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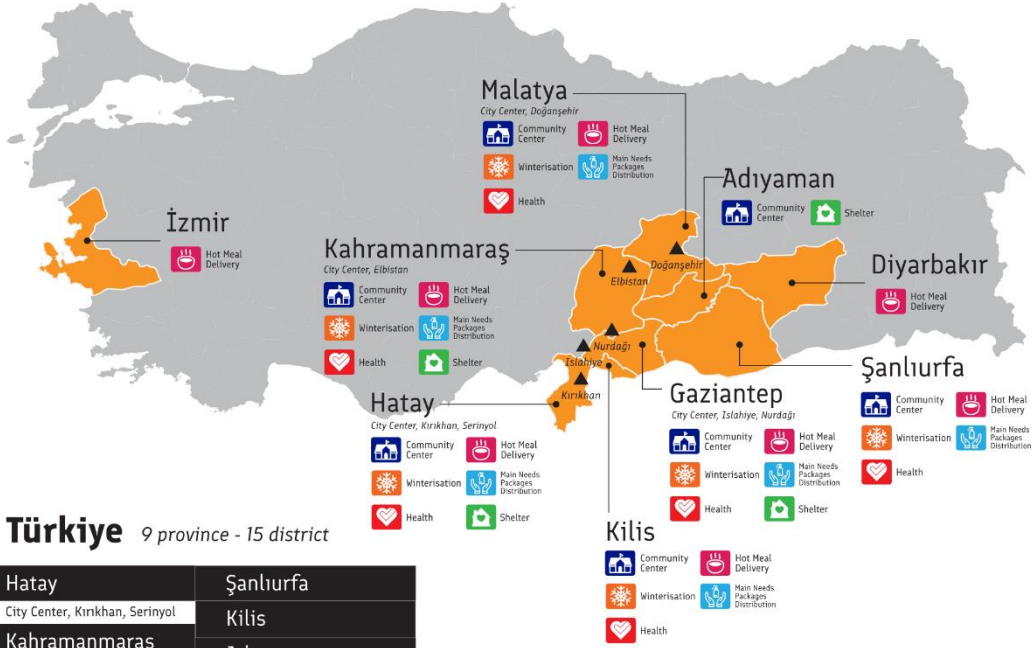
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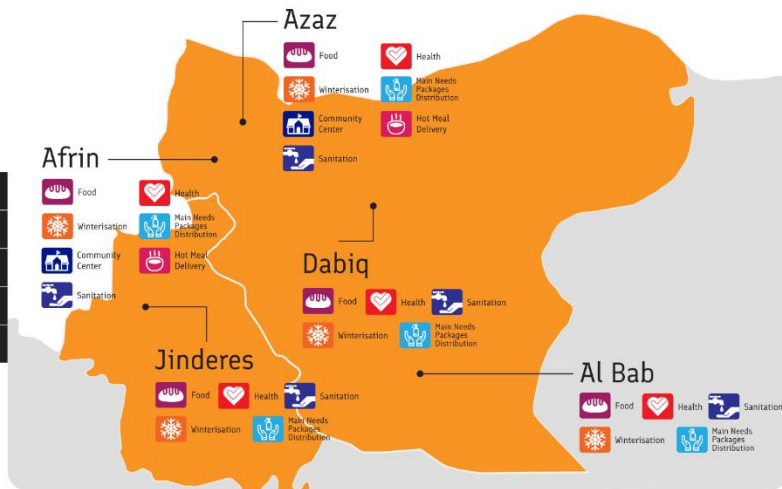
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The Most Painful Date Remember as We Leave 2023 Behind:

February 6, 2023

February 6 at 04.17 hours...

Within seconds of the 7.7 tremor, thousands of people were trapped under the rubble. The scale of the disaster became even more horrific in the following hours. At 13.24, the region was again devastated by a 7.6 magnitude earthquake. With all these tremors, dreams, homes and houses built with much effort and care were also destroyed... Türkiye has called for a Level 4 alert for national and international support. While Türkiye experienced one of the most painful events in its history, Syria, which has been in the middle of a humanitarian crisis for years, was also significantly affected by the earthquake.

Following the disaster, 50,783 people in Türkiye and 8,476 people in Syria lost their lives. As we leave behind 2023, a year of total struggle and support efforts, the IBC has continued its activities in the region since day one to improve the living conditions in the earthquake zone and minimize the pain and trauma experienced by earthquake victims. IBC will continue to realize its inclusive and sustainable projects for the redevelopment and normalization of life in the 11 provinces affected by the earthquake.



