

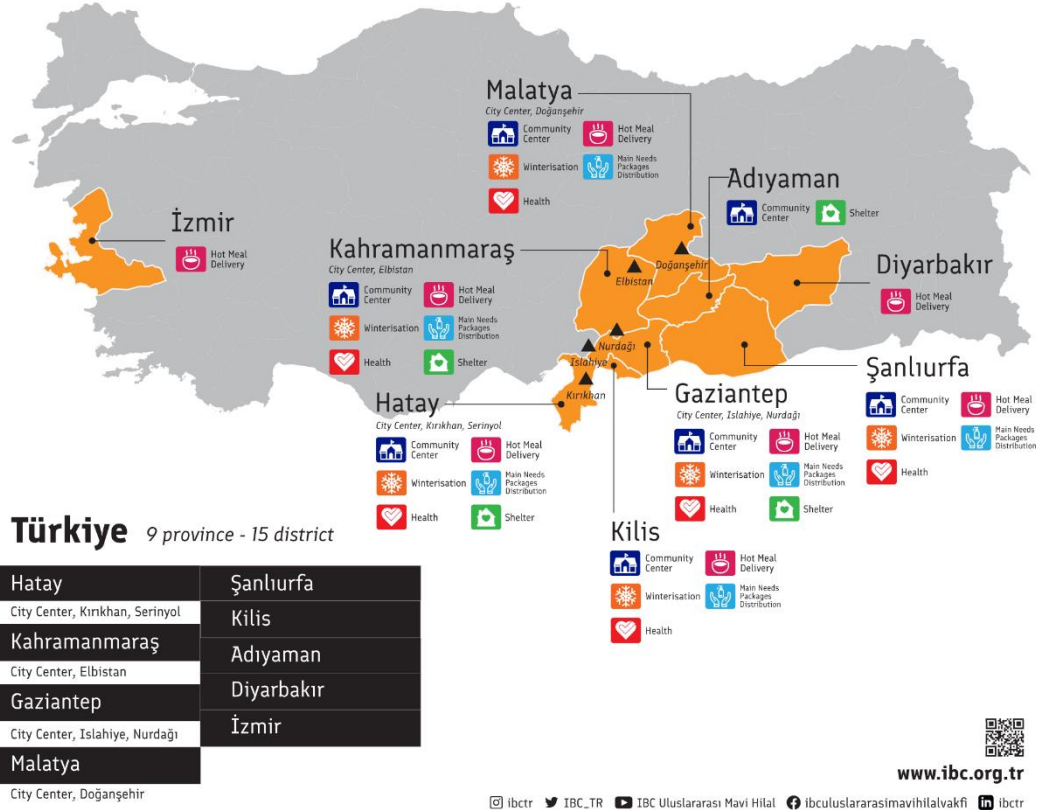
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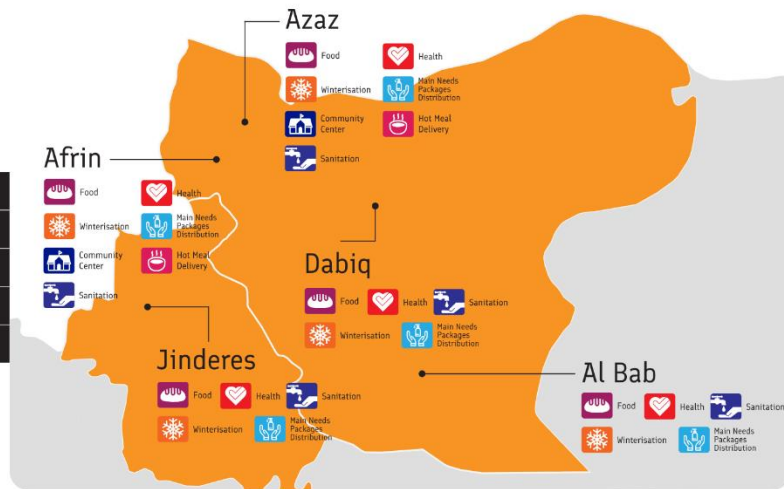
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Nine months have passed since the earthquakes shook Türkiye.

