

# TÜRKİYE SOUTH-EAST EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT | JANUARY - MARCH 2024

## Key Figures (as of April 2024)

Overall People Targeted <sup>1</sup>	Focused Target <sup>2</sup>	Population in Formal Sites <sup>3</sup>
<b>2,245,809</b>	<b>624,025</b>	<b>437,061</b>

## Total People Reached **1,423,991**

Men	Women	Boys	Girls
<b>152,914</b>	<b>399,880</b>	<b>439,211</b>	<b>431,986</b>

## KEY UPDATES

In the first quarter of 2024, partners have continued to complement government-led efforts to support affected populations with a range of humanitarian and recovery assistance, with particular focus on people in temporary settlements, residents in highly impacted provinces and refugees.

A series of commemoration events took place in February 2024 to mark the one year anniversary of the earthquake, including a UN Delegation visit to Hatay, jointly with the Resident Coordinator, as well as a joint tree planting ceremony in Adiyaman – with the donation of 2000 saplings - on the 25th March, in memory of all those who lost their lives.

On March 8, an international womens day event was organised with the participation of UN agencies, 14 government institutions and 15 NGOs, with a total of 600 women participating.

The ABC has introduced NGO co-chairs in each hub, with support from Local Humanitarian Forum, supporting efforts to ensure effective collaboration with local partners.

While there has been a reduction overall of informal sites, there continue to be populations residing in informal sites across the most affected provinces, mostly in rural areas, as well as generally in Hatay. Additionally, while population size and site-set up of formal sites has somewhat stabilised, there are still some that are expanding or finalising infrastructure. Those residing in sites with foldable containers - which do not have individual water and sanitation facilities, and are smaller - are among those prioritised for interventions.

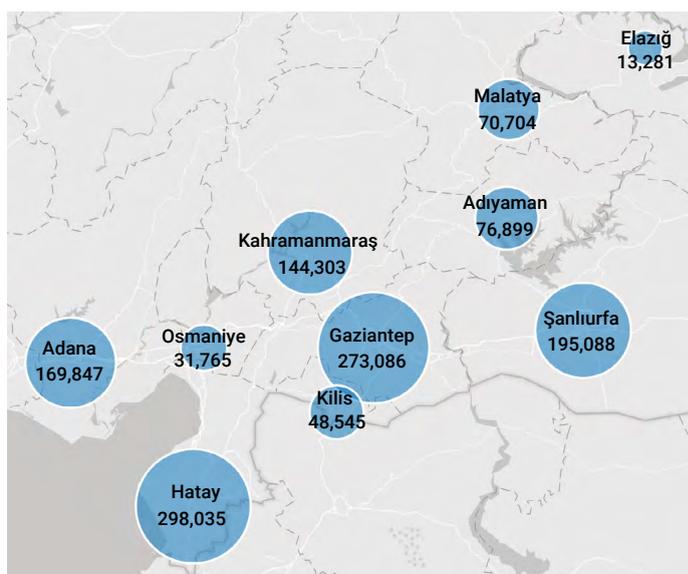
Authorities continue to work towards longer-term solutions for affected-populations, with the construction of permanent homes. Over 35,000 housing units have been handed over to homeowners so far, while monthly handover ceremonies continue.<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless, stays in temporary settlements are expected to be protracted, as many site residents are former renters, not eligible

for new homes, who are facing livelihoods challenges which pose barriers to self-reliance and durable solutions.

Overall, the earthquake response has experienced a significant reduction in funding, undermining the ability to respond to persisting needs. There continues to be an important role for partners to complement government efforts through provision of specialised services, assistance to populations in remote or rural locations, as well as supporting infrastructure and recurring needs in sites.

ABC members will commence engagement with municipalities and development agencies in April, following the finalisation of local elections and the corresponding expected launch of local level 5 year strategic plans, with the view to provide complementary technical support to recovery, promoting a leave-no-one-behind approach.

## Number of Individuals Reached by Province



<sup>1</sup> Residents in medium/high severity neighbourhoods in most heavily affected provinces and all people in temporary settlements - using 'Earthquake Solutions and Mobility Analysis Team - ESMAT - Severity Index'

<sup>2</sup> People in temporary settlements located in medium/high severity neighbourhoods or medium/high severity formal sites as well as residents of high severity neighbourhoods – using ESMAT Index.

