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WFP Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Response

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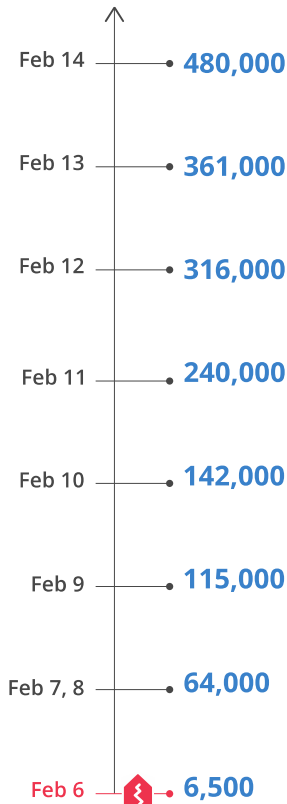
At least **44,000** deaths and **123,000** injuries in total in Türkiye and Syria

13.4 million people live in the ten provinces affected in Türkiye

8.8 million quake-affected population in Syria

Earthquake Response	Requirements
Türkiye	US\$ 50 million
Syria	US\$ 27 million

WFP Regular Assistance in Syria	Requirements
Syria GFA minimum requirements to avert beneficiary reductions in 2023	US\$ 386 million



WFP EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE IN TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

In Numbers

480,000 earthquake affected people in Syria and Türkiye assisted with WFP life-saving food assistance

324,000 Turkish citizens and Syrian refugees are receiving family food packages in camps and hot meals in municipal community kitchens in **Türkiye**

156,000 people are receiving ready-to-eat rations and hot meals in **Syria**.

480,000 people in **North-West Syria** to date have received their regular GFA food rations and cash transfers, many of whom are affected by the earthquake.

Highlights

- As needs are compounding, WFP has scaled up its emergency response in Türkiye and Syria, reaching around 480,000 quake-affected people so far in both countries.
- In Syria, WFP resumed its regular general food assistance for an estimated 5.5 million people, including 1.4 million in North-West Syria, along with the ongoing emergency earthquake response in the affected cities.
- Humanitarian access expanded with the opening of two additional border crossing points from Türkiye to north-west Syria, enabling more trucks to cross transporting humanitarian aid to the affected people. WFP calls on concerned parties to also urgently resume and augment crossline deliveries to increase access axes and ease congestions on damaged roads.

Situation Update

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is working around the clock with partners to deliver lifesaving food assistance to the families devastated by the last week's earthquakes that hit Türkiye and Syria. Overall, WFP assisted around 480,000 earthquake-affected people in both countries with hot meals, ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) and family food packages thus far.
- As needs are compounding, WFP is augmenting its emergency response expertise on the frontlines in Syria and Türkiye to support the most vulnerable. Teams are ramping up efforts in both countries to assess the needs, support logistics efforts and deliver immediate relief in the affected areas.
- Death toll continues to climb by the hour in both countries, exceeding 40,000 deaths and close to 100,000 injuries across the provinces affected by the earthquakes. Emergency food assistance is on top of the priority needs especially with the lack of functioning markets in several locations.
- Syrians have been grappling with an economy that is too fragile to withstand external shocks. The quake-affected cities of Syria had already been severely impacted by the conflict. In north-west Syria, people were already relying

Photo Caption: WFP food distribution in Idlib Governorate, Syria. ©WFP/Photo library

mostly on humanitarian assistance. The earthquakes in a harsh winter weather exacerbated their needs and increases the risk of thousands of vulnerable people to slip into acute food insecurity. It is vital to get assistance to the people who need it most.

WFP Response

Türkiye

In Türkiye, WFP, in collaboration with 42 partners (40 municipalities, the Presidency of Migration Management and the Turkish Red Crescent), provided much needed assistance to around **324,000 quake-affected refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)** thus far.

Municipal Community Kitchens

- One week after the earthquakes, deliveries to affected municipalities continued in full swing. So far, WFP delivered food commodities to 42 municipal community kitchens in 33 municipalities across 11 provinces: Adana, Adiyaman, Diyarbakır, Hatay, Gaziantep, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, Mardin, Mersin and Sanliurfa. This will enable these municipalities to distribute cooked meals to **227,679 people** over 14 days. Overall, WFP will reach 55 municipalities with food commodities needed to distribute cooked meals to quake-affected people.

Family food packages distribution

- In the wake of the earthquakes, WFP delivered 19,200 family food packages to **96,000 quake-affected people** in seven camps in Adana, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, and Osmaniye Cevdetiye, in coordination with the Presidency of Migration Management's (PMM). Food packages were also delivered to two municipalities in Adiyaman and Kahramanmaraş to be distributed in remote villages. Both partners are currently assessing the needs in camps to tailor the assistance accordingly. The food packages cover households' needs for one week.

Syria

- WFP assisted **156,271 people** with emergency food assistance in both government and non-government-controlled areas. Ready-to-eat rations (RTEs) remain the primary means of assistance, accompanied with fortified date bars and/or preventative nutritional supplements for additional nutritional support. WFP is also working closely with local partners on the ground to deliver hot and fresh meals and dry food baskets.
- After a three-day temporary interruption by the earthquakes, WFP resumed its regular general food assistance (GFA) for some 5.5 million people across all 14 Syrian governorates, of whom 1.4 million are in NWS.

North-western Syria

- Around **87,145 affected people** received 17,429 RTEs through WFP partners in Idleb, Harim, Dana, Benesh,

Jandairis, Kafr Takharim, Maaret Tamsrin, Saraqeb, Taftanaz, Jisr-Ash-Shugur, Armanaz, Kafr Takharim, Azaz, and Jarablus.

- In North-west Syria, WFP's regular general food assistance resumed for in-kind and cash, reaching an estimated 480,000 people to date.

Government-controlled areas

- WFP assisted a total of **69,126 people** with emergency food assistance in the governorates of Aleppo, Tartous, Lattakia and Hama.
- In Aleppo, 10,125 affected people received RTEs through partners; 36,714 people received hot meals since the start of the crisis.
- In Lattakia and Tartous governorates, WFP has assisted 14,227 people with sandwiches/hot meals and RTEs covering 5,920 people for one week.
- In Hama, WFP supported 1,590 displaced people with 318 RTEs for one week.

Funding Requirements

- WFP is appealing for **US\$ 77 million** to provide assistance through food rations and hot meals for a total of **874,000 quake-affected people in Türkiye and Syria**.
- In **Türkiye**, WFP requires **US\$ 50 million initially to assist** 590,000 people, which includes 45,000 refugees and 545,000 internally displaced Turkish nationals.
- In **Syria**, WFP requires **US\$ 27 million** to scale up its response and support 284,000 newly displaced people affected by the earthquake for four months.
- In addition, WFP Syria requires **a minimum of US\$ 386 million** to continue providing GFA for the rest of 2023, including to earthquake-affected people that are already receiving it based on previous vulnerability.
- Due to funding shortfalls, families are currently receiving reduced food rations. Without additional funding on time, WFP would be forced to cut up to 70 percent of beneficiaries in July to avert a complete pipeline break. Nearly 3.8 million people (including 900,000 people in northwest Syria) could stop receiving food assistance.



Photo Caption: WFP staff distributing food packages to refugees and IDPs in Cevdetiye camp, Türkiye. ©WFP/Photo library

WFP Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Response - Assistance Map