Total Struggle Continues with Perseverance and Determination...

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.



ADIYAMAN

1. Developments

Nine 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.

In recent weeks, the lifeless bodies of two people were found during the debris removal works in Hatay's Antakya district. The current number of missing is reported to be around 150 people.

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 ADIYAMAN, 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.



Minister Mehmet Ozhasaki

Minister Mehmet Ozhasaki said in his latest statement, "The damage in the earthquake region is very high... We have experienced a disaster affecting the lives of 14 million people. In total, more than 850 thousand independent units need to be renovated. There is material damage exceeding 100 billion dollars. The moral damage is already immeasurable. Some 200 thousand houses are under construction. We will deliver nearly 50 thousand of these houses by the end of the year. In addition, 237 thousand people applied to the 'Yerinde Dönüşüm' campaign. We give 750 thousand grants and 750 thousand loans to these citizens; we realise this with two years grace period and ten years maturity." Ozhasaki also stated that the construction of steel village houses has started and added that around 100 thousand single-storey village houses will be completed and delivered in 6 months.¹

According to the latest report prepared by UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordination, 400 thousands of people live in container cities whose houses are severely/medium damaged. According to the report, approximately 3 million people were forced to migrate after the earthquake.²

With the winter months approaching, earthquake victims' struggle in container cities will enter a new phase, and the need for heating, clothing and medical support is expected to be especially important.

Last month, KOSGEB launched a project to revitalize earthquake-affected businesses economically. With the Türkiye Post-Earthquake Revitalization of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Project, SMEs will be supported up to 750 thousand liras depending on their damage, scale, and location.³

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

² <https://reliefweb.int/report/turkiye/february-6th-earthquake-current-situation-analysis-and-needs-assessment-research-report>

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Antakya, HATAY

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response

Adiyaman



Permanent earthquake houses- ADIYAMAN

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.

Over half of the city's population lives in container cities, while a significant portion still lives in damaged or repaired buildings. Those residing in container cities are worried about the cold weather conditions with the approaching winter months. Many earthquake victims have started to cover the containers with tarpaulins. Children's need for winter shoes and coats has also increased.

The need for psychosocial support services in the region is also increasing daily. According to official sources, 72% of the buildings in the city are registered as heavily damaged, while aftershocks continue in the region.

Villages are currently overcrowded, leading to a need for more infrastructure and resources. While the debris removal works in the region are still ongoing, the requirements in the area are increasing with the approaching winter, and the need for heating/shelter needs to be developed by the cold weather conditions.

In Adiyaman, 500 houses will be delivered by the end of the year, and 2,685 homes will be provided by March. While the construction of the houses continues, the infrastructure works are also being completed rapidly by TOKI.

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 İslahiye district.

While the construction of permanent houses continues in the city, work is also being carried out to ensure that earthquake victims sheltering in containers are not adversely affected by the weather conditions due to the approaching winter season.



Permanent earthquake houses- GAZIANTEP

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. In İslahiye, permanent houses built by TOKI have started to be delivered.

Within the framework of the current needs analysis conducted in the surrounding villages of the region, the most needed materials are listed as hygiene kits, stationery sets, university preparation tests, seasonal clothes, heaters and shoes.

Hatay

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 are still ongoing, the lifeless bodies of 2 people were found during these works.

In the city, where many settlements, especially in the Antakya region, have become almost unrecognisable, approximately 150 thousand people live in container cities. According to the latest statement made by Hatay Governor Mustafa Masatlı, while the city will be rebuilt with urban and in-situ transformation, no building will exceed four floors.



