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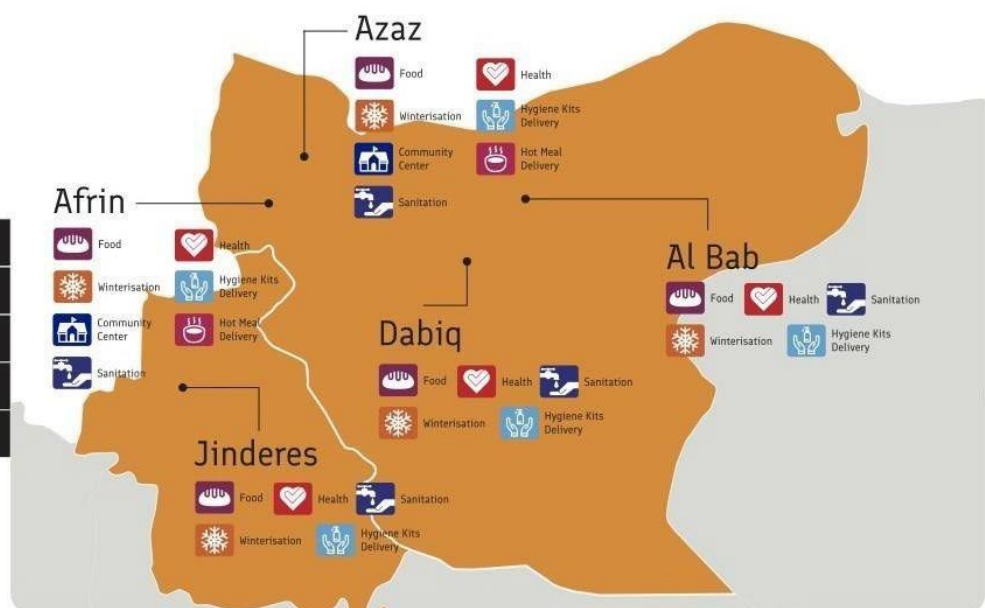
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67th Day of the Great Disaster

The Pains Are Still Like The First Day...

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) would like to extend our sincere condolences to all those affected by the earthquakes. IBC employees in the region are safe and accounted for, though some have lost family members and loved ones and saw their entire homes destroyed.

Thank you to all who continue to mobilize and to the heroic efforts of the many search and rescue teams. Immense and continued cooperation is needed to prevent further loss of life and suffering.



Children living in tent city Kirikhan, HATAY

1. Developments

The traumatic effects of the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes which are defined as the biggest disasters of recent years, still continue.

In the last statement made by the Ministry of Interior, 50 thousand 399 people lost their lives in the earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş. It is stated that the number of casualties may increase as identification studies are still continuing. In Syria, which was affected by earthquakes, 8 thousand 476 people lost their lives according to current data.

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

While it is stated that all these disasters affected 16 percent of Türkiye's population, that is 14 million people, life in the region continues in tents, container cities, and dormitories. On the other hand, the construction of permanent residences continues.

The monetary damage of the earthquake was announced as 104 Billion Dollars by official sources.

According to the data of the Ministry of Interior regarding the studies carried out in the earthquake zone and the operations throughout the country, a total of 656 thousand 553 tents were set up in 8 provinces and 345 tent cities affected by the earthquake. The number of people living in tents was 2 million 626 thousand 212.

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, last stated that 100,000 residences and village houses had been constructed so far after the earthquake. He stated that a total of 600 thousand residences and village houses will be built and 319 thousand of them will be completed within 1 year for the earthquake victims.



Children living in tent city Kirikhan, HATAY

UNICEF Türkiye Representative Regina De Dominicis announced that they have called for an additional 138 million dollars to the international community for children affected by the Kahramanmaraş earthquakes.

Pointing out that it is urgent to help children and families in the region recover and rebuild their lives after the earthquake, Dominicis stated that it is important to prioritize this group.

UNICEF states that approximately 4 million children of school age were affected by earthquakes in Türkiye.¹

The UN Development Programme (UNDP), on the other hand, delivered 20 containers to the Hatay and Kahramanmaraş Archaeological Museums in the first place and started working in order to protect the irreplaceable cultural heritage in the earthquake-affected regions in Türkiye. These containers will be used to protect damaged or destroyed artifacts until they are restored by conservation experts and reopened to public visits.²

¹ <https://www.unicef.org/>

² <https://www.undp.org/>

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response

Adiyaman

Adiyaman, along with Hatay, is one of the cities whose infrastructure was most damaged in the earthquake. The governor's office announced that the debris removal work was 82 percent complete. It has been announced that all emergency demolitions in the region will be completed by the next week.

