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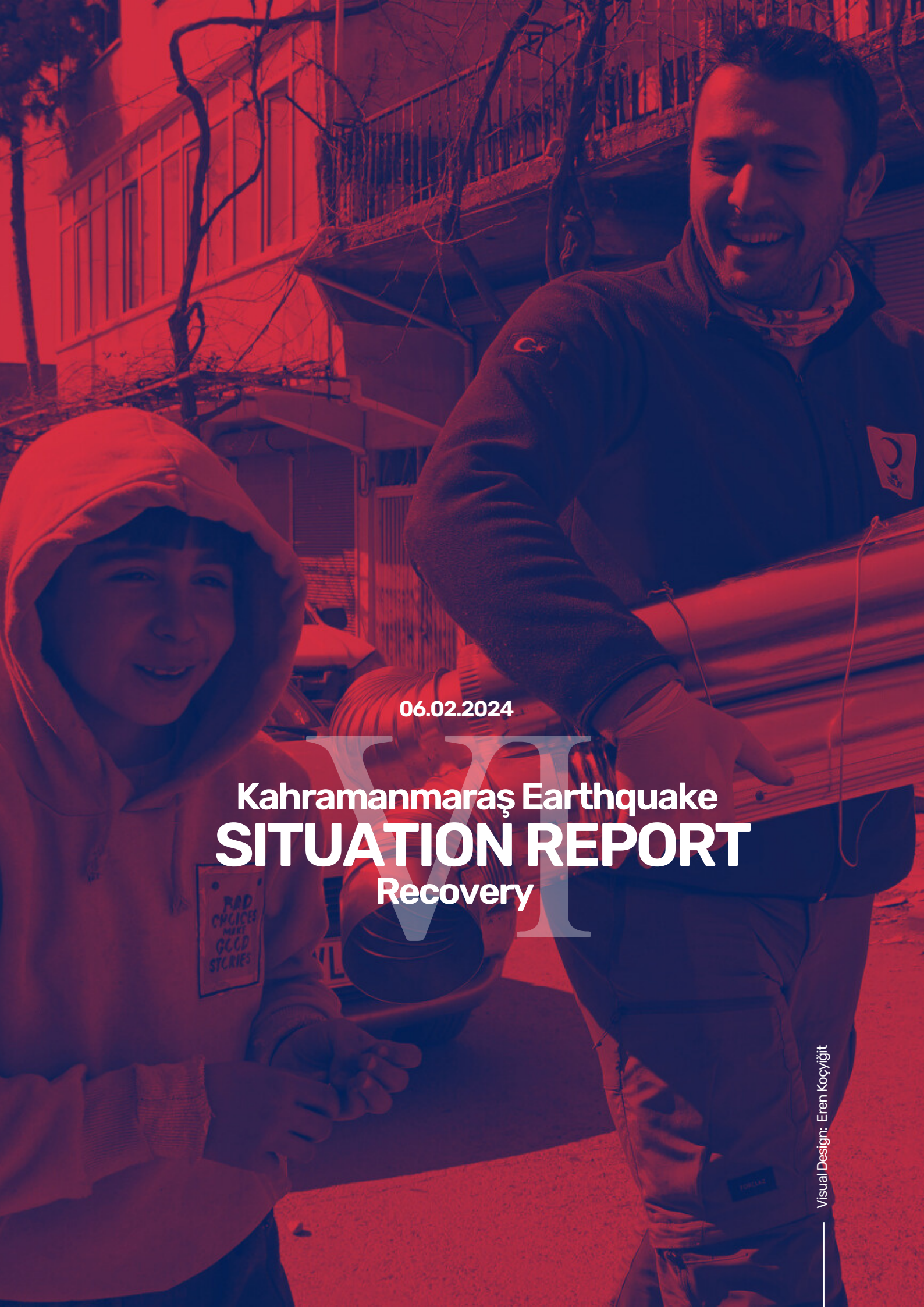

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FOREWORD

Since day one of the disaster, Türk Kızılay has been on the ground addressing the humanitarian needs of the affected population. A seismic test of our resilience manifested in the form of a devastating earthquake, prompting immediate and sustained efforts for mitigation and recovery. In the face of these trying times, Türk Kızılay embraced the responsibility with unwavering commitment, tirelessly working to alleviate the consequences of this natural disaster and providing steadfast support in the aftermath.

