

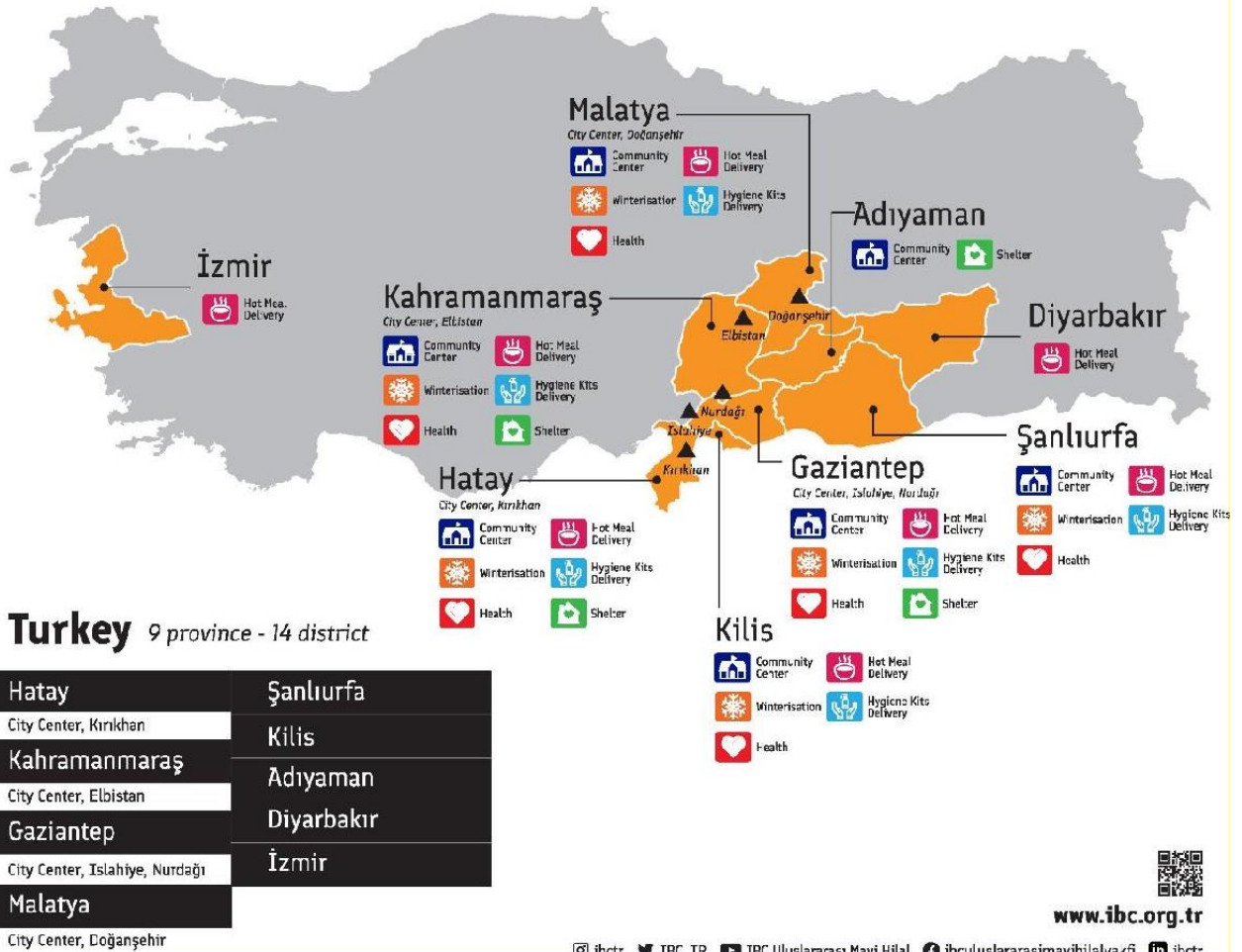
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KAHRAMANMARAS EARTHQUAKES

