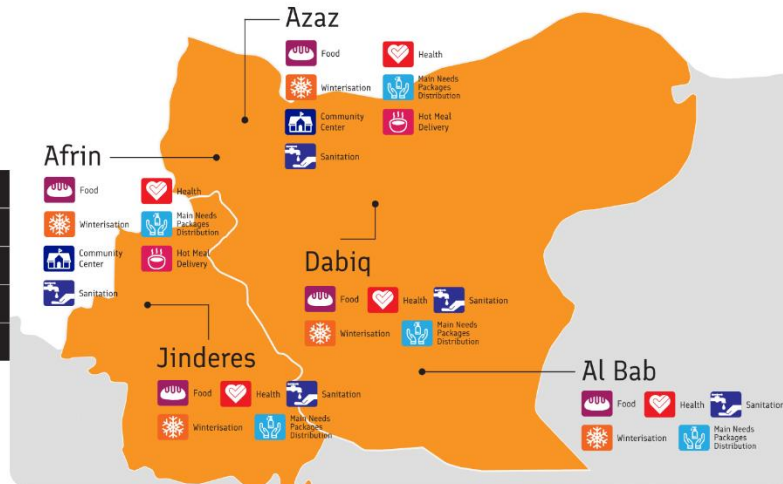
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Towards a Future Illuminated by Hope:

We Continue Our Activities to Rebuild Lives Destroyed by the Earthquake!

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 mobilise the heroic efforts of the many search and rescue teams. Immense and continued cooperation is needed to prevent further loss of life and suffering.



Nurdagi / GAZIANTEP (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

1. Developments

Eight months have passed since the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş, 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 died in all regions. The number of migrants who lost their lives in the area was 7,302. 107,000 people were injured in the earthquakes.

According to the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, 36,932 buildings in the region, including 13,883 in Hatay, 7,295 in Kahramanmaraş, 5,826 in Adıyaman, 4,197 in Malatya and 3,805 in Gaziantep, were destroyed in the earthquake. A total of 311 thousand buildings comprising 872 thousand independent sections became unusable due to the damage they sustained.

The earthquakes affected the lives of 14 million people, and the need for shelter, sanitation, hygiene, and psychosocial support is ongoing. According to the latest research conducted by the Red Crescent in the earthquake region, it was pointed out that the people affected by the earthquake are still under intense trauma and stress. At the same time, the need for privacy in shelters is also a significant problem.¹

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/february-6th-earthquake-current-situation-analysis-and-needs-assessment-research-report>



Nurdagi / GAZIANTEP (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Mehmet Ozhasaki announced that the construction of 200 thousand houses in the earthquake zone has started, and 40 thousand houses will be delivered in the first stage after two months.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, during his participation in the "Earthquake Reality and Urban Transformation Council", said, *"We need to carry out the works by accepting all 81 provinces as earthquake zones."* He also stated that the number of earthquake victims living in container cities has reached 1.9 million. Underlining that these figures are more than some European countries' total housing and commercial area size, Erdoğan said, *"In other words, after the February 6 earthquakes, we were faced with rebuilding a medium-sized country from scratch."*



Council of the European Union

Erdoğan added that 1 trillion Turkish Liras will be allocated for the earthquake zone in 2024, and 3 trillion Turkish Liras will be used to recover our earthquake-stricken cities over the next three years.

The European Council has approved a plan to send 400 million euros to help the victims of the earthquakes center in Brussels. The European Council, composed of representatives of EU member states, approved the EU Commission's plan to provide a total of 454.8 million euros in disaster aid to Türkiye, Italy, and Romania. Romania, which suffered widespread damage in 2022, will receive €33.9 million and Italy, whose central regions were affected by floods in September 2022, will receive €20.9 million. Of this amount, €400 million will go to Türkiye.

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response

Adiyaman



ADIYAMAN (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

According to official data, 8300 people died in Adiyaman, which, along with Hatay, was one of the cities with the most damaged infrastructure in the earthquake. Official data shows that the city's population, which was 650,000, dropped to 350,000 after the earthquake.