Gaziantep

Efforts are being taken to address the need for shelter in the region. Temporary shelters consisting of masonry structures, prefabricated, and containers are being set up for earthquake victims, especially in Nurdagi and Islahiye regions.

In the Nurdagi district, 2 thousand 757 containers and prefabricated buildings will be completed and delivered to those in need until the next week. While 1724 buildings were destroyed in Nurdagi countryside and in the center, 5 thousand 33 buildings were damaged. Since the earthquake, 15,465 disaster survivors live in the region where 4,298 containers have been installed.



Container city in Islahiye, Gaziantep

Hatay

Hatay suffered the biggest loss of life in the earthquakes. In the region, life began in tent cities and container cities. However, it is still not enough and thousands of people still need support. The heaviest destruction in the city is in Antakya, Kirikhan, and Hassa regions. According to the current damage assessment reports, it was determined that there were 13 thousand 517 destroyed buildings, 8 thousand 162 buildings that needed urgent demolition and 67 thousand 346 heavily damaged buildings.

The transition process of the disaster victims staying in tent cities to container cities has also started. The earthquake victims live in these containers which come installed with in-home bathroom, kitchenette, communal and sleeping rooms; and food support is provided either by hot meals or food parcels.



Container city in Kirikhan, Hatay

Kahramanmaras

The epicenter of earthquakes is trying to heal its wounds. More than 2 million cubic meters of rubble has been removed throughout the city so far. Removal of debris and demolition of heavily damaged buildings in the region still continues in 15 neighborhoods.

State Hydraulic Works (DSI) started to drill wells to meet the water needs of the region. It is planned that the drinking water will be met from these newly opened wells when the work on the new settlements, which aims to meet the water needs of the Container and Tent Cities, from the underground waters there.



Container city in Elbistan, Kahramanmaras

Sanliurfa

Seventeen people lost their lives due to heavy rains in the region a few weeks ago, which was also damaged by the flood disaster after the earthquake. The establishment of temporary shelters in the region under the coordination of AFAD continues rapidly. In the statement made by Sanliurfa Governor's Office, 5 thousand earthquake victims stay in houses in the city, while 144 families stay in tents in the Birecik region. The damage caused by the flood disaster to households, workplaces, and vehicles was announced as 300 million TL.



A building submerged in water due to heavy rains (Sanliurfa)

Malatya

While it is stated that 80 thousand houses are needed in Malatya, which was hit by the earthquake, it is reported that the groundbreaking works for 11 thousand houses have also started. Adverse weather conditions also affected the region this week. Especially the areas and streets where the earthquake victims who stayed in tents turned into a lake after the downpour.



Tent city in Malatya

Syria

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

Current reports state that approximately 2.9 million people in the region were affected by the earthquake and 302,500 people were forced to leave their places of residence. Again, according to the latest data, approximately 8,476 people lost their lives.

In the economy and labor market conditions, which have already suffered great damage in the last 12 years in Syria, approximately 170,000 employees lost their jobs due to the earthquake. While this loss directly affected 154 thousand households and more than 725 thousand people, around 35 thousand micro, small and medium-sized enterprises were also damaged. This temporary loss of employment in Syria results in a loss of labor income equivalent to at least \$5.7 million per month.³



Distributions in A'zaz tent camp in N. Syria with the support of Action Medeor

UN OCHA states that earthquake victims in Syria do not have access to safe water. In addition, it is stated that the threat of access to safe food has increased after the earthquake, and the camps where displaced people live are flooded due to the current weather conditions.

According to the statement, in Syria, where approximately 8.8 million people were affected by the earthquake, families displaced by heavy rains are in a more difficult situation... Right now, their camps are flooding and thousands of tents are disappearing. Because of this, at least 50 displacement sites were flooded.

While the UN and partners provide emergency shelters, food, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies; in the provinces of Aleppo, Latakia and Hama, more than a hundred schools are currently used as collective shelters.