SITUATION REPORT

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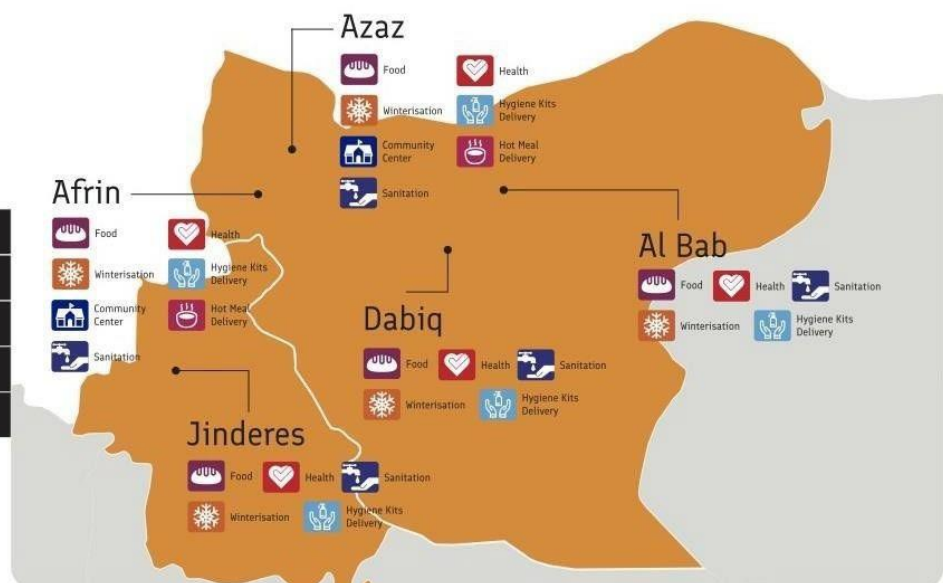


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Day 81...

“There Is So Much To Talk About But There Is No One Left To Talk To...”

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.



Dogansehir, MALATYA

1. Developments

Humanitarian support efforts continue to heal the wounds of the 7.7 and 7.6 magnitude earthquakes in Kahramanmaras.

In its latest statement, the Ministry of Interior announced that the loss of life in Kahramanmaras-centered earthquakes has increased to 50,783. The identities of 985 dead have not been determined yet. The number of immigrants who lost their lives in the region is 7,302.

Extreme rains and torrential flooding on 15 March, further devastated the areas of Adiyaman and Sanliurfa. At least 21 people lost their lives in the flooding.

These earthquakes have resulted in the largest search and rescue operation in history.

Shelley Cheatham, Latin America & Caribbean Director of the UN OCHA and the UN Earthquake Response Field Coordinator in Türkiye, said that a large number of search and rescue teams from more than 70 countries are mobilized to save lives and provide humanitarian aid in the earthquake area. She reminded us that thousands of people and even dogs are part of the search and rescue efforts.¹



UN Earthquake Response Field Coordinator Shelley Cheatham

While the indescribable losses and sorrows continue into a third month, life continues in tent cities and container cities. Meanwhile, Ramadan Eid and the 23 April National Sovereignty and Children's Day holiday were celebrated last week, making the pain a little more bitter. Those who lost their homes and relatives in the earthquake visited the cemeteries and expressed their grief, saying, "We have a lot to talk about, but we have no one to talk to anymore."

Earthquake survivors still need long-term, sustainable, and effective support. The Ministry of National Education announced that they have prepared a training program between 1 August and 1 September to compensate for disruptions in education due to the catastrophes affecting students in the 10 provinces.

It is stated that these disasters have affected 16 percent of Türkiye's population, that is, 14 million people. On the other hand, the construction of permanent residences continues. According to the latest statement made by the Presidency, approximately 3.5 million people are currently hosted in temporary accommodation centers, public facilities and dormitories. The building of 650 thousand new residences and village houses is planned to restore all the cities affected by the earthquake.