While there has been a significant migration from the city center to the villages, the fact that more people are living there than the capacity causes problems in access to infrastructure and needs. As of September, more than 60,000 people live in containers in the city. According to official sources, 72% of the buildings in the city are registered as heavily damaged... Aftershocks continue in the region.

The first part of the permanent houses in Adiyaman will be delivered on the 100th anniversary of the republic, on October 29th, Republic Day. By the end of the year, 2,685 houses will have been provided as of March. In June, all 3,34 houses built in Orenli are planned to be completed. While the construction of the houses is continuing, TOKİ is also continuing infrastructure works swiftly.

Gaziantep

In the earthquakes, 3 thousand 919 people lost their lives across the city, 2 thousand 14 in the Nurdagi district of Gaziantep and 1,433 in the Islahiye district.

While the construction of permanent houses continues in the city, on the other hand, efforts are being made to prevent the earthquake victims sheltering in containers from being adversely affected by the weather conditions due to the approaching winter season. Under the coordination of AFAD, schools, playgrounds, markets, hospitals, water reservoirs, water treatment plants, logistics warehouses and sports fields in the centers are being overhauled and made suitable for winter conditions.



Nurdagi / GAZIANTEP (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

Hatay



Antakya / HATAY (Credit by Saype)

In Hatay, where the earthquake caused massive destruction, 23,453 people died, and 30,762 people were injured. While 22,820 buildings were destroyed across the city, 55,885 were severely damaged. While the debris removal works in the region have been largely completed, the Antakya region has become almost unrecognisable. Approximately 150 thousand people are currently living in container cities in the city. The construction of 220 thousand permanent houses has begun.

The construction of earthquake-resistant village-type houses is also continuing rapidly. The number of village houses planned to be completed is 6,847. Work is also accelerating to meet the region's need for permanent hospitals while infrastructure and construction works for the hospitals built in Antakya and Iskenderun continue.

Saype, who wants to draw attention to social problems by painting large areas with environmentally sensitive paints, made his last work for earthquake victims in Antakya.

Kahramanmaras

In Kahramanmaras, the epicenter of two major earthquakes, 12,659 people lost their lives. In the region where 47 buildings collapsed, tents and container cities were first set up to shelter earthquake victims. 19,404 containers were prepared in the city center and 13,983 in rural areas.

While the relevant institutions and organisations are carrying out the works initiated for permanent shelter in the region, the construction of 82 thousand 104 houses and 30 thousand 310 houses of village type in rural areas is progressing rapidly. In the city where aftershocks are still frightening, 9,800 permanent houses are planned to be delivered to earthquake victims by the end of the year.

While 126,000 disaster victims live in container cities, the Governorate of Kahramanmaras announced that 55 container cities had been established across the province to shelter citizens. It was also stated that approximately 15 thousand containers were installed in rural areas outside the container cities.



Elbistan / KAHRAMANMARAS (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

Sanliurfa

Seventeen people lost their lives due to torrential rains in the region, which was also hit by floods after the earthquake. While the efforts to get the city back on its feet continue rapidly, the construction of earthquake houses also continues. Sanliurfa governorship announced that they plan to deliver 897 houses in December.

Malatya

Normalisation efforts continue in Malatya. In the region where 1 out of every three buildings became unusable after the February 6 earthquake, temporary container business centers were opened for tradespeople to contribute to economic recovery.

According to the current data in Malatya, 70 thousand 263 earthquake victims have been placed in 18 thousand container cities located in 51 different locations. The construction of permanent residences, the foundations of which were laid by TOKİ, is also continuing rapidly in the region. According to the latest official data, 111,223 people stay in the region's container cities.

North Syria

In addition to its 12-year crisis, Syria is recovering from an earthquake that killed thousands of people. Recent reports indicate that around 2.9 million people in the region were affected by the earthquake, and 302,500 people were forced to flee their homes. According to the latest data, 8,476 people in Syria and 4,276 Syrians in Türkiye died in the earthquake.



Distributions with the support of Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)

The earthquake reportedly caused 5.85 million dollars worth of damage to the Syrian economy. While the disaster was primarily effective in the northwestern regions of Syria, more than 170,000 people fled the area until the first week of March due to the earthquake.