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

3. IBC in the Field

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

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

As assessments are ongoing, IBC is responsive to the needs in the whole earthquake region, including the cities to which survivors have been evacuated.

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



Children living in the tent city in Kirikhan (Hatay)

More than 2000 hot meals are served daily in the mobile kitchens developed by IBC in the region. With the onset of Ramadan, hot meals are regularly distributed to earthquake victims, especially those who don't have access to hot meals during the fast-breaking hours, in the container cities in Islahiye, the credit dormitories institution, the Fevzipasa region, the camp construction, and the tent cities in the center of Kirikhan. Hot meal aid is not limited to the month of Ramadan but will continue as two meals a day during and after the feast. IBC distributed fast-breaking meals to 1000 people in Sanliurfa, Malatya, Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş. Until the end of Ramadan, it is planned to give iftar to 4000 people.

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

As IBC, we would like to express our special thanks to all our partners for their support, on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries we have reached.

Adiyaman

500 tents have been distributed and set up in the rural areas and Kahta district of Adiyaman. In addition, 500 basic needs kits and 500 hygiene kits, which are essential needs of earthquake victims, have also been distributed.

Meetings were also provided with 2 disabled earthquake victims living in rural areas of Adiyaman, and support was provided for their needs.

This week in the region, 134 tents have been distributed and installed, and hygiene kits, which are one of the continuous basic needs of earthquake victims, have also been distributed. IBC provided access to a total of 155 beneficiaries this week in Adiyaman.



Tents set up in Adiyaman by IBC Team

Diyarbakir

In the past weeks, IBC distributed hot meals to 500 people as part of the GIZ Earthquake Emergency Support with the Diyarbakir-based Smile to Life Association, to which IBC provided mentoring support within the scope of the GIZ CLIP project. IBC will continue to support the region with hot meals for the next 2 months.⁴

Gaziantep















Hot food distribution in the mobile kitchen, which started its operations with the support of Action Medeor, continues in the container cities in Islahiye, the credit dormitories institution, the Fevzipasa region, and the campsite construction sites. With the arrival of Ramadan, the service of iftar menus takes place regularly. Also this week, food distribution was completed for a total of 1000 people, 250 each to UKKASE Student Dormitory, Fevzipasa region, Memurkent Container area, and Islahiye Construction Site

⁴ <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/67106.html>



Iftar meal preparations with the support of Action Medeor in Islahiye, Gaziantep

Services completed this week in Nurdagi:

-  Within the scope of protection and psychosocial support interviews, 49 families were reached.
-  Individual protection and psychosocial support interviews were held with 156 child beneficiaries.
-  Protection and individual psychosocial support studies were conducted for 59 female and 60 male beneficiaries.
-  Awareness and social cohesion activities were carried out with a group of 538 participants.
-  200 blankets were distributed.
-  100 children's clothes were distributed.
-  20 hygiene kits were distributed.
-  20 baby care kits were distributed.
-  30 food distributions were made.
-  40 feminine hygiene kits were distributed
-  100 pieces of men's and women's underwear were distributed.
-  25 power banks were distributed.
-  5 searchlights were distributed.
-  20 shoes were distributed.



Workshops for Children in Islahiye, Gaziantep



Workshops for Children at Child Caravan in Nurdagi, Gaziantep

Total of 1373 beneficiaries were reached this week in Gaziantep.

Hatay

The infrastructure works of Kirikhan Community Center, which was established with the support of AFAD in Hatay and where people in need can access many services such as food support, psycho-social support, and protection services, have been completed.

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



Iftar meal distribution in Kirikhan, Hatay with the support of IDRF

With the month of Ramadan, IBC field team started to distribute iftar and suhoor meals with the mobile food bank in the region.



Food package distributions in Kirikhan and Iskenderun, Hatay

Works completed this week in Hatay's Antakya, Samandag, Reyhanli, and Kirikhan districts:

- 📦 Distribution of 589 Food Packages
- 📦 Distribution of 585 General Hygiene Kits
- 📦 Distribution of 176 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 📦 80 Pack Diaper Distribution
- 📦 Distribution of 88 Packages of Children's Stationery Kits
- 📦 Distribution of Meals for 4900 People (meals for 700 people per day)



Distributions in Antakya, Hatay

A total of 6420 beneficiaries were reached in the region this week with the support of IDRF Canada, Caritas and the German International Cooperation Agency (GIZ).