<sup>3</sup> Data provided by AFAD to partners

<sup>4</sup> By time of publishing, this number may have increased.

## SECTOR ACHIEVEMENTS\*



## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

**14,133** Total people reached

7,007 Male | 7,126 Female

Overall, for WASH, 14,133 people were reached, with 10 partners reporting activities. During this reporting period, the majority of WASH stakeholders were engaged in planning activities. In collaboration with UNICEF and ACTED, the WASH sector conducted a comprehensive assessment of the Hilalkent settlements in Hatay, identifying gaps and potential responses. Additionally, 3000 family hygiene kits were distributed in Hatay and Adiyaman, while UNICEF established a rolling work plan with the water utility company in Malatya (MASKI), while similar plans for Kahramanmaras, Hatay, and Gaziantep are in approval process. Finally, the WASH sector organised two training workshops in Ankara on "Environmental Health Services in Disasters held on February 15th-16th, 2024, and March 7th-8th, 2024, with participation from 120 Ministry of Health (MoH) personnel.



## Temporary Settlement Support (TSS)

**48,834** Total people reached

20,346 Male | 28,488 Female

48,834 individuals have been supported with a range of TSS activities. This includes mobile activities in 155 sites (formal and informal), reaching 1,593 families and 3,600 individuals, including awareness raising, and information dissemination. Additionally, 386 referrals were made, including both individual and group level referrals to different sectors during this reporting period-including WASH, Protection, Health, Livelihood, CASH, Education and Shelter/NFI. Additionally, as part of winterization support, partners distributed 397 communal NFIs (lights, benches, signposts, gazebo and gathering spaces) benefiting 5,041 households. On March 7, 2024, the TSS sector organized a Community Engagement Strategy workshop in Gaziantep, with 33 participants (14 male, 19 female) comprised of INGO and NGO sector partners. The focus was on lessons learned, emerging challenges, and best practices. The intended outcome was to agree on improved methodologies and tools to harmonize community engagement approaches among sector members, based on shared learning.



## Shelter &amp; NFI

**141,000** Total people reached

58,744 Male | 82,256 Female

Over 141,000 individuals benefited from shelter and NFI assistance, during the first quarter of 2024, with support from 10 partners. Winterisation kits – including heating devices – as well as shelter improvements were provided in the context of harsh winter conditions, targeting 114 districts in Malatya, Hatay, Kahramanmaras, Adiyaman, and Gaziantep. To ensure that the electrical infrastructure of the settlements and the containers is adequate before distributing heaters, the Shelter and NFI Sector coordinated with site management and/or local authorities. Cumulatively, since the start of winter, partners have reached over 1 million households to improve interior living conditions against the winter, while 220k households have been supported for enhanced living spaces, and improvements have been made in 12 settlement sites with infrastructure, both formal and informal sites. In rural areas, based on light repair guidance developed by the sector, targeted households received a total of 258,347TL for light repairs.



## Education

**30,947** Total people reached

14,820 Male | 16,127 Female

Overall, 30,947 individuals benefited from education interventions provided by 16 partners, including 2,434 children (1224 girls, 1210 boys) with early childhood education activities and life skills and citizenship education programmes; 863 parents who have attended parental involvement activities during the reporting period and 88 teachers (11 female, 66 male) trained. The sector organized Education in Emergencies (EiE) fundamental course benefiting 30 individuals from 20 organizations mostly local NGOs on 12-16 February 2024 in Gaziantep aiming to enhancing the capacity of response staff who need to rapidly improve their knowledge of the fundamental concepts, phases and tools of EiE. Lack of physical space continues to be one of the leading challenges due to earthquake damage, resulting in double-shifts and use of prefabricated containers in formal sites. Transportation for upper secondary schools is another challenge. The sectors continues engagement with relevant PDoNE authorities and stakeholders to address these needs.

\*Activity reports provided by WASH, TSS and Shelter cover the four most heavily earthquake affected provinces, as well as specific districts in Gaziantep. Whereas other sectors are reporting across 11 provinces.