¹ www.unocha.org.tr

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response



Alsancak Neighborhood Tent Camp (Kirikhan, HATAY)

Adiyaman

Adiyaman, along with Hatay, is identified as one of the cities with the most severely damaged infrastructure in the earthquake. The Ministry of Environment and Urbanization announced that 1,485 buildings were demolished in the city. 4,805 damaged buildings are waiting to be demolished.

The biggest problem in the region is still housing. Life continues in tents in all the parks, sidewalks, and gardens of official buildings and schools in the center of the city. Those whose houses were slightly damaged, those who do not have a city or village to go to, or those who do not want to leave the city, stay in tents or container housing. There seems to be almost no one in Adiyaman who has not lost at least one or more relatives from their family or close circle of friends.



Adiyaman

Gaziantep

Efforts to solve the housing problem in the region have accelerated. Temporary shelters consisting of masonry structures, prefabricated and containers are being set up for earthquake victims, especially in the Nurdagi and Islahiye regions. 85 percent of the containers needed in the Nurdagi district have been prepared, and life has begun in 75 percent of them.

In the district, 6,175 containers were installed at 5 points. In addition to social areas and infrastructure, more than 5,500 containers, whose interiors were prepared, were put into service for the public. Thus, the number of earthquake victims living in containers reached 20,000.



Container city in Islahiye, GAZIANTEP

Hatay

The biggest loss of life in the earthquake was in Hatay.



Hatay

In the region, life continues in tent cities and container cities. However, these housing solutions are still not sufficient as the need is in the hundreds of thousands.

In a recent statement, the Ministry of Interior stated that almost two-thirds of the Antakya region was destroyed. Demolition and debris removal works continue in 80 neighborhoods in the region. In the Defne region, the ongoing state hospital construction is expected to be completed in the second week of May.

Kahramanmaras

The epicenter of earthquakes is trying to heal its wounds. While the rebuilding works of the city continue, thousands of aftershocks that have been experienced since the day of the earthquake causing citizens to experience constant reminders of the traumatic earthquakes and delaying healing from the fear and anxiety caused by the initial disasters.

Container city installation works are soon to be completed in Afsin, Pazarcik and Elbistan, where the earthquake caused the significant damage.

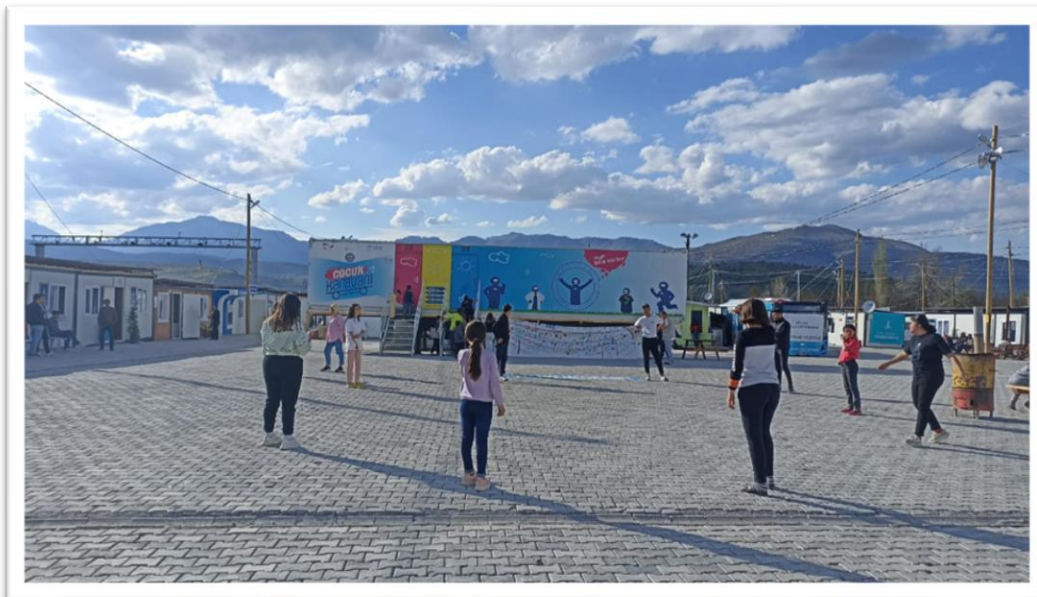
Sanliurfa

17 people lost their lives due to torrential rains in the region, which was also hit by the disastrous flooding after the earthquake. While the damage assessment works were completed in the city was announced that the number of buildings needing to be demolished after the flood was 13. Adverse weather conditions and the threat of downpours still persist in the region.