Antakya, HATAY (Credit by: Orhun Yüksel)

In addition, the Türkiye-Korea Friendship City, which houses 500 container houses, was recently inaugurated in Hatay's Serinyol district with the support of IBC.

Kahramanmaras

In Kahramanmaras, the epicenter of two major earthquakes, 12,659 people lost their lives. In the region, 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.

TOKI's permanent housing works in the region have gained momentum with the approach of winter months. The construction of 82,104 houses in the city and 30,310 houses in rural areas is progressing rapidly, and 9,800 permanent homes are planned to be delivered to earthquake victims by the end of the year. Kahramanmaras Governorate stated that 60 per cent of the debris has been removed across the province, and 55 container cities have been established to shelter citizens. It was also noted that approximately 15 thousand containers were set up in rural areas outside the container cities.



Permanent Earthquake Houses – KAHRAMANMARAS

Sanliurfa

While the works for the city's recovery continue rapidly, the construction of earthquake residences continues. Sanliurfa Governorship announced they will deliver 897 of the 4,469 permanent houses in December. There are also shops, green areas, sports fields, children's playgrounds and parking lots in the areas where the houses built by TOKI are located.



Permanent earthquake houses- SANLIURFA (Credit by Anadolu Agency)

Malatya



Permanent earthquake houses- MALATYA

One thousand two hundred forty-six people lost their lives in Malatya during the February 6 earthquakes, and 46 per cent of the city's population migrated to other provinces. Although 50 per cent of the buildings in the town are heavily and moderately damaged, temporary container business centers have been opened for tradespeople to contribute to economic recovery, and employment projects have started. According to current data in Malatya, 70,263 earthquake victims have been accommodated in 18,000 container cities located in 51 different locations. According to the latest official data, 111,223 people live in container cities in the region. In the province, construction works for 14 thousand 338 multi-storey and 7 thousand 400 single-storey disaster houses in rural areas, which TOKI is building, continue on a 24/7 basis.

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.

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 organizations and initiatives, particularly in northwest Syria, have saved thousands of lives despite a severe lack of resources and equipment.

Civil society organizations and initiatives have responded to the challenges exemplary, reflecting a culture of social solidarity and transcending the political, geographical, and cultural polarization 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.⁴

The General Directorate of Antiquities and Museums in Damascus recently announced that the earthquake also damaged important archaeological sites.

Aleppo Citadel and the Old City of Aleppo, on UNESCO's World Heritage list, were significantly damaged, while many private historical buildings collapsed. The Jalum neighborhood, where historical buildings are located, also suffered severe structural damage to some walls and facades.



Halep, KUZEY SURİYE

⁴ <https://scpr-syria.org/the-impact-of-the-earthquake-in-syria>

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.



Kirikhan, HATAY

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

As the ninth 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.

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 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, prioritized 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 /İslahiye.



Kirikhan Temporary Living Space– Kirikhan, HATAY (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

The official opening of the Türkiye-Korea Friendship City in Serinyol, Hatay, was held on October 19. IBC placed one hundred seventy container houses, and projects for protecting and developing the region's people started to be implemented.

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

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



Serinyol, HATAY

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. Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Project activities are also ongoing with the help of GIZ.



Workshops for women support with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)

In the region with many cases needing psychosocial support, protection services for earthquake-affected people and psychosocial support for children and adults continue regularly. Individual meetings are held with earthquake victims within the scope of protection and psychosocial support practices. To date, individual support sessions have been born with 162 beneficiaries.



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

In addition, sewing and embroidery courses with expert trainers have started to operate in the safe areas we have established for women. The workshops support the well-being of women who were distanced from life due to the earthquake's traumatic impact while enabling them to contribute to production. Last week, activities were also organized in the area as part of the November 2-8 awareness week for children with leukemia.