## Protection

**215,865** Total people reached

**88,826** Male | **126,781** Female

Partners continued to conduct joint activities with PDoFSS, including protection assessments and case management referrals. 40 members of the legal counsellors' group were trained on 'key population groups' by key refugee group experts. A Youth Task Team was established in February for the South-East, with two meetings to-date to determine priorities. A protection Analysis Task Team was established for review of data collection needs and analysis. 200 people and 15 participating organisations attended International Women's Day activities in Hatay in partnership with Hatay Governorate and PDoFSS. 35 individuals in Gaziantep, from I/NGO's, UN participants, local municipalities, were trained by the Child protection sub-sector on Safe Identification & Referral Individualized Child Protection and related tools, supported by SCI, CARE, UNICEF and PDoFSS. Additional hub-level trainings are planned. A safety Audit exercise has been initiated by the GBV sub-sector with audits in temporary settlements to take place in partnership with other sectors. 100 participants were trained on; psychosocial support for GBV survivors jointly the MHPSS working group; disability Inclusion in GBV Service Provision supported by SENED; Legal Support for GBV Survivors coordinated with Legal Counsellors Group. Additionally, 60 people from I/NGOs attended round table discussions in Malatya (January) and Hatay (March) to determine programming gaps. FGDs with refugees in formal sites and face-to-face KII in informal sites, including with authorities and residing refugees, were conducted by partners on protection issues.



## Basic Needs

**827,212** Total people reached

**334,515** Male | **492,697** Female

In the first quarter of 2024, providers of cash and voucher assistance successfully reached 827,212 individuals with multi-purpose cash assistance across the 11 earthquake-affected provinces. Of this total, 755,010 beneficiaries participated in the Social Safety Net (SSN) program, which is conducted by the Ministry of Family and Social Services (MoFSS) in collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent (TRC). While winterization assistance commenced in the final quarter of 2023, during the reporting period, cash assistance provided to the most vulnerable households included winterization cash. Furthermore, partners also delivered in-kind assistance to 4,489 individuals during the same period.



## Health

**144,574** Total people reached

**67,054** Male | **77,520** Female

144,574 individuals benefited from health support, including 150,000 doses of Pediatric Hepatitis B Vaccine to 47,500 children with three doses from birth to 6th months; 64 outreach workers were trained on infant and young children feeding, nutrition and child growth monitoring; 17 healthcare professionals were trained on home visits to support early childhood development; 606 children and their caregivers (396 female, 210 male) benefited from 1060 counselling sessions in health and nutrition. 11 static and 11 mobile service units provided SRH in temporary shelters; 15,000 individuals received Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) services, 2500 individuals benefitted from RH commodities and over 1000 individuals with maternity kits. Partners delivered 33 containers for MHPSS provision in EQ provinces and 4 rehabilitation service containers in Hatay, along with rehabilitation equipment for 27 healthy living centres. 140 water chlorination monitoring devices and 15 automated and solar powered chlorination devices were delivered to authorities. Finally, 500 personnel of MoH and MoFSS were trained in MHPSS and health-related WASH.



## Economic Empowerment

**120** Businesses | **4,299** Individuals

Through the cooperatives and SMEs support schemes, around 120 already established cooperatives/businesses as well as new businesses were supported in 11 EQ provinces. Three accessible community centers were established in cooperation with municipalities to provide urgently needed care services to vulnerable earthquake affected populations including elderly and persons with disabilities. A total of 1,426 individuals received subsidies for various agricultural supplies and improvements, including: Seeds; Fertilizer; Fodder; Barn and tent subsidies; Flour; Materials; Greenhouse covers; Rainwater harvesting systems. A total of 3,053 individuals participated in vocational or practical training programs, including entrepreneurship, digital literacy, and coding. Three research studies (household survey, tracer study, enterprise survey) assessed living/working conditions and the impact of the earthquake on 3,746 people and 719 enterprises.