Malatya

28,802 earthquake victims are sheltered in 6,811 containers set up at 25 points in Malatya. Heat-insulated containers are placed in new living spaces where electricity and water lines are laid.

According to the statement made by Malatya Provincial Disaster and Emergency Directorate officials, the installation of temporary accommodation centers at 25 points in the city center and districts have been completed, solving the sheltering problem of earthquake victims.



Container city and IBC Child Caravan in Doganşehir, 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 6 thousand 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 154,000 households and more than 725,000 people, around 35,000 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.²



IBC Water Tank Project works in progress in Soran, N. SYRIA

42.4 percent of the country's population lives in Aleppo, Hama, Idlib, Latakia, and Tartus, which are the five worst-hit provinces of Syria. Of the 7.1 million people of working age (age 16 or over) in this population, 2.7 million were employed, either formally or informally, and 22.8 percent of them were women. Workers and businesses need urgent help to rebuild the livelihoods sector and prevent poverty and exploitation in the region.

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).

As of April, IBC has completed the installation of three community centers, child-friendly areas, and a mother-child care center in earthquake zones.

² <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>

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 have 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 needed more than ever in tent settlements. IBC, which performs needs analyses at regular intervals in the earthquake area, has installed mobile kitchens, showers, and toilets, for use by earthquake victims. In addition, this week, 3,000 solar-powered searchlights were distributed to tent cities in Adiyaman, Gaziantep and Kahramanmaraş with the support of UMCOR.



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, Hatay)

IBC serves more than 2,000 hot meals daily in the mobile kitchens it has established in the region. Hot meals will continue to be delivered regularly to those in need in living in, areas such as the container cities of Islahiye, the credit institution dormitories the Fevzipasa campus, and the construction sites of the campsites and the tent cities in Kirikhan.

Container homes in Kirikhan have generously been provided by IBC partners Conrad Hilton Foundation hosted by King Baudouin Foundation, Corus International, IDRF Canada, Muslim Charity, World Jewish Relief, and World Vision. Child friendly spaces and psycho-social activity spaces provided by Good Neighbors International.

Children are among the most vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake. IBC also provides clothing, health aid (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 delays in health, hygiene, and growth. On behalf of hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, we would like to thank all our partners for their generous support and heartwarming solidarity.

Adiyaman

In the past weeks, 385 tents and hygiene kits have been distributed in Adiyaman.



Distribution by IBC staff (Adiyaman)

Diyarbakir

IBC has 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. ³

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 institution dormitories, the Fevzipasa region and the camp site construction sites.

At the same time, psychosocial support activities, child-friendly area activities and protection services continue in the region. Support was provided to approximately 350 earthquake survivors through handicraft activities, sports, creative drama and origami activities.



Workshops with children at IBC Child Caravan and IBC Community Center Tent (Gaziantep)











Sports activities with children (Gaziantep)

Within the framework of the activities carried out this week; approximately 118 tents were visited, and a total of 816 people were reached (516 children, 145 women, 155 men)


While the regular needs assessments we carry out continue, infrastructure works have also started to supply tents with electricity. Installations continue so that there is 1 light and 1 socket in each tent.