The Situation Report VI serves as a comprehensive overview of our endeavours, meticulously detailing the multifaceted aspects of our response initiatives, the encountered obstacles, and the progress achieved post-earthquake. It underscores the resilience and efficacy of Türk Kızılay in navigating complex crises, emphasizing our dedication to upholding the highest standards of humanitarian assistance.

In the pages that follow, gain insight into the comprehensive spectrum of relief activities undertaken by Türk Kızılay, collaboratively engaging with both governmental and non-governmental entities. From the swift establishment of emergency shelters to the strategic deployment of aid materials and the efficient distribution of essential supplies, our efforts have been focused on addressing the immediate needs of the affected population and facilitating the intricate process of recovery.

The ongoing operations, anticipated to extend for a minimum of 3 to 5 years, signify a transition from the early recovery phase to the recovery phase. This phase is characterized by the societal or systemic capacity to overcome disasters, reclaiming equilibrium across sociological, psychological, and physical dimensions. Activities during the recovery phase encompass a spectrum of humanitarian interventions, including the provision of livelihood support, psychosocial care, education, health, and protection services. Additionally, there is a dedicated focus on the repair and reconstruction of damaged Türk Kızılay buildings, signifying a holistic approach to strengthening the affected community. Türk Kızılay remains steadfast in nurturing the resilience of the community, fostering a sustainable recovery that encompasses diverse facets of human well-being and societal cohesion.

As one of the leading organizations deployed immediately post-earthquake, Türk Kızılay stands resolute, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to remain in the field until the the humanitarian needs of all affected individuals are met.

MHPSS

Reached
+700.000
people

10
MHPSS tents

7
Child Friendly Areas

4 Mobile Vehicles

+260 Personnel and Volunteers Providing MHPSS Services

Wash

+1.681.030
People Reached with Hygiene Kits and Materials

2.5 Billion tons of purified water

26 Sets of Mobile Showers, Laundromats and Toilets

Health

47.571
Medical Exams Conducted

75.156
Medicine

100
Health Personnel

Social Markets

9 Million
relief items reached

600.000
people

Volunteers

+240.500
Volunteers/ Day

+83.148 new volunteers joined

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CEA

+90
Reports

+365.837
Calls Received by the 168 Call-Centre

Shelters

+97.957
Tents

+2.880
Containers

Nutrition

20.480.000 soup
427.200.000 hot meals
398.000.000 loaves of bread
43.000.000 units of non-perishable food items

NUTRITION SUPPORT

The earthquakes that struck Türkiye on February 6, 2023, unleashed widespread devastation, leaving an indelible mark on the affected communities. The impact was profound, affecting millions of lives and resulting in a significant loss of human lives, financial assets, and livelihoods. The seismic catastrophe disrupted daily life, impeding access to fundamental necessities such as food and drinking water.

In its leadership role within the National Nutrition Service Group, Türk Kızılay emerged as a cornerstone in orchestrating mass feeding services in alignment with the Türkiye Disaster Response Plan. Collaborating with its National Nutrition Support Group members, Türk Kızılay actively engaged in the distribution of hot meals and food parcels to all affected provinces. The primary objective of this initiative is to enhance the resilience of affected communities and the dedicated response teams on the ground while strictly adhering to the prescribed response plan.

With the disaster affecting 11 provinces in the region, Türk Kızılay promptly initiated sustainable relief operations through its local branches, community centers, and regional disaster operation centers. Leveraging its extensive experience and capacity-building endeavours in localization, Türk Kızılay effectively expanded its outreach to diverse locations, amplifying its impact and reaching more individuals in need.

In response to the multifaceted losses suffered by the communities in earthquake-affected zones, including the depletion of shelter, essential household assets, and income sources, Türk Kızılay systematically engaged in the expeditious provision of hot meal services since the beginning of the immediate response phase. The Nutrition Group, under the coordination of the Turkish Red Crescent, has executed a collective response strategy. Since the beginning of the disaster, over 100 nutrition platforms, including both public institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) who are operating collaboratively on the ground to meet the essential humanitarian needs. Notably, the group has distributed sustenance to a substantial populace, encompassing

- **20.480.000** Soups
- **427.200.000** Hot Meals
- **398.000.000** Loaves of bread distributed, and
- **43.000.000** Units of non-perishable food items disbursed.