Most of those displaced by the earthquake have joined shelter camps, and new camps have been set up to accommodate large numbers of newly displaced people. Across Syria, the number of buildings fully or partially damaged by the earthquake reached 12,796, of which 2,691 were destroyed. Idlib was also the region with the highest number of damaged buildings, with 46.6 per cent of the buildings damaged in the earthquake. It was followed by the Aleppo countryside, where around 34 per cent of buildings were destroyed in the quake.

The already depleted health sector failed to meet the needs of the wounded in several areas. Dozens of health facilities were either entirely or partially destroyed. Education has also been negatively affected. As many schools as possible in the affected areas have been destroyed, damaged, or turned into shelters for people affected by the earthquake. The economic damage caused by the earthquake is estimated to account for around one-third of Syria's GDP in 2022, with financial losses being hefty in northwest Syria. Therefore, the earthquake exacerbated the disparity between the affected areas and the rest of Syria. Civil society organisations and initiatives, particularly in northwest Syria, have saved thousands of lives despite a severe lack of resources and equipment.

Civil society organisations and initiatives have responded to the challenges exemplary, reflecting a culture of social solidarity and transcending the political, geographical, and cultural polarisation exploited by authoritarian forces. This spirit of solidarity has been an essential factor in overcoming the social division that Syrians have experienced since the start of the war in the country.²

3. IBC in the Field

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) continues its emergency response efforts and long-term support projects in the earthquake zone by signing the necessary protocols in cooperation with AFAD, Red Crescent, Municipalities, Governorships, Directorate of Migration Management, and all relevant stakeholders with the priority of efficient use of resources.

IBC continues its operations in 6 regions in Türkiye, namely Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis and Sanliurfa; in 5 camps in Al-Bab in Northwest Syria; and camps and villages in Azaz including the office established before the earthquake.

² <https://scpr-syria.org/the-impact-of-the-earthquake-in-syria>

As the eighth month of the great catastrophe has passed, IBC continues its activities in the earthquake zones, having completed establishing four community centers, child-friendly areas, and a mother-child care center.



KILIS (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

IBC has also been approved by the Ministry of Family and Social Services for all operational support services to carry out activities related to psychosocial support for earthquake victims.

In the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and the loss of life, the vital needs of earthquake victims are becoming more apparent. In Gaziantep / Islahiye and Hatay, as in many areas where life has come to a standstill, access to basic needs needs to be improved. IBC, which regularly conducts need assessments in the earthquake zone, has completed the installation of mobile kitchens, mobile showers, and toilets in many regions.

IBC served over 2000 hot meals daily in mobile kitchens in the region. For earthquake victims who did not have access to hot meals, hot meals were distributed in container cities in Islahiye, Credit and Dormitories Institution, Fevzipasa campus, construction sites of camps and Kirikhan center. Hot meal distributions are still ongoing in the container city of Islahiye.

Undoubtedly, children are among the most vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake. IBC provides clothing, health aids (including medicines and mobile services), hygiene materials, diapers and formula for newborns, children under three, and school-age children, prioritised in its humanitarian aid. The aim is to reach children of all ages and meet their needs while preventing possible secondary and tertiary health, hygiene, and growth retardation risks. At the same time, the Baby Friendly Area established in Elbistan Musiad Container City provides breastfeeding counselling and psychosocial support to mothers who have just given birth and organizes activities that contribute to children's fine motor development.

Container houses in Hatay Kirikhan were provided by IBC partners Caritas, Conrad Hilton Foundation, JDC, King Baudouin Foundation, Corus International, IDRF Canada, Muslim Charity, World Jewish Relief and World Vision. Child-friendly and psychosocial activity areas continue their activities with the support of Good Neighbors International. With the support of Action Medeor, hot meals for 1000 people are distributed daily in Gaziantep /Islahiye.

The official opening ceremony of the AFAD & KOICA Türkiye-Korea Friendship City, established in Hatay's Serinyol district, will occur in October. Here, 170 container houses have been placed by IBC. Protection and development projects are also being implemented for living here.

In addition, donors also provided drinking water support, which is the most critical need of the settlements in Hatay, Malatya, Adıyaman and Kahramanmaraş.

On behalf of hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, IBC would like to thank all our partners for their support.