GAZIANTEP (Credit by Orhun Yüksel)

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.

Ten months after the earthquake that affected 9 million people, the region's emergency response and recovery efforts continue. Socioeconomic Empowerment Programs and activities such as creating job opportunities, supporting small businesses, and diversifying income sources to improve the economic and social structure have gained significant momentum. In its latest statement, the Ministry of Interior said that Hatay suffered the most casualties, while 107,000 people were injured in the earthquakes. The current number of deaths 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 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 have become unusable due to their sustained damages. Two hundred forty-five thousand people applied to the "On-site Transformation" campaign launched by the Ministry. At the same time, İller Bank of Provinces (İLBANK), one of the organizations under the Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change, will play an essential role in rebuilding the infrastructure of earthquake-affected areas within the scope of the "Türkiye Post-Earthquake Reconstruction Framework Project".

In this context, the Ministry of Treasury and Finance and the European Investment Bank signed the agreement for the financing of 400 million Euros to be provided by the European Investment Bank. İLBANK will use all the funding for environmental infrastructure projects in the earthquake zone.¹



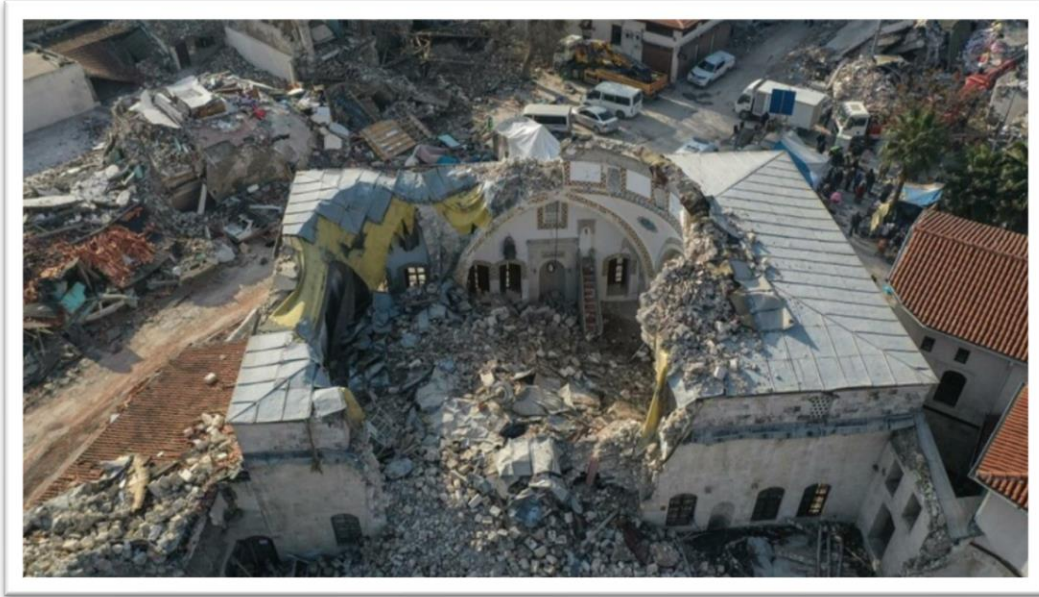
İLBANK

The earthquake left 3.3 million people homeless and devastated the region's economy. It also severely damaged the unique cultural heritage of this region, which has been home to 13 different civilizations over its thousands of years of history. Of the 8,444 historical buildings in the area, 3,752 were damaged or destroyed. Experts estimate that the cost of reconstruction and restoration is expected to run into billions of dollars. Against this backdrop, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has officially launched a global donor campaign to raise funds to restore damaged or destroyed cultural heritage buildings.²

¹ <https://csb.gov.tr/deprem-bolgesinin-altyapisini-ihya-edecek-finansman-ilbank-koordinasyonunda-kullanilacak-bakanlik-faaliyetleri-39887>

² <https://www.undp.org/tr/turkiye/press-releases/undp-turkiyedeki-depremlerde-hasar-goren-kulturel-miras-in-restorasyonu-icin-kuresel-bagis-kampanyasi-baslatiyor>

Through this campaign, UNDP also supports intangible cultural heritage, recognizing the direct link between local traditions and the livelihoods of all those involved in crafts, handicrafts, and tourism.