Activities we carried out in the region last month:

- 1 98 people participated in a sewing workshop
- 1 Child safe space activity with 53 children
- 1 six individual case interviews
- 1 Support activities for five children within the scope of child protection service



Balloons distributed during Children with Leukemia Week (ADIYAMAN)



Workshops for children support with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)



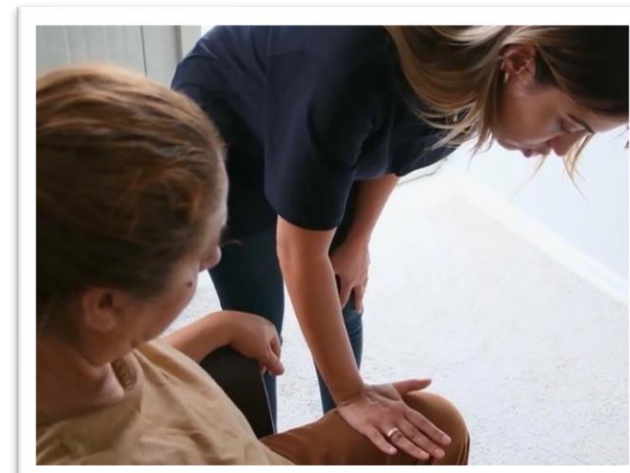
Opening meeting of MHPSS project with GIZ support (ADIYAMAN)

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 support with IMC, to approximately 2000 people per month.



Laundry (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Physical therapy support in cooperation with IMC (Islahiye, 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, Satırhoyuk Villages and Yesilova hamlets of Nurdagi.

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 thousands of children in the last months. 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.



Workshops for children (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Workshops for children (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



Study Center in cooperation with NEAR (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



Study Center in cooperation with NEAR (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



Workshops for children support with World Vision (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



Workshops for children support with World Vision (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)

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.



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

Within the project's scope, we realized that in cooperation with KEDV-OXFAM in the region, the needs of the surrounding villages have been analyzed, and efforts have started to meet these needs. In addition, awareness and information sessions on privacy and women's health in disaster situations were recently organized in Nurdagi Aslanlı Container City.



Distributions with the support of KEDV – OXFAM (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)

Hatay

Kirikhan

In Hatay, with the support of AFAD, life continues at IBC Kirikhan Temporary Living Space, where those in need can access many services ranging from shelter, food support, psychosocial support, and protection measures.

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. Also, the Health Center containers were installed and opened.

The child-friendly space, established with Good Neighbors International's support, started its activities in August and is currently coordinated by the Ministry of National Education. Psychosocial support activities for children are also ongoing; activities are implemented weekly to increase children's self-confidence, recognize supportive and reassuring communication and develop their imagination.



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan (Kirikhan, HATAY)



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In addition, household visits are also carried out in the field within the scope of protection and psychosocial support activities for adults. Within the content of these visits and case interviews, expert psychologists make referrals to psychiatric services for cases they deem necessary.

This month, in addition to breast cancer awareness training, an awareness-raising session was organized for women between the ages of 20-50 on the types of physical, sexual, economic and psychological violence and the institutions they can apply to in case of possible violations of their rights.



Workshops for women (Kirikhan, HATAY)



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The IBC team organizes Legal Awareness sessions in the container city area and the surrounding regions of Hatay. Training on Rights Ownership and Earthquake Law was recently ranked in Serinyol, İskenderun and Samandag container cities.



Workshops for women (Kirikhan, HATAY)

While courses have also started in the handicraft workshops at the community center operating in the area, activities to support women's well-being continue with a holistic approach.

In line with current data, approximately 500 hygiene kits for women, families and elderly care were distributed in the area this week with the support of KEDV-OXFAM.



Distributions with the support of KEDV-OXFAM (Kirikhan, HATAY)

Serinyol



Turkey-Korea Friendship City opening ceremony ((Serinyol, HATAY)

The official opening of the Türkiye-Korea Friendship City, which we established in the second week of August in the Serinyol district of Hatay, took place on October 19.