Adiyaman

IBC's Adiyaman Office and Community Center, which was established with the support of World Vision and GIZ, has started its operations in recent months. While reaching out to over 10,000 beneficiaries in Adiyaman, awareness-raising activities on child-friendly spaces and gender-based violence are also carried out in the region with the support of World Vision.



Workshops for children support with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)

In the region with many cases in need of psychosocial support, protection services for earthquake-affected people and psychosocial support for children and adults continue regularly. Individual interviews are also held with earthquake victims. In addition, sewing and embroidery courses with expert trainers have also started in the safe spaces we have set up for women. The workshops support the well-being of women who were distanced from life due to the earthquake's shocking impact while enabling them to contribute to production.

Kits for basic needs are also regularly distributed in the region. Recently, baby and patient diapers for those in need, hygiene kits for families, and clothing for women have been distributed.



Sewing course at Community Center in support with GIZ (ADIYAMAN)



Sewing course at Community Center in support with GIZ (ADIYAMAN)

Gaziantep

In Gaziantep, where we have been operating since the first days of the earthquake, we have offices and community centers in Nurdagi Aslanlı-3 Tent City, Nur-1 Tent City and Islahiye. In cooperation with local authorities, we provide psychosocial support, hot meal distributions, laundry/hygienic needs support with GNI support, in-kind assistance, and basic health services, including physical therapy, to approximately 2000 people per month.



Laundry (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

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

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



Workshops for children at Child Caravan (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



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Distribution of women's clothing with GIZ support (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Book distribution with GIZ support (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Distributions with the support of Good Neighbors (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

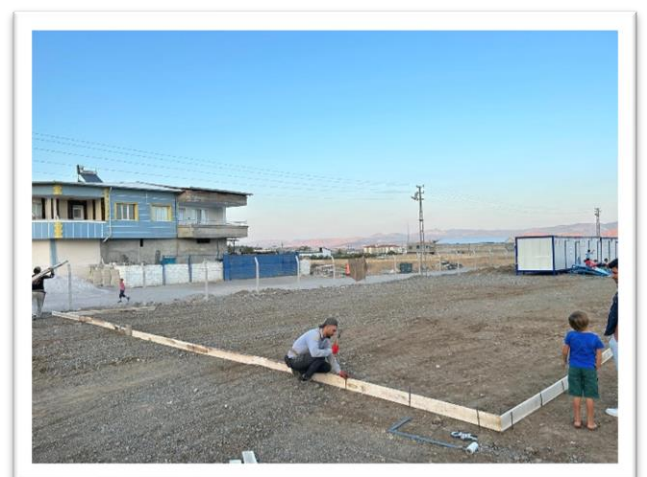
In Islahiye, a 3-room study center was opened in Yasam Alan-1 container city with the support of NEAR. Here, trainings are organized in adult and child groups with expert trainers. Activities for children in the region have reached approximately 2,000 children in the last months.



Study Center in cooperation with NEAR (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



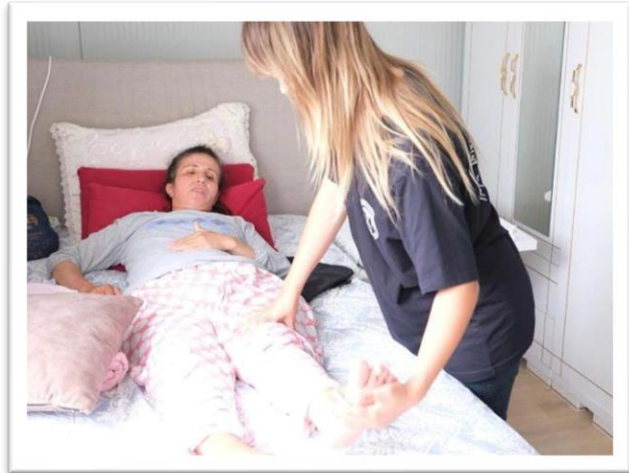
Study Center in cooperation with NEAR (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



Construction of the study center with the support of World Vision (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)

Work is underway to establish another study center in Islahiye, which will be put into service with the support of World Vision in the coming days.

Support is also provided to those in need with regular physical therapy support in the region. A clean water storage tank has also been installed in Islahiye to ensure access to clean water.