Habib-i Neccar Mosque, considered to be the first mosque of Anatolia (Antakya, HATAY)

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response

Adiyaman

In Adiyaman, one of the most damaged cities in the earthquake, 8400 people lost their lives, and 17,499 people were injured. Official data shows that the city's population of 630,000 dropped to 200,000 after the earthquake. Today, there are 55 container cities in Adiyaman, and 66,128 people live in these shelters. The total number of people provided refuge in the city is 108,721...



Permanent earthquake houses- ADIYAMAN

Container City residents continue to worry about the cold weather conditions as the winter months approach. According to the statement made by the Governorate of Adıyaman, the construction of over 41 thousand permanent houses is currently underway. Approximately 6 thousand 550 of these 41 thousand houses are about to be completed as rural houses... While the rubble of the demolished buildings in the city has been completely removed, the demolition of the heavily damaged buildings is still ongoing.

In Adıyaman, 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 TOKİ.

Gaziantep

In the earthquakes, 3,919 people lost their lives across the city, including 2,14 in the Nurdagi district of Gaziantep and 1433 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. Permanent houses built by TOKİ in Islahiye have started to be delivered.



Permanent earthquake houses- GAZİANTEP

Hatay

In Hatay, where the earthquake caused colossal destruction, 23,453 people lost their lives, and 30,762 people were injured. While 22,820 buildings were destroyed across the city, 55,885 were heavily damaged. The debris removal works of the region's heavily damaged buildings are ongoing.

The needs of earthquake victims living in container cities for the winter season also come to the fore in this process.

In the city where many settlements, especially in the Antakya region, have become almost unrecognizable, 186,217 people live in container cities. This number is expected to reach 200 thousand. In December, 6,500 permanent residences completed in the region will be delivered. In August 2024, the number of permanent houses provided will reach 32 thousand...

While access to clean water is still a problem in the region, the dust load in the air caused by the debris removal works is also causing health problems for those living in the city.



Permanent earthquake houses- HATAY

Hatay Governor's Office stated that the number of collapsed, urgently demolished, and heavily damaged buildings in the province is 80,323, of which 88.78 per cent have been destroyed, and 85 per cent of the debris removal works have been completed. The governor's office has also started working on the damaged cultural heritage of Hatay, the city of civilization, and restoring 71 heavily damaged pieces.

Kahramanmaras

In Kahramanmaras, the epicenter of two significant earthquakes, 12,659 people lost their lives. Within the scope of the efforts to bring the city back to life, 19,404 containers were prepared in the city center and 13,983 containers in rural areas.



Permanent Earthquake Houses – KAHRAMANMARAS

The works for permanent shelter carried out by TOKİ in the region accelerated with the approach of winter months. The construction of 82,104 houses in the city center and 30,310 houses in rural areas is progressing rapidly, and 4,800 homes will be delivered by the end of this month.

Kahramanmaraş Governor's Office 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. As of December, the demolition of 26 thousand 47 heavily damaged buildings has been completed.

Sanliurfa



Permanent earthquake houses- SANLIURFA

While the work for the city's recovery continues rapidly, the construction of earthquake residences also continues quickly. While the work on 4 thousand 469 houses, the foundation of which was laid among 16 thousand 782 permanent homes and village houses in the region, is about to be completed, 897 homes will be delivered to their rightful owners at the end of December after landscaping. There are also shops, green areas, sports fields, children's playgrounds, and parking lots where the houses built by TOKI are located. All 4,469 homes will be delivered to earthquake victims before the summer of 2024.

Malatya



Permanent earthquake houses- MALATYA

One thousand two hundred forty-six people lost their lives in Malatya during the February 6 earthquakes, and 42 per cent of the city's population migrated to other provinces. Although 50 per cent of the buildings in the town were heavily and moderately damaged, temporary container business centers were opened for tradespeople to contribute to economic recovery and employment projects were initiated.

According to current data in Malatya, nearly 100,000 people have been accommodated in 18,000 container cities located in 51 different locations. Dogansehir and Yesilyurt districts suffered the most damage in the province. In the region, construction works for 14 thousand 338 multi-storey and 7 thousand 400 single-storey disaster houses in rural areas by TOKİ continue 24/7. In the Yesilyurt district, where 70 per cent of the building stock was damaged, 4 thousand permanent dwellings are expected to be delivered to their rightful owners before the end of this year.

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.