This concerted and expansive initiative signifies a concerted commitment to mitigating the nutritional impact of the disaster and exemplifies the effective collaboration among diverse stakeholders involved in the relief efforts.

Within the overarching recovery strategy, the principal emphasis lies in distributing fundamental food support to the impacted communities. Central to this effort are food parcels distributed by Türk Kızılay, comprising of essential supplies to feed a family of five for approximately 20 days. This initiative has emerged as a cornerstone of Türk Kızılay's relief endeavours.

The earthquakes in Türkiye on February 6, 2023, have left an indelible mark on the affected communities, necessitating a robust and sustained response. Türk Kızılay's proactive approach to providing nutrition assistance and essential support to the affected population is commendable. As recovery efforts continue, it is imperative to ensure continued collaboration and resource mobilization to address the ongoing challenges and help rebuild the lives of those affected.

SHELTER

The damage caused by the earthquakes over 2 million individuals in the region homeless, particularly in residential areas most affected by the disaster. The urgent imperative revolves around the immediate need for shelter, compounded by the looming threat of aftershocks and the unforgiving winter conditions. In a concerted effort with AFAD, Türk Kızılay has been at the forefront, actively providing crucial temporary shelter assistance.

Acknowledging the inadequacies of tents for prolonged habitation, especially in light of weather vulnerabilities and technical challenges exposed by floods, Türk Kızılay is strategically pivoting towards a more sustainable paradigm.

As Türkiye strides forward in recovering from the devastating earthquakes of February 6, Türk Kızılay is resolutely shifting its focus towards reconstruction and rebuilding efforts. The İskenderun Blood Donation Centre Improvement and Capacity Building Project aims to replace earthquake-damaged infrastructure, while the Adıyaman Blood Donation Centre Improvement and Capacity Building Project plans to construct a new facility alongside modular blood donation units and vehicles.

In addition to these initiatives, the Prefabricated Community Service Centres Project is set to ensure the sustained and effective delivery of services to earthquake victims by erecting prefabricated structures for Community Service Centres in eight locations across six affected cities. This comprehensive approach underscores Türk Kızılay's commitment to providing not only immediate relief but also fostering long-term resilience and recovery for the affected communities.

As we navigate the intricate process of recovery, the need for continuous support becomes paramount. Türk Kızılay earnestly urges the sustained commitment and assistance of stakeholders and supporters to ensure the success of the recovery phase, ultimately securing a brighter future for those grappling with the aftermath of the earthquakes.

SOCIAL MARKETS

In response to the urgent demand for humanitarian intervention aimed at upholding the dignity of individuals affected by various crises, Türk Kızılay has instituted the Social Markets project. This innovative initiative, developed in collaboration with public institutions and organizations, is actively operational in six strategically selected cities. The primary objective of the Social Markets project is to provide in-kind assistance, encompassing essential items such as food, hygiene products, and clothing, all the while preserving the autonomy and dignity of recipients. This approach is designed to empower individuals in need by allowing them to freely select the items they require, thereby mitigating the traditional dependency associated with aid distribution.

The Social Markets project extends beyond the mere provision of material aid, incorporating a crucial psychosocial support component. Recognizing the psychological toll of traumatic experiences, the initiative aims to contribute to the recovery process by offering assistance in trauma recovery. By addressing both the tangible and intangible needs of individuals affected by crises, Türk Kızılay aims to foster a holistic approach to humanitarian aid.

One distinctive feature of the Social Markets is the emulation of a traditional market setting, wherein individuals in need can look through the available items and choose those that best suit their needs.

This deliberate design not only facilitates a sense of empowerment but also significantly reduces the perpetuation of dependency and the associated stigma often associated with receiving aid. The emphasis on choice and dignity in the aid distribution process contributes to a more positive and respectful experience for those accessing support through Social Markets.