Physical therapy support in cooperation with IMC (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



Workshops in schools (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)

Data in the Region;

Nurdagi:

- Household Visits: 303
- Individual Support Sessions: 1824
- Child-Friendly Space Activities: 10.545 children
- Group Discussions: 156 participants
- In-Kind Supports: 25.584
- Hygiene Kit Distribution: 454
- Baby Hygiene Kit Distribution: 300
- Feminine Hygiene Kits Distribution: 700
- Tarpaulin: 50
- Test books for students: 125 sets

Islahiye:

- Household Visits: 1530
- Individual Support Sessions: 2334
- Group Discussions: 245 women participants
- Child-Friendly Space Activities: 4808 children
- Hot Food Service: 1250 people per day
- Primary Health Care: 1301 Households
- Hygiene Kits: 400
- In-Kind Supports: 8529
- Children Snack Kit Distribution: 150
- Test books for students: 125 set



Hot meal distribution with the support of Action Medeor (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)

Recently, Australian Ambassador Miles Armitage visited our work sites in the earthquake-stricken city and received detailed information about our projects.



Australian Ambassador Miles Armitage's visit to the earthquake zone (GAZIANTEP)

Hatay

Kirikhan

In Hatay, with the support of AFAD, life has started in Kirikhan Temporary Living Space, where those in need can access many services from shelter to food support, psychosocial support, and protection measures, and those in need have settled in their containers with the coordination of AFAD.

Kirikhan Temporary Living Area was built with the contributions of Action Medeor, GIZ, IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, JDC, World Vision, Good Neighbors, King Baudouin Foundation, Hungarian Church, and Caritas on 34 acres of land from 400 houses to several hundred houses on 60 acres. The area accommodates 3,000 people and provides electricity, water, and sanitation access.

In August, the Health Center containers were also installed and opened.



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan (Kirikhan, HATAY)



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

In addition, activities for adults have also started to be organized in the area, and an awareness session on "Sexual Health and Reproduction" was organized with the participation of women in the container city in recent weeks.

Courses have also started in the handicraft workshops at the community center in the area, while efforts to support women's well-being continue with a holistic approach.

In addition, breakfast and dinner for approximately 1,400 people were distributed weekly in the region, and this service was completed as of September.

According to the latest data:

-  102 lice shampoos were distributed with the support of GIZ.
-  102 pieces of clothing suitable for the region's climate for women were distributed with the support of GIZ.
-  100 hygiene kits were distributed with the support of GIZ.



PSS support for beneficiaries living in a container city (Kirikhan, HATAY)



Sewing Course (Kirikhan, HATAY)



Distributions with GIZ support (Kirikhan, HATAY)

Serinyol

The official opening ceremony of the AFAD / KOICA Türkiye-Korea Friendship City, which we established in the second week of August in the Serinyol district of Hatay, will take place in October. We are providing support to the container city, which will accommodate approximately 2000 people, under the coordination of AFAD and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), together with Save the Children, Good Neighbors, First Hope Association and KFHI.



IBC Community Center in Turkey-Korea Friendship City (Serinyol, HATAY)

All 500 containers in the area have recently been delivered to those in need. In the past weeks, we have regularly conducted needs assessments in the area and evaluated the opinions and expectations of the people living there, especially regarding employment projects.

Awareness sessions with experts have also started at the site. Recently, participants showed great interest in the gender awareness session. Approximately 575 beneficiaries have been reached in the region in the last months.

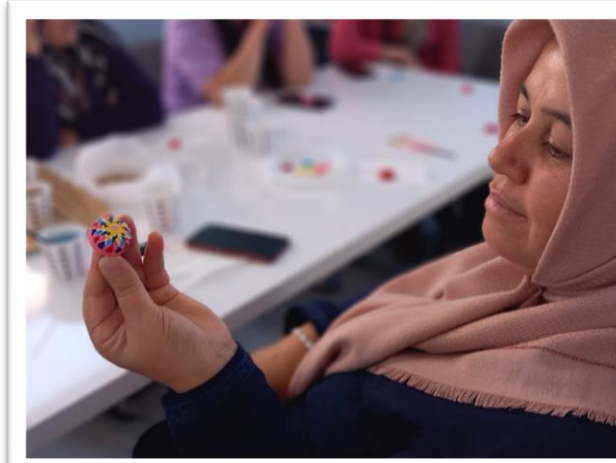


Distribution of snacks for earthquake victims living in Turkey-Korea Friendship City (Serinyol, HATAY)

Kahramanmaraş

In collaboration with the Japan International Support Program (JISP), we have established a Baby Friendly Space in Elbistan Musiad Container Camp, where we continue to provide services to expectant and new mothers.