Izmir

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

Within the scope of the first agreement of the project, three hot meals a day are served, with a total of 35,000 meals. This week, with the support of GlobalGiving and Episcopal Relief, the centers distributed hot meals to approximately 900 people. Along with three meals for earthquake victims in the region, iftar and suhoor support will continue to be provided throughout the month of Ramadan.

Kahramanmaraş

In the region where IBC provides food parcels and hygiene kit support to container cities, a popcorn machine has been installed for children and movie screenings continue.



Film screening for children and adults held at the IBC Community Center Tent in Elbistan with the support of GIZ

In addition, 250 electric furnaces were distributed to earthquake victims this week, and preparation books were distributed to students for admission to high schools and universities. During Ramadan in Elbistan, the distribution of 500 suhoor packages per day will be provided to a total of 15,000 beneficiaries. In addition, 2,000 child nutrition packages, 400 food packages, and 100 hygiene kits for women, families, and children will also be distributed.



Distributions for earthquake victims in Elbistan Container City, Kahramanmaraş

Iftar and suhoor support will continue to be provided during the month of Ramadan for earthquake victims in the region.



Workshops for children in Elbistan container city and IBC Community Center Tent, Kahramanmaraş

In addition, an agreement has been reached to establish a mother-child center in the container city area with the collaboration of the Japan International Support Program, and preparations have begun.

Kilis

IBC also carries out social cohesion and child-friendly space activities at the IBC Kilis Community Center, which is an established and important center for the region since 2011. In addition, IBC Kilis Community Center serves as the main center for IBC coordination, including cross-border projects.

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

Malatya

IBC Continues Child-friendly space, PSS studies with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in Doganşehir, Malatya.



Workshops for children in Doganşehir container city and IBC Child Caravan, Malatya

We have completed the distribution of 1000 children's nutrition packages and 300 stationery kits in Doganşehir.

Sanliurfa

IBC is meeting one of the most urgent needs in the field by providing psycho-social support services in Sanliurfa.

An iftar tent was also established in the region with the support of Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality and it serves the earthquake victims in the region.



Iftar dinner provided in cooperation with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality

North Syria



Visiting to the Dabiq Health Center, Syria

IBC Syria team continued to visit tent camps in the region this week as part of the mobile clinic project (Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadiiff Village, and Tadif Camp). A total of 851 people were reached this week in the camps visited by community health teams.



Dabiq Health Center, Syria

In addition, IBC's work continues at the Dabiq Health Center where services were provided for 929 patients this week. 23 patients were transferred to hospitals by IBC ambulances.



Distribution of fire extinguisher tubes in A'zaz, N. Syria

This week, with the support of Action Medeor, food packages were distributed to about 100 families in the A'zaz IVA camp, reaching a total of 642 people. In addition, 50 fire extinguisher tubes were distributed to the region.



Distributions in A'zaz with the support of Action Medeor (N Syria)

Upcoming Projects to be Started in the Coming Days

- ✚ IBC will expand its work in Hatay with Caritas, which we have been working with since the first days of the earthquake. With Caritas, we have distributed 800 feminine hygiene packages, 800 family hygiene boxes, 500 children's and adult clothing, and 500 tarpaulins. IBC will expand its Mobile Toilet and Mobile Shower Cabin services in Hatay Container City. The new mobile toilet units will also have a separate toilet for the disabled.
- ✚ Within the scope of the project we carried out with IMC, IBC provided 3 trucks of carboy drinking water to people living in tent cities. In the coming days, 750 feminine hygiene packages, 750 family hygiene packages, 1300 children's and adult clothes, 400 dry food boxes, and 5000 children's nutrition packages will be distributed. Within the scope of our project, we will cooperate with Islahiye State Hospital and provide medical supplies such as neck braces, arm cuffs, and crutches to individuals who need physical therapy. The earthquakes response is still evolving. Medical and general evacuations continue to take place, albeit at a slow pace.

Coordination

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

To that end, IBC participated to a sectoral meeting this past week including:

- ✚ Türkiye / UN OCHA- Shelter Cluster Meeting (Weekly)
- ✚ Afet Platformu – Membership Meeting
- ✚ Syria Cross-Border / UN OCHA – WASH Cluster Meeting

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

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



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

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

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