Furthermore, the project actively cultivates a spirit of normalcy and community among the affected population. Positive interactions between Türk Kızılay staff, volunteers, and the beneficiaries are actively encouraged within the supportive environment of the Social Markets. This intentional focus on fostering a sense of community aims to counteract the isolation and vulnerability often experienced by individuals grappling with the aftermath of crises.

Volunteers play a pivotal role in the successful operation of Social Markets, working alongside Türk Kızılay staff since the inception of the initiative. These dedicated individuals have contributed significantly to the distribution of an additional 9 million relief items to survivors through various Social Market branches and Kızılay Boutiques strategically situated in different cities. Their commitment and involvement underscore the collaborative and community-driven nature of Türk Kızılay's approach to humanitarian aid, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals affected by crises.

CASH

In the operational landscape of 2023, Türk Kızılay, with a strategic focus, directed its humanitarian endeavours towards delivering substantial cash and voucher assistance to the victims of the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş. Collaborating with prominent organizations like the World Food Programme, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and UNICEF, Türk Kızılay spearheaded a multifaceted approach aimed at providing comprehensive aid to the affected communities. This initiative was characterized by a nuanced response strategy that sought to address the diverse needs arising from the calamity.

Türk Kızılay has implemented innovative cash distribution systems that include various mechanisms such as QR codes, debit cards, e-vouchers and SMS methods. This flexible design allows for adaptation to various contexts, ensuring effective aid distribution in different scenarios. Such diversification in distribution channels reflects a commitment to flexibility, enabling Türk Kızılay to tailor its approach to the unique contextual challenges encountered in different scenarios. This adaptability not only ensures the efficient and effective distribution of aid but also underscores Türk Kızılay's commitment to leveraging technology for humanitarian impact.

ESSN Project

The ESSN and C-ESSN Projects assist vulnerable refugees who struggle to sustain their livelihoods. Operated through the KIZILAYKART Platform, it offers cash assistance to the affected communities and extra support to severely disabled beneficiaries. Aimed at alleviating financial burdens and ensuring essential resources, the project caters to those facing hardships, providing vital assistance and inclusive aid. Under the ESSN project, households, both within and outside earthquake-affected areas, received aid payments.

Within the scope of ESSN, additional payments were distributed to earthquake survivors, with a two-time additional payment of

1.350 ₺

(1,350x2=2,700 TRY)

made to

28.729

households in April 2023 and May 2023, along with routine ESSN payments.

Within the framework of C-ESSN additional payments were also distributed to earthquake survivors, in addition to routine C-ESSN payments. A two-time additional payment of

1.500 ₺

(1,500x2 = 3,000 TRY)

was made to

10.742

households via a cardless modality in April 2023 and May 2023.

As a third payment, an additional payment of

2.300 ₺

was made to households within the 11 provinces affected by the earthquake, and

1.300 ₺

was made to households outside the 11 provinces.

Within the scope of ESSN, for the July 2023 period,

910 ₺

per household *(250,016,130.00 TRY in total)*

was made to

274.743

households.

Children First Project

This project focused on providing cash assistance to vulnerable families with children aged 0 to 17 who were affected by the earthquakes. Payments of

900₺ were disbursed to

122.265

households initially, with plans for a second round in December 2023, amounting to

1.300₺

per household in five provinces, totalling up to

177.265.400₺ in aid.

Collective Kindness Project

The Collective Kindness Project provided unconditional cash assistance to disaster victims, extending financial support to 151,000 households initially. Payments totalling 3,000 TRY each month per household (6,000 TRY in total) were disbursed during a two-month period, which was later extended to 11 September 2023. A third payment of 8,600 TRY was allocated to specific beneficiary groups, ensuring equitable access among households. Additional funding from the ESSN Project was also utilized to support 105,000 households.

Subsequently, a fourth payment of 1,300 TRY per household was made on 10 November 2023, benefiting 98,620 households. Overall, the Collective Kindness Project reached thousands of households with a total of 1.252.074.400 TRY. Measures were taken to prevent duplication and target the most vulnerable groups through beneficiary analyses.