The nurses, psychologists, and facilitators responsible for child development activities also visit our beneficiaries in the neighboring container camps of Talas and Deik on certain days of the week. Among the most important activities of our Baby Friendly Space project, a very innovative and special service, are breastfeeding counselling workshops and psychological support for expectant and new mothers.



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



Dsitributions for women support with JISP (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

In this context, with the breastfeeding counselling workshop, our nurses explain the importance of breast milk. These factors increase and decrease breast milk, expressing breast milk, breastfeeding techniques, problems experienced during breastfeeding, nutritional considerations during breastfeeding, and problems and solutions arising from improper breastfeeding. In addition to breastfeeding counselling, sensitivities such as newborn baby care, bathing, use of cotton clothes, room temperature and thrush formation are also shared by our expert nurses.

Expectant mothers and mothers affected by the earthquake also meet regularly with our psychologists to convey and share their feelings and receive the necessary psychological support. Mothers who socialise with meet-and-greet games relieve stress and are informed about the social and psychological support they can receive during the puerperium.

They also benefit from distributing breastfeeding, hygiene and newborn kits prepared according to their feedback.



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

Our tent in the Musiad Container Camp is also specially designed for babies to develop fine motor skills. The Baby Friendly Space is open for mothers and baby beneficiaries every day of the week from 9-6 and continues to create new activities.



Activities for children at the IBC Community Center Tent (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)



Physiotherapy support realized with IMC support (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Regular group psychosocial support activities, mother-baby counselling, group training, awareness sessions, individual sessions and social activities for children have reached over 2000 participants since last month. In addition, within the scope of the IMC project, physiotherapy sessions were also carried out in the field and the areas where those in need live.

Since last month, with the support of KEDV and OXFAM, psychosocial support activities, handicraft workshops and awareness sessions to improve the well-being of women have been regularly organized both in the container city area and in Elbistan and Goksun districts. In addition, hygiene kits were distributed in Musiad, Sami Efendi and Deik Container Cities.



Women-friendly area activities with KEDV - Oxfam support (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)



Women-friendly area activities with KEDV - Oxfam support (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Kilis

Since 2011, IBC has been running social cohesion and child-friendly space activities at IBC Kilis Community Center, which has become an essential hub for the region. In addition, it now serves as the leading center for IBC coordination, including cross-border projects. Kilis Community Center collaborates with local governments, public institutions, and other NGOs to provide effective and lasting solutions to the problems faced by earthquake victims. The center provides psychosocial support, protection, social cohesion, hand skills, school and homework support, information and counselling services, and orientation services.



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (KILIS)

In this context, as IBC, emergency support, protection services, psychosocial support services, course services, social cohesion services and information services have been made more comprehensive in the ongoing projects.



Awareness sessions for women at IBC Kilis Community Center (KILIS)



Awareness sessions for women at IBC Kilis Community Center (KILIS)

After the disaster, Kilis, which started to receive migration from different regions because the damage in the province was less than in other cities, has increased its sensitivity as it already hosts a large proportion of disadvantaged groups.



Awareness sessions for women at IBC Kilis Community Center (KILIS)



Stationery kit distribution for children (KILIS)



Maharetli Eller Workshop (KILIS)

In this context, stationery kits were distributed to children with World Vision's support last week. We have also started a series of awareness-raising sessions to empower women. The Center also organized the Maharetli Eller Handicraft Workshop with many participants in the past few days.

Since the early hours of the earthquake, the IBC Kilis Field Team has supported around 17,500 people since the beginning of 2023 through distributions, temporary shelter services, protection services, emergency relief efforts and other regular support.