Other supports completed this week in the region:

Islahiye

-  100 sets of underwear
-  300 sleeping bags
-  50 wood stoves
-  525 food parcels (in cooperation with IDRF and Muslim Charity)
-  525 hygiene kits ((in cooperation with IDRF and Muslim Charity)
-  Daily hot food distribution for 1000 people
-  100 fire extinguishers (with Action Medeor support)
-  1000 pcs kids' food kits

Nurdagi

-  363 pieces blanket
-  214 pieces clothing kit
-  155 pieces underwear kit
-  40 pieces hygiene kit
-  40 pieces food kit
-  36 pieces cloth
-  32 pieces food
-  40 pieces milk
-  7 pieces baby bottle
-  44 pieces female hygiene kit
-  45 pieces flashlight
-  400 pieces special bacterial shampoo
-  25 pieces powerbank



On the first day of the holiday, earthquake victims living in containers were visited (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.

Kirikhan container camp; With the contributions of IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, World Vision, Good Neighbors, King Baudoin Foundation and Caritas, it is being built in an order that will expand from 400 houses on 34 acres to several hundred houses on 60 acres. The area will house an estimated 3000 people; Access to electricity, water and sanitation will be provided.



IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, Hatay)

With the support of IDRF and GIZ in the region this week, support was provided to approximately 450 people with the distribution of hygiene kits, baby diapers and baby-specific hygiene kits, and stationery sets.

In addition, the distribution of hot meals and breakfast for approximately 1,000 people has been completed in the region.



AFAD authorities visited to the IBC Temporary Living Space in Kirikhan (Hatay)



Food package distributions in Narlica (Hatay)



Food package distributions in Defne (Hatay)



Food package distributions in Alparslan Neighborhood (Kirikhan, HATAY)



Food package distributions in Cataltepe, Karatas, Bahcelievler Neighborhoods (Kirikhan, HATAY)



*Food package distributions in Alsancak Neighborhood-
AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)*

Izmir

This week, activities were organized for children on the occasion of Ramadan Eid and April 23 National Sovereignty and Children's Day, and books, treats and holiday gifts were presented to them.



Toys distributed to children on the first day of the holiday (Izmir)

In Türkiye, 330,000 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 1000 people.

Kahramanmaraş

Electrical infrastructure installation works for these tent cities in the Elbistan region of Kahramanmaraş have been completed.



Film screening for children and adults at the IBC Community Center Tent in Elbistan

While social cohesion activities are being carried out for children at Ekinozu Primary School in the region, a popcorn machine has been set up for children in the child-friendly tent in Elbistan and movie screenings continue.



Workshops for children at the IBC Community Center Tent in Elbistan (Kahramanmaraş)

In addition, preparations to establish a mother-child center in the container city area with the support of the Japan International Support Program (JISP) were completed and its opening took place on April 27.

Kilis

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

More than 500,000 meals have been served in the region so far.



Food packages distributed with the support of IDRF at IBC Kilis Community Center

This week, 50 food packages were distributed to earthquake victims in the region with the support of IDRF.



Global Medic visited to IBC Kilis Community Center

In addition, this week, 10 water treatment machines were delivered with the support of Global Medic. Each water filtration system has the capacity to produce approximately 13 Liters of drinking water and will significantly meet the need for access to clean water in the earthquake zone and Syria. This week, our team at Kilis Community Center was given training on the installation of the machines.