Camping Area (NORTH SYRIA)

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, it 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. Since February, the Construction/General Safety Committees have assessed 107,638 buildings and found 59,371 buildings to be safe, 27,483 in need of rehabilitation, 19,013 in retrofitting market and 1,771 in need of demolition. 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.³

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 A'zaz including the office established before the earthquake.



Child Caravan activities (Kirikhan, HATAY)

As the tenth 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 needs assessments in earthquake zones, 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, camp construction sites, and Kirikhan center. Hot meal distributions are still ongoing in the container city of Islahiye.

³ <https://scpr-syria.org/the-impact-of-the-earthquake-in-syria/>

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



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)

This month, awareness-raising events and information sessions were also organized as part of the "16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women" program at all sites where the International Blue Crescent Foundation conducts projects in the earthquake zone.



Activities for children within the scope of 16 Days of Activism (Islahiye, GAZİANTEP)

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

Adiyaman

The Adiyaman Office and Community Center, established by IBC with the support of World Vision and GIZ, has been operational for the past few months. Activities in the region are planned for different age groups. In the past weeks, free time activities were organized for children in the K-8 container city as part of the MHPSS project. In contrast, awareness sessions were scheduled in Golbasi Toki Container City. In this context, safe space work was carried out for 250 children and 40 women in the past weeks. In addition, negotiations with beneficiaries have started for the cash assistance project planned with the support of GIZ.



Workshops for women support with World Vision and GIZ (ADIYAMAN)

While reaching out to over 10,000 beneficiaries in Adiyaman, the International Blue Crescent Foundation also regularly organizes child-friendly spaces and awareness-raising activities on gender-based violence with the support of World Vision. 16 Days of Activism against Violence against Women scheduled sessions and activities with experts between 25 November and 10 December. Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Project activities are ongoing with GIZ's support.



Workshops for women support with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)

In the safe spaces established for women, sewing and embroidery courses are also ongoing with expert trainers. The workshops support the well-being of women who have been distanced from life due to the traumatic impact of the earthquake while enabling them to contribute to production.



Workshops for children support with World Vision (ADIYAMAN)



Workshops for children support with World Vision (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 İslahiye. We are implementing support and development activities in the region in cooperation with the German Cooperation Agency GIZ, Action Medeor, Good Neighbors International, Women's Labor Evaluation Foundation (KEDV) and World Vision.

In partnership with local authorities, we provide monthly psychosocial support services, hot meal distributions, laundry/hygienic needs support, and in-kind aid to approximately 2000 people. And provide primary health care services, including physical therapy.



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.



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

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.

In addition to all these, in line with the needs identified by our analysis of the rural areas in the region in recent weeks, we have provided women's hygiene services to 150 earthquake survivors living in Nurdagi/Karburc village and opened settlements for rent after the earthquake.

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)

In Islahiye, a 3-room study center was opened with the support of NEAR in Living Space-1 container city. Here, studies are organized for both adult and child groups with expert instructors. The area is also used as a kindergarten by the Ministry of National Education. Activities for children in the area have reached thousands of children over the past months. Recently, as part of 16 days of activism to raise awareness against violence against women, a "Paint the World Orange" activity was organized with children.



Workshops for children (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)



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Support is also provided to those in need with regular physical therapy support in the region.



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

The installation of clean water storage tanks to ensure access to clean water is also planned with the support of Action Medeor.



Workshops for children (Nurdagi, GAZIANTEP)



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Workshops for children (Islahiye, GAZIANTEP)

Hatay

Kirikhan

With the support of AFAD in Hatay, life continues at the International Blue Crescent Foundation 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 includes 444 containers with the contributions of Action Medeor, GIZ, IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, JDC, World Vision, Good Neighbors, King Baudouin Foundation, Hungarian Church, and Caritas. The site accommodates around 3000 people and can access electricity, water, and sanitation. The Health Center containers have also been installed and opened for use.



Workshops for Children (Kirikhan, HATAY)

The child-friendly space, established with Good Neighbors' 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)

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.

Recently, events were organized in the field within the scope of the Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. In addition, 60 beneficiaries participated in the sessions held in the Antakya district. Within the size of the cash support project, which is targeted to start in the coming days, 98 household visits were carried out in 20 different neighborhoods in the Kirikhan district.



Workshops for women (Antakya, HATAY)



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Field analyses for medical supplies and agriculture projects were also completed. In the field studies, a Red Crescent-supported medical supplies needs research was conducted, and preparations for the cash support project for earthquake victims have begun.