Sanliurfa

IBC conducts its activities in the region in cooperation with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality and other NGOs. In the past weeks, psychosocial support services and child-friendly space activities have been ongoing for those in need in the region within the scope of the projects carried out with GIZ and World Vision.

In addition to the individual interviews held in the region in the past weeks, awareness sessions were organized in Suruc and Seyh Maksut Youth Center, reaching 500 beneficiaries.

In recent weeks, with the support of World Vision, the distribution of vouchers was completed to support the monthly grocery shopping of 2,500 households in the region. With this project, families in need could access their primary food, cleaning, and clothing needs for three months without straining their budgets.



Awareness sessions for women (SANLIURFA)



Awareness sessions for women (SANLIURFA)



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (SANLIURFA)



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (SANLIURFA)

In Sanliurfa, over 10,000 thousand beneficiaries have been reached with in-kind aids, psychosocial support, mental health support, social cohesion activities and individual interviews.

North Syria

Following the 2023 Kahramanmaraş Earthquakes, we continue our support efforts in Northern Syria in line with our national policies and emergency humanitarian aid efforts in different provinces.

In the region, we are developing aid projects under different headings for communities exposed to the devastating effects of the earthquake and migration.

IBC is the first and only Turkish NGO to support certain branches of inpatient hospitals in the region, especially in the health field, in addition to emergency humanitarian aid efforts in cooperation with Action Medeor.

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



Health services support with Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)



Health services support with Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)



Information sessions held with the support of Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)



The IBC Syria team continues to visit tent camps in the region within the scope of the mobile clinic project (Qatar Village, Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadev Village and Tadev Camp). As of this week, 1062 patients have been supported in the camps visited by community health teams as part of the Mobile Clinic Project. In this context, 717 patients received outpatient treatment, 200 at the Non-Communicable Diseases Clinic and 145 at the Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics.



Health service with the support of MSF (Al-Bab / NORTH SYRIA)



Health service with the support of MSF (Al-Bab / NORTH SYRIA)



Dabiq Health Center (NORTH SYRIA)

In addition, work continues at the Dabiq Health Center. This week, 897 patients were treated in Dabiq, and 21 were referred by IBC ambulances. In addition, 58 patients completed their treatment at the dental clinic.

Within the scope of the physical therapy and psychological support project, which started with the support of Action Medeor, screenings have been created, and a total of 161 patients have been reached with dialysis patient transfers and psychosocial support activities.

The Kahramanmaraş earthquakes shook northern Syria and Türkiye and caused extensive damage to the north of Syria's homes, facilities, and infrastructure. As IBC, we took action to meet the needs of Soran, one of the most affected areas, in line with our needs analysis. We completed the construction of a new water tank with a capacity of 100 cubic meters in Soran, whose main water tank was destroyed, and put it into service. We are also restoring a 50 cubic meter capacity water tank damaged in the earthquake. After the restoration, we will provide water service to approximately 35,000 people in Soran.



IBC Water Tank Project and solar-powered water pumping system (Soran, NORTH SYRIA)



MSF-supported WASH Project (Azaz, NORTH SYRIA)

The construction process of the solar-powered system we built to fill both water tanks and distribute water to the city has been completed. We believe that our project is one of the important steps towards a sustainable future; we aim to raise environmental awareness in an environmentally friendly manner with the solar-powered water pumping system. Within the scope of the WASH project, work has been completed for 4 toilet blocks and 2 shower areas for the IVA camp in Azaz.

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

Coordination

Coordination is central to the humanitarian response for the earthquake regions. In this context, IBC has mobilised its total capacity in the region to cooperate and participate in daily and weekly meetings and 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 in the newly implemented OCHA cluster system in Türkiye. To that end, IBC participated in 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
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- ✚ 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 standardised in line with international standards, preventing duplication of aid and promoting humanitarian principles of neutrality, humanity, independence, and impartiality. The earthquake 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.

In this context, IBC Grants and Partnerships Manager Heather Sonya Üner attended this year's UNHCR Europe Regional Consultation Meeting in Geneva to share her expertise and experience in the development field.



UNHCR Europe Regional Consultation Meeting - Heather Sonya Üner (Geneva, SWITZERLAND)

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.



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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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