Cash Assistance Efforts

Türk Kızılay's comprehensive assistance programs extended beyond cash disbursements, encompassing various initiatives such as the ESEN Card, vouchers (A101), Ramadan Cash Assistance, Education Support, and Orphan Support. These measures are aimed to address diverse needs and support affected populations. Within the scope of Cash-Based Assistance,

165.045.000₺

was provided through Shopping Cards (BİM KART and A101 Card).

Efforts were made to avoid overlap among target groups, ensuring the most effective and comprehensive support for earthquake victims.

Throughout 2023, Türk Kızılay's concerted efforts in cash and voucher systems played a pivotal role in aiding earthquake victims. The strategic allocation of funds, extended project timelines, and tailored assistance programs underscored a commitment to reaching and supporting vulnerable households efficiently and effectively.

TÜRK KIZILAY ESEN CARD provided varying monthly household assistance amounts of

674.433.000₺

LIVELIHOOD

Türk Kızılay, in response to the recent calamity, has unveiled a robust support initiative with a multifaceted approach targeting farmers, traders, and residents grappling with the aftermath. The immediate focus is on providing short-term emergency aid to farmers, delivering essential provisions such as seeds, fertilizers, and agricultural equipment. Prioritizing small-scale farmers involved in both agriculture and animal husbandry, this effort is conducted in collaboration with the Provincial Directorate of Agriculture. Simultaneously, financial relief is extended to small-scale businesses, strategically channelled towards recuperating lost assets and production means. The seamless execution of this plan is ensured through collaboration with the Chambers of Craftsmen and Artisans.

As the initiative progresses, the spotlight shifts to a long-term strategy cantering around vocational training and job placement programs. Special emphasis is placed on supporting female entrepreneurs, fostering regionally tailored small-business initiatives, and generating self-sustaining income-generating activities, particularly within agricultural communities. Aligning produce with modern standards and establishing effective distribution channels in agriculture constitute integral components of this forward-looking strategy.

A substantial financial commitment of 30 million TRY has been earmarked for the Agriculture and Livestock Support Program, with an ambitious budget of 400 million TRY slated for the planning and execution of these programs in 2024. The Small Business Support Programs in Adıyaman, Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Gaziantep, Malatya, and Osmaniye have received a significant allocation of 26.12 million TRY. Noteworthy beneficiaries encompass 88 women farmers and 118 women small business owners who have received vital support under this initiative.

Türk Kızılay remains steadfast in its commitment to aiding those affected by earthquakes. Pioneering a multifaceted approach, Türk Kızılay invests in capacity building, language training, and comprehensive support for both employers and employees. The ultimate goal is to elevate individual development and employability, thereby opening doors to newfound opportunities. Dynamic soft skills development programs play a pivotal role, enabling individuals to acquire new competencies or enhance existing ones, paving the way for diverse employment prospects.

Beyond their immediate impact, socio-economic empowerment initiatives function as a shield, fortifying communities against future disasters. Equipping these communities with essential tools and resources not only expedites recovery but also mitigates the enduring economic and social repercussions of natural calamities, thereby fostering sustainable development in the long run.

In essence, once immediate needs are met, socio-economic empowerment initiatives emerge as transformative endeavours, charting a course towards lasting positive change.

HEALTH

In the aftermath of the earthquake, Türk Kızılay swiftly delivered critical healthcare services to the affected communities. Deploying Mobile Health Vehicles ensured that even those residing in remote rural areas could easily access essential medical care.

- Since February 6, Türk Kızılay has conducted approximately **47.571** medical examinations. Over **100** dedicated health personnel have been deployed to the field, providing visits to the affected communities living in rural areas.

- Türk Kızılay has provided around **75.156** medicines in coordination with the Ministry of Health since the onset of the disaster.

- As of June 15, 2023, Mobile Health Vehicles have concluded their services, adapting to the evolving circumstances. While health remains a paramount focus during the recovery phase, the predominant requirement has shifted to addressing mental health, marking a crucial aspect of Türk Kızılay's ongoing response.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Survivors of the earthquake have not only endured massive damage and destruction but have also grappled with a profound impact on their mental health, navigating the aftermath of the initial shock and trauma. Given the deep psychological scars left by this disaster, it is imperative to establish long-term mental health care in the affected regions. Moreover, offering psychosocial support to populations in remote and inaccessible areas has emerged as a critical facet of humanitarian interventions.