The container city, which will accommodate approximately 2000 people, is supported by Save the Children, Good Neighbors, First Hope Association and KFHI in coordination with AFAD and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The opening ceremony was attended by Muzaffer Baca, Vice President of IBC, Korean Ambassador Won Ik Lee, AFAD and local administrators and representatives of Save the Children, Good Neighbors, KFHI and First Hope Association.



Korean Ambassador Won Ik Lee visit Won Ik Lee's visit to IBC Women Friendly Space (Serinyol, HATAY)

All 500 containers, which will shelter 2000 people in the region, were delivered to those in need in recent weeks. As IBC, we provide 170 ready-to-occupy containers to the area while also regularly distributing necessities kits, empowerment activities for women, psychosocial support activities, awareness sessions and employment projects to redevelop the region's people.

Work in the region since last month:

- 1 As part of the Cash for Work program, 31 people were employed to work in the container camp.
- 1 As part of the Health Program, 17 people in the area received "Newborn Awareness Training".
- 1 An art committee was established in the area, and activities to be organized in the coming days were planned.
- 1 Awareness sessions on gender equality reached 62 beneficiaries
- 1 Psychosocial support sessions were organized for 14 beneficiaries.



Workshops for women (Serinyol, HATAY)

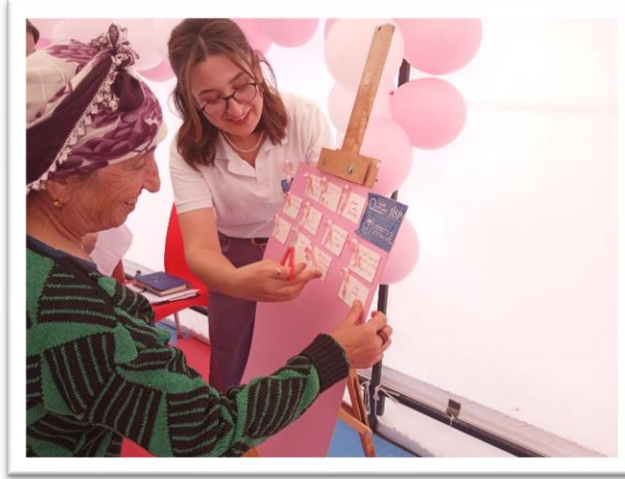


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Kahramanmaras

In collaboration with the Japan International Support Program (JISP), we have established a Baby Friendly Space in Elbistan Müsiad 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)

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 socialize 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.

Regular group psychosocial support activities, mother-baby counselling, group training, awareness sessions, individual sessions and social activities for children have reached thousands of participants.



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

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. In addition, within the size of the IMC project, battery-powered wheelchairs and walkers are also distributed to people in need in the region.



Physiotherapy support with IMC support (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)



Distributing battery powered wheelchairs and walkers with IMC support (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Recently, family hygiene kits were distributed to 58 households and elderly care hygiene kits to 132 people in Elbistan Cumhuriyet 1-2 Container City, Elbistan Kalealtı neighbourhood and Elbistan Develi Container City. In addition, with the support of KEDV and OXFAM, psychosocial support activities, handicraft workshops and awareness sessions to improve women's well-being continue regularly.



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



Elderly hygiene kit distributions with the support of KEDV-OXFAM (Elbistan/Goksun, 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.



Activities for children (KILIS)

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.



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (KILIS)

The center provides psychosocial support, protection, social cohesion, hand skills, school and homework support, information and counselling services, and orientation services.

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.

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.

The activities that took place in the center last week in this framework:

- 1 Distribution of grocery coupons to 1500 people in cooperation with World Vision
- 1 753 people were reached through child-friendly space activities.
- 1 Handicraft workshops organized with mental health and psychosocial support sessions reached 540 beneficiaries.