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



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



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan (Kirikhan, HATAY)



Workshops for Children (Antakya, HATAY)

Serinyol

In the second week of August, life started in the Türkiye-Korea Friendship City we established in the Serinyol district of Hatay.

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.



Workshops for women (Serinyol, HATAY)



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All 500 containers, which will shelter 2000 people in the region, have been delivered to those in need in recent weeks.

As the IBC, we provide 170 ready-to-occupy containers in the area while also regularly distributing basic needs kits, empowerment activities for women, psychosocial support activities, awareness sessions, and employment projects for the redevelopment of the local community. This month, 38 beneficiaries were supported in psychosocial support activities, and 22 people were trained on breast cancer screening as part of the health program. A Gender Equality Seminar was organized with 21 people in the camp, and sessions on Gender Equality, Secondary Trauma and Child Safety were held with the participation of 24 public employees.



Workshops for women (Serinyol, HATAY)



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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.



JISP desteği ile yürütülen Bebek Dostu Alan'da kadınlara ve çocuklara yönelik çalışmalar (Elbistan, KAHRAMANMARAŞ)

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 essential activities of our Baby Friendly Space project, a very innovative and exceptional service, are breastfeeding counselling workshops and psychological support for expectant and new mothers.

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.



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



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

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 help they can receive during the puerperium.

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

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.

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 this framework, 90 sessions of physiotherapy support were provided to 34 beneficiaries last week. In addition, within the scope 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)

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)



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



Activities for women (Göksun, KAHRAMANMARAS)

Kilis

Since 2011, IBC has been running social cohesion and child-friendly space activities at the International IBC Kilis Community Center, which has become an essential hub for the region.



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (KILIS)

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 find practical and lasting solutions to the problems faced by earthquake victims.

With the support of IDRF, GIZ and World Vision, the center provides psychosocial support, protection, social cohesion, hand skills, school and homework help, information and counselling services, and orientation services to earthquake-affected individuals. In addition, 149 beneficiaries have been interviewed with the Cash Support Project, which is planned to be launched with the support of GIZ.



Activities for women at IBC 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, 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.

In this context, in the past weeks, the center has provided transportation, stationery, food, clothing and medicine support through emergency case funds and the proper support and guidance within the scope of PSS and MHPSS activities.



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

As of the first hours of the earthquake, the IBC Kilis Field Team started to carry out support activities and has served approximately 30,000 people since the beginning of 2023 within the scope of distributions, temporary shelter services, protection services, emergency support and regular support.



Activities for children at IBC Community Center (KILIS)



Our bazaar stand with the products of "Maharetli Eller" (KILIS)



Cinema event at IBC Kilis Community Center (KILIS)

Sanliurfa

IBC works in the region in partnership with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality and other NGOs. In the past week, 33 individual interviews and support sessions were organized in the city as part of the MHPSS project.

In addition, awareness sessions for children were scheduled in various centers and nutrition kits were distributed to children. This week, as part of the MHPSS project, awareness sessions were scheduled at Ceylanpinar Youth Center, Siverek Public Education Course, TEGV and Esentepe Youth Center. Together with individual meetings, the center provides services to approximately 250 people every week.



Information and awareness sessions for women organized with the support of World Vision (SANLIURFA)



Information and awareness sessions for children organized with the support of World Vision (SANLIURFA)



Activities for children with the support of World Vision and GIZ (SANLIURFA)

In Sanliurfa, more than 10,000 beneficiaries have been reached through in-kind aid, psychosocial support, mental health support, social cohesion activities, and individual interviews.

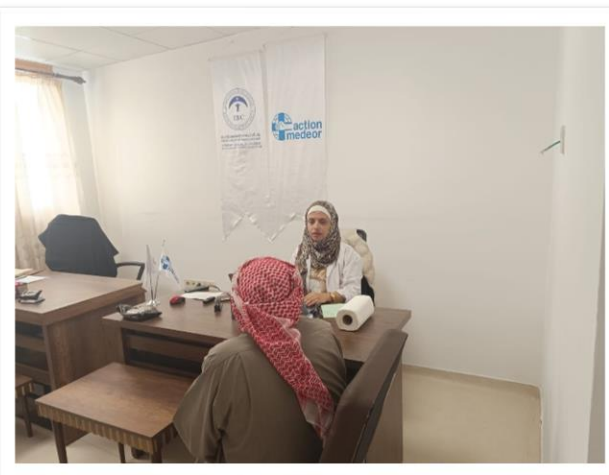


Workshops in schools (SANLIURFA)

North Syria

Following the 2023 Kahramanmaraş Earthquakes, we continue supporting 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.