Türk Kızılay has been actively involved in providing psychosocial assistance to the affected populations since the onset of the disaster. Presently, both staff and volunteer psychologists, clinical psychologists, social workers, and psychological counsellors remain on the front lines, delivering accessible mental health services in 11 provinces across the affected area to reach those in need.

A force of over 260 personnel and volunteers is dedicated to providing Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) services. MHPSS teams, comprised of clinical psychologists, psychologists, psychological counsellors, translators, social workers, support staff, and volunteer psychiatrists, continue their activities in community service centers in Adıyaman, Hatay, Malatya, Kahramanmaraş, Osmaniye, and Gaziantep, as well as in 9 separate service points.

The unwavering efforts of Türk Kızılay teams have played a pivotal role in alleviating the suffering of over

700.000 people

affected by the disaster. The teams conduct comprehensive need assessments by visiting cities, villages, and neighbourhoods within the affected provinces, tailoring psychosocial support services to survivors based on their specific needs. Home visits and case management processes are integral components of their protection efforts.

A diverse array of activities and educational courses are provided, tailored to different age groups. For children, sessions focus on privacy, values, environmental cleanliness, communication, and dental health, aiming to help them establish personal boundaries and safety. Activities include workshops on creating artificial flowers, kites, windmills, and puzzles, as well as events like cinema screenings, music, games, fairy tale therapy workshops, painting workshops, and rhythm workshops using musical instruments to facilitate the expression of creativity and emotions.

Adolescents receive psychoeducation on trauma, post-traumatic stress reactions, peer relationships, and emotion management courses. Healing and artistic group activities are organized to assist adolescents in articulating their feelings and thoughts, while helping them identify coping mechanisms and strengths. Physical activities, including open-air exercises, football, volleyball, handball, and chess tournaments, are arranged to engage youth.

To meet the needs of adult men and women, emotional sharing sessions are conducted to discuss their experiences during the disaster. Psychoeducation covers trauma, post-traumatic stress reactions, coping methods, psychosomatic symptoms after the disaster, and awareness of solidarity following the earthquake. Services extend to families with psychoeducation on parenting attitudes, healthy communication with children after the disaster, loss and mourning processes, and guidance on discussing death with children. Workshops on knitting, punch needles, embroidery, and wood painting are organized for women to foster socialization and cognitive and emotional relaxation. Sharing group sessions are also designed to help women discover their inner resources and strengths.

WASH

Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) operations play a crucial role in disaster response, addressing the urgent needs of affected populations. Providing safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene services is pivotal in preventing diseases and sustaining overall health and well-being for those grappling with the aftermath of a disaster.

Since the earthquake struck, Türk Kızılay teams have been tirelessly on the ground, steadfast in their commitment to delivering WASH assistance to those in need. Despite the successful implementation of numerous WASH projects in the region, reaching countless vulnerable individuals with essential services, the challenge persists for many whose homes have been lost or severely damaged. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, Türk Kızılay has stepped up efforts, distributing mobile showers and toilets to the affected area. Moreover, hygiene kits and materials have been distributed to over

1.681.030

people, aiding in the preservation of personal hygiene and the prevention of infections.

Türk Kızılay has also provided over

2.5 billion tons of purified water and

26 sets of mobile showers, laundromats, and toilets.

Beyond serving as vital WASH units, the mobile shower and laundry facilities operated by Türk Kızılay also contribute to the economic recovery of those who lost their livelihoods due to the disaster, offering employment opportunities in the process. The ongoing dedication of Türk Kızılay ensures that WASH needs are met comprehensively, making a significant impact on the lives of those affected by the disaster.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is pivotal in disaster response by linking first responders, support systems, and affected communities. Türk Kızılay recognizes this importance and has proactively implemented measures to ensure communication efficiency between the Ankara Emergency Operation Centre and field teams in affected areas. Deploying resources such as 10 mobile communication vehicles, 13 Inmarsat IsatPhone, 19 TURKSAT satellites, 2 coordination vehicles, and technical teams, Türk Kızılay enables 24/7 communication through various means, including GMS, satellite phones, and radiotelephones.