April 23 celebrations at IBC Kilis Community Center

Malatya

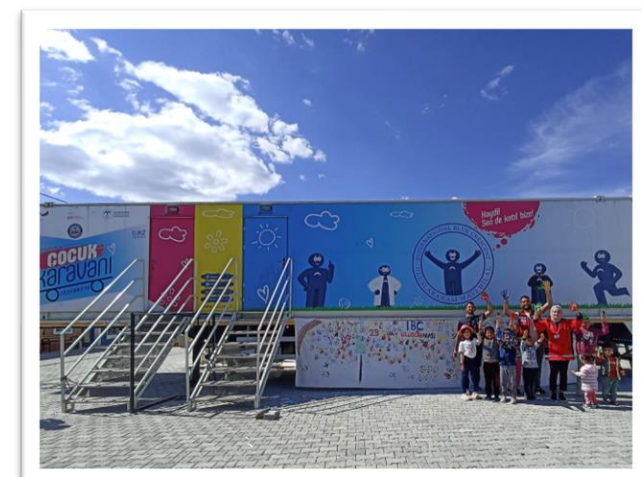
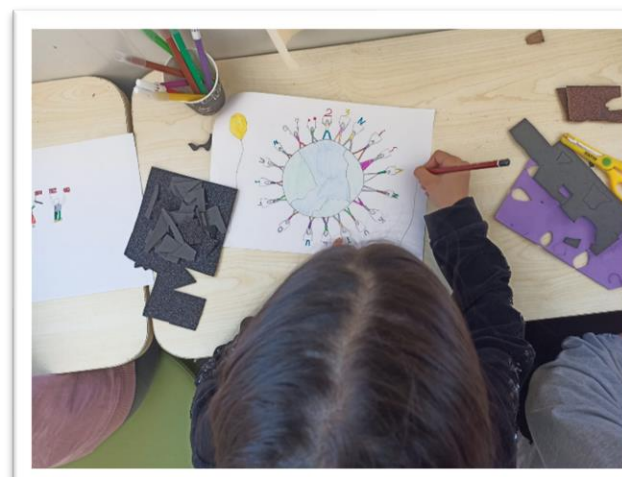
An IBC child-friendly area and PSS services have begun in Malatya Doganşehir with the support of GIZ. In addition, our child-wellness teams continue their activities in the region for children affected by the earthquake.



Workshops for children at the IBC Child Caravan (Dogansehir, MALATYA)



On the first day of the holiday, elderly people were visited together with the children who came to the caravan (MALATYA)



Workshops with children at the IBC Child Caravan on April 23 (Dogansehir, MALATYA)



Kites distributed to children at the IBC Child Caravan on April 23 (Dogansehir, MALATYA)

Sanliurfa

IBC provides psychosocial support services in Sanliurfa. This week, in cooperation with Sanliurfa Metropolitan Municipality, 350 baby hygiene kits and 150 general hygiene kits are distributed.



Kite activity with children within the scope of April 23rd (Sanliurfa)



Baby hygiene kits distributed with the support of Hungarian Interchurch Aid (Sanliurfa)

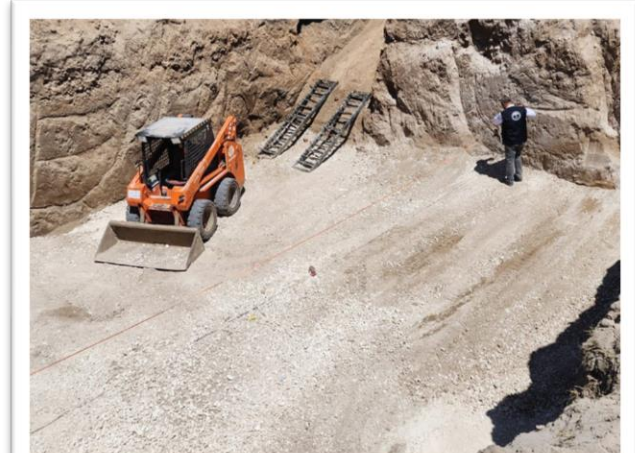
N. Syria

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, Tadif Village, and Tadif Camp). A total of 127 people were reached this week in the camps visited by community health teams.



Dabiq Health Center (N. Syria)

In addition, IBC's work continues at the Dabiq Health Center where services were provided for 320 patients this week. 20 patients were transferred to hospitals by IBC ambulances.



IBC Water Tank Project in Soran (Northern Syria)

IBC has also completed the installation of 5 water tanks in the Soran region in order to improve access to clean water and sanitation, which is one of the biggest problems of the region. In addition, this week, with the support of UMCOR, 920 solar-powered searchlights were delivered to the tent cities in the region.

Coordination

Coordination is central to the humanitarian response in 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 maintain close 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
- ✚ NWS NGO Forum – MEAL 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.



Hatay / Kirikhan

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, keep us in your minds.

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