## CROSS-CUTTING AND TECHNICAL GROUPS

### AGEING & DISABILITY INCLUSION TASK TEAM (ADITT)

The Ageing and Disability Inclusion Task Team (ADITT) reviewed its membership to increase technical expertise with improve representation of organisations of persons with disabilities (OPD). Its members now include 13 female and 9 males, including 8 persons with disabilities (4 female, 4 male). A Knowledge Measurement Survey was initiated to address gaps among members, to be addressed through targeted information exchange. The group continues to offer technical guidance and advocates for inclusive approaches to design and implementation of interventions, engagement with communities and inclusion in decision-making. From January to March, the following trainings were provided by members; Relief International, in collaboration with MUDEM, led training in Malatya on Disability Inclusion with 47 participants from 15 different organizations, Sened, jointly with Save the Children, conducted 18 sessions on disability inclusion and disability rights in Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman, Malatya, Gaziantep, Mardin, and an online event, reaching 266 participants. More hub-level training is planned in the next quarter.

### PROTECTION AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE NETWORK (PSEA)

The Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) network conducted series of introductory and focal point trainings. Introductory trainings were organised with participation of 29 NGO, CSO, RLOs and embassy representatives on PSEA, and following these sessions, one-day training sessions were held separately with UN and partners, as well as NGOs, RLOs, and CBOs, covering identification of SEA incidents and reporting. Additionally, PSEA & ADITT are collaboratively mainstreaming Disability Inclusion in PSEA response and prevention, with plans to conduct training on communication/interactions with persons with disabilities & digital communication and accessible information channels for persons with disability, within the framework of PSEA. Finally, the network conducted a mapping of incorporation of reference check queries in recruitment processes relating to SEA, to identify and promote good practice.

### WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION (WEHA)

WEHA held one meeting last quarter with the revived membership, focusing on gender check lists, promotion of gender-disaggregated data, as well as a presentation on persisting issues faced by women and girls in the earthquake zone, based on information gathered from TSS site visits. In the next quarter, the focus will be on promoting and reviewing gender checklists which are tailored tools to support sector-based gender responsiveness.

### CASH BASED TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (CBI-TWG)

CBI TWG has revised in the multipurpose cash assistance (MPCA) guidance in February for 2024, highlighting Transfer Value considerations and rent recommendations based on household size and per capita needs and contexts. Concurrently, the Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) Mapping of CVA activities across the country in 2023 was conducted, showcasing diverse donor support and varied delivery mechanisms, despite challenges such as data collection and the difficulties faced by financial service providers in areas severely impacted by crises. Results will be shared with respective sectors in the coming quarter, and dashboard of findings will be available as a public repository. Additionally, a Skills Gap Analysis (SGA) was conducted to identify CVA capability gaps, resulting in the creation of learning pathways. Moreover, the establishment of the Technical advisory group (TAG) in January 2024, composed of representatives from GIZ, CARE, Save the Children, Concern, Orange, has enhanced technical and strategic inputs to CVA programming, including MPCA guidance revision and SGA.

### ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Environment sector partners are supporting debris and hazardous waste removal. Two debris recycling facilities in Hatay and Kahramanmaraş provinces are being supported. During early January the results of an assessment on debris temporary storage sites was presented to partners during a workshop. The event aimed to maintain coordination with relevant Ministries and civil society actors to ensure that the most optimum locations are listed and to ensure that any issues or concerns are identified and addressed promptly to prevent damage or harm.

## Adiyaman

76,899

People Reached

18

Active Partners

- The Deputy Governor has commenced monthly coordination meetings between local authorities, UN agencies and NGOs, with over 50 organisations participating.
- A collaborative visit took place to the newly established container site K7 – formed to accommodate persons with disabilities - with participation of representatives from organizations including the Deputy Governor, PDoFSS, AFAD, PdoH, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundation and the ABC. The visit supported identification and response to remaining needs for site residents.
- Newly constructed homes continue to be handed over to persons with proof of home ownership prior to the earthquake; 41, 372 houses are being constructed in Adiyaman, 23, 437 in the city centre, 1, 795 in central villages, 12, 692 in districts, and 3, 448 in district villages. 8,174 housing units have been handed over so far.

## Malatya

70,704

People Reached

12

Active Partners

- UN agencies and local partners continue to provide livelihoods, psychosocial support, multi-sector assistance to meet basic needs, as well as complementary support to healthcare and education. There is active engagement with provincial directorates, Firat Development Agency, Cooperatives, Institute of Supporting the Agricultural Development (TKDK), AFAD, the governor's office, İnönü University, Turgut Özal University, Malatya Metropolitan Municipality, Chamber of Business and Industry and the Chamber of Merchants and Craftmen.
- Partners provided targeted support to priority temporary settlements based on gaps identified, including Yeni Hayat container city and populations in Haniminciftligi.
- 43, 000 housing units are under construction, 7,818 have been completed.
- AFAD provincial directorate plans to establish a Coordination and Response Center for joint use with civil society in the province.