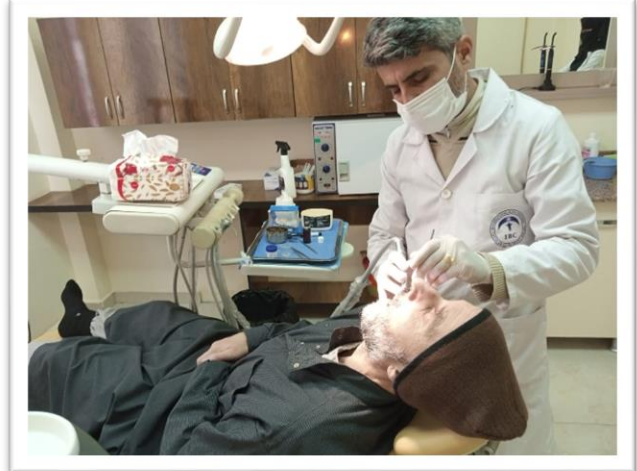
IBC is the first and only Turkish NGO to support certain branches of inpatient hospitals in the region, especially in the health field, in addition to emergency humanitarian aid efforts in cooperation with Action Medeor... This process, which we have determined as Phase 2, will continue until 31.12.2024 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. As part of this project, the field screening team recently helped 22 patients. In addition, 70 people were kept in the physiotherapy center, 51 in psychosocial support services and 35 for dialysis patient transfers.



Health services support with Action Medeor (NORTH SYRIA)

The IBC Syria team continues to visit tent camps in the region (Qatar Village, Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadiff Village and Tadif Camp) as part of the Mobile Clinic Project. Within the Mobile Clinic Project scope, 949 patients have been supported in the camps visited by community health teams in the last weeks. In this context, 602 patients received outpatient treatment, 180 at the Non-Communicable Diseases Clinic and 142 at the Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics. A total of 1660 people participated in the awareness sessions organized in the region.

In addition, work continues at the Dabiq Health Center. This week, 996 patients were treated in Dabiq, and 23 were referred by Blue Crescent ambulances. In addition, 192 patients completed their treatment at the dental clinic.



Health services (NORTH SYRIA)

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 178 patients have been reached with dialysis patient transfers and psychosocial support activities. Three hundred-seven beneficiaries also attended awareness sessions at the Dabiq Clinic.

The projects realized with the support of MSF and Action Medeor reach a similar number of beneficiaries every week and are a solid solution to the region's health problems. Recently, Mare Hospital in the area was provided with medicines to meet the needs of the Pediatric Department for approximately one year.



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

In addition, the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes, which shook Türkiye and northern Syria, caused significant damage to homes, facilities, and infrastructure in Northern Syria.

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 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.

The construction process of the solar-powered system we installed to fill both water tanks and distribute water to the city has been completed and delivered to AFAD and the local council.



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

This project is one of the essential steps that will contribute to a sustainable future, and we aim to raise environmental awareness in an environmentally friendly manner with the solar-powered water pumping system.

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



Briquette house and community center plan (NORTH SYRIA)

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

IBC provides mentoring support to NGOs in various regions of Turkey with its experience in capacity building, social cohesion and protection services that it has been carrying out for more than 20 years, and its innovative work approach developed by catching the spirit of the time. Improving Community Based Social Services for Refugees and Vulnerable Residents of the Host Community project (CLIP 2), funded by German Federal Ministry For Economic Cooperation And Development (BMZ) and the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) and implemented with Deutsche Gesellschaft Für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. Within the scope of the project, IBC exchanges information and experience with the local initiatives in its bundle and provides supervisory support in the areas that NGOs want to develop with the working groups it creates.

In this context, a mentor-mentee meeting was held in Ankara on December 5-6. Tolga Baca, Programs Manager, and Onur Arslan, Program Coordinator, participated in the meeting and agreed on mentor-mentee clustering, mentoring program scope and inter-institutional cooperation in 2024.



Mentor-Mentee meeting organized by GIZ within the scope of CLIP 2 Project

Through the cluster system and coordination mechanisms, practical 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. Protection issues due to legal status in Türkiye. IBC will keep all partners and potential donors apprised of the current situation regularly.

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.



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.

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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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