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

Since the early hours of the earthquake, the IBC Kilis Field Team has supported approximately 30,000 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. Within the scope of the projects carried out with GIZ and World Vision in recent weeks, psychosocial support services and child-friendly space activities continue for those in need in the region.

In November, the IBC Sanliurfa team held safe space and stress management sessions with young people in Esentepe and Akcakale Youth Centers and provided information training on children's rights. Together with individual interviews, the center provides services to approximately 250 people every week.

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



Awareness sessions for children (SANLIURFA)



Awareness sessions for women (SANLIURFA)



Awareness sessions for children (SANLIURFA)



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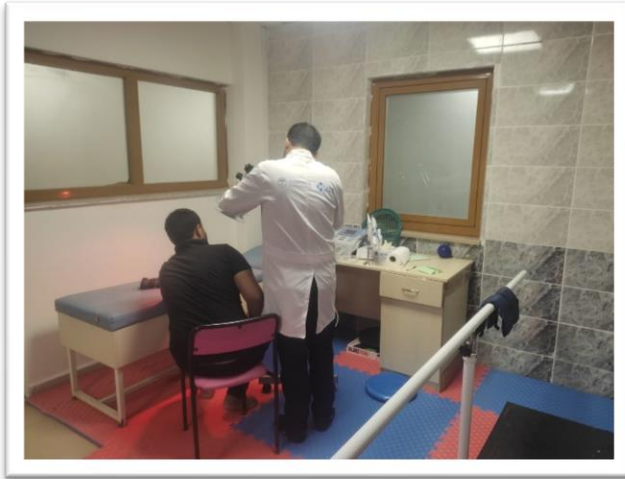
North Syria



IBC Water Tank (Soran, 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)

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, Sosmbat Camp, Tadev Village and Tadev Camp). As of this week, 1076 patients have been supported in the camps visited by community health teams as part of the Mobile Clinic Project. In this context, 720 patients received outpatient treatment, 200 at the Non-Communicable Diseases Clinic and 152 at the Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics.

In addition, work continues at the Dabiq Health Center. This week, 886 patients were treated in Dabiq, and 26 were referred by IBC ambulances. In addition, 72 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 158 patients have been reached with dialysis patient transfers and psychosocial support activities.



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

With the support of MSF and Action Medeor, the projects reach similar beneficiaries each week and are a powerful solution to the region's health problem.



Dabiq Health Center (NORTH SYRIA)

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 regions most affected by the earthquake, 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 have also completed the restoration of a 50 cubic meter capacity water tank, which was also damaged in the earthquake, and will provide water service to approximately 35,000 people in Soran.



Solar-powered system and water tank(Soran, NORTH, SYRIA)

The construction of the solar-powered system to fill both water tanks and distribute water to the city has been completed and handed over to AFAD and the local council.

Our project is one of the essential steps towards a sustainable future; we aim to raise environmental awareness in an environmentally friendly manner with a solar-powered water pumping system.



Briquette house and community center plan (NORTH SYRIA)

In addition to all these, we have also started infrastructure works for the living center we will establish in Muhawamah Camp. 100 families, i.e. approximately 600 people, will live in 100 briquette houses of 50 square meters each in the area. At the same time, we will also establish a community center that will be in continuous operation in the area.

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:

- 1 Türkiye / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting
- 1 Türkiye / UN OCHA - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Meeting (WASH)
- 1 Türkiye / UN OCHA - Shelter Meeting
- 1 Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Monthly Meeting
- 1 Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA – HEALTH Monthly Meeting
- 1 Cross-border Syria / UN OCHA – WASH Monthly Meeting
- 1 NGO forum Monthly meeting
- 1 UN women’s gender working group
- 1 Türkiye Localization Advocacy Group Monthly Meeting
- 1 Disaster Platform Monthly Meeting
- 1 Fundraising During the Crisis: Lessons Learned and Best Practices / King Baudouin Foundation

Through the cluster system and coordination mechanisms, practical 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 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.



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