## Hatay

298,035

People Reached

29

Active Partners

- On-going collaboration between ABC members continues with PDMM, PDoFSS, AFAD and District Governors to support response to earthquake affected families.
- MHPSS, GBV and TSS sector representatives have conducted regular awareness raising sessions such as such as information on legal access, grief, fire safety and prevention.
- Hilalkent site, it is expected to become the largest site in Hatay, hosting up to 15,000 Syrians under temporary protection. Cooperation is ongoing with local authorities and NGOs to respond to current and future needs.
- Informal settlements are still prevalent, although there are on-going efforts by authorities to reduce their presence, facilitated by movements towards formal container sites.
- 10, 847 newly constructed houses have been handed over in Hatay; 9876 houses in the center of districts and 971 houses in rural areas. A total of 110,000 homes are planned.

## Kahramanmaraş

144,303

People Reached

15

Active Partners

- ABC and Sector coordinators have been in close collaboration and coordination with AFAD, district governors, and municipal authorities to meet ongoing needs, including planning for summer response.
- 22, 000 housing units are planned in Kahramanmaras, of these a total of 9, 289 apartments have been completed, for handover to eligible home owners.
- Informal settlements have significantly reduced in the city and province, with increased focus on targeted complementary support to formal sites and the remaining more remote informal sites which are typically not in central areas.
- Livelihood opportunities and access to housing are frequently reported priorities during community engagement conducted by responding partners.

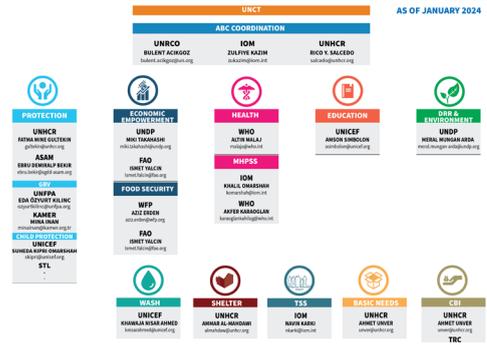
\* The figures provided for housing construction are based on the latest available data. It is likely that more houses will have been completed and handed over by time of publishing.

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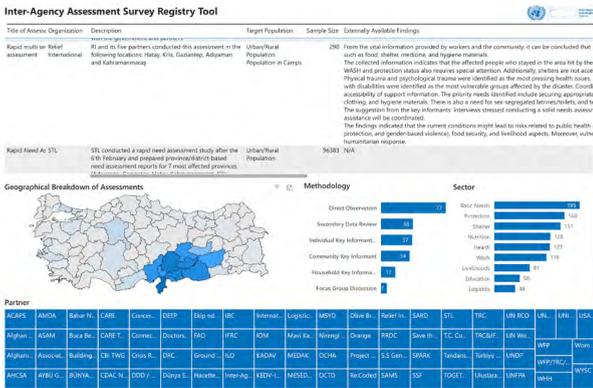


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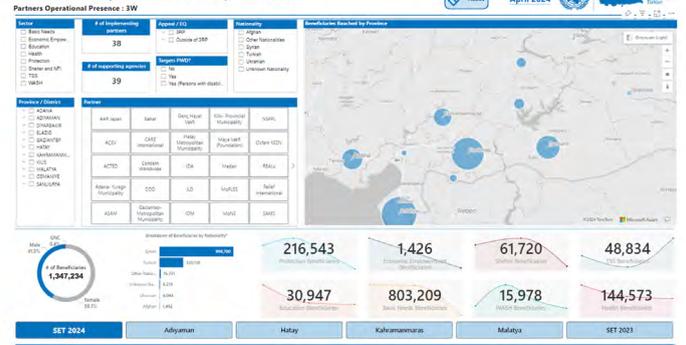


Inter Agency Structure



Inter-Agency Assessment Survey Registry Tool Dashboard

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Humanitarian Response Overview