Equipped with advanced tools, the mobile communication vehicles enhance ground-level communication. The organization also utilizes online governmental platforms to bolster inter-agency coordination efforts. Türk Kızılay's commitment to deploying these communication tools underscores its dedication to maintaining seamless and reliable communication during this critical period of disaster relief.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Humanitarian organizations play a pivotal role in post-disaster relief, with Community Engagement and Accountability (CEA) serving as a cornerstone to ensure that assistance aligns seamlessly with the unique needs and preferences of affected populations. Türk Kızılay, a leading force in this realm, employs the

168 Call-Centre,

a 24/7 operation available in five languages. This critical channel empowers individuals to report earthquake-related needs, voice complaints, or share valuable suggestions. The dedicated staff, equipped with specialized training in empathy and professionalism, meticulously prioritize urgent requirements and protection concerns among the staggering

365.837

calls received, including

4.132

emergency calls.

In an effort to bolster CEA, Türk Kızılay has innovatively embraced the Türk Kızılay Online Hotline—a dynamic web-based platform accessible in five languages. Since the earthquake, this platform has garnered thousands of submissions, enabling individuals to articulate their needs, express concerns, or provide valuable suggestions online. The result is not just timely responses but also seamless referrals to pertinent Türk Kızılay teams or other key stakeholders. Additionally, the platform serves as an informative hub, offering insights into Türk Kızılay's ongoing activities, services, and providing general advice on disaster preparedness and risk reduction.

Türk Kızılay employs a diverse range of communication channels, ranging from comprehensive reports to a multitude of engaging social media posts, to actively connect with earthquake-affected communities. These multifaceted efforts are designed not only to keep the public, society, and partners well-informed about Türk Kızılay's response activities but also to showcase their remarkable achievements. Recognizing the paramount significance of community engagement and accountability, Türk Kızılay steadfastly prioritizes transparency by actively listening to and promptly acting on feedback from the community.

In the face of the challenges posed by this catastrophic event, Türk Kızılay goes above and beyond by placing unwavering emphasis on the imperative of recognizing and addressing the diverse needs, priorities, and preferences of all community members. This approach is not just a strategy; it's a fundamental commitment that underscores the effectiveness of Türk Kızılay's humanitarian endeavours in the aftermath of such calamitous events.

VOLUNTEERING

From the inception of the Red Movement over 150 years ago, the spirit of volunteering has been intricately woven into the fabric of our organization. The recent earthquake has once again underscored the indispensable role of volunteers, who were steadfastly on the ground delivering crucial services and aid during the immediate emergency response and continue to display unwavering, selfless service during the ongoing recovery phase.

Since the onset of this disaster, a compelling testament to the resilience of the volunteer spirit has emerged. Throughout this crisis, an impressive

83.148

new volunteers

have joined Türk Kızılay's volunteer management system, gonulluol.org, sending a resounding and robust message of solidarity to the affected population in the region. As of the latest update, an imposing force of approximately

240.500

volunteers tirelessly engages in daily operations within the impacted areas, embodying the principles of service, compassion, and resilience.

These volunteers stand as a formidable pillar in our comprehensive response strategy, significantly enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of our efforts. Their unwavering dedication serves as a testament to the enduring strength of the volunteer culture embedded within Türk Kızılay.

As we navigate the complexities of the recovery phase, the volunteers remain an indispensable force, showcasing the unparalleled impact and influence that a united corps of volunteers can wield in the face of adversity. The ongoing commitment and active involvement of volunteers reaffirm their pivotal role as the heartbeat of Türk Kızılay's response initiatives. In the humanitarian landscape, their actions not only provide essential support but also serve as a beacon of hope and resilience for the affected communities we serve.

INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Since the devastating earthquakes that struck Türkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023, Türk Kızılay has been at the forefront of the humanitarian response, tirelessly providing life-saving assistance and support to the affected communities. However, given the scale and complexity of the disaster, a coordinated and sustained recovery effort involving multiple actors and stakeholders across different sectors and levels is imperative to effectively address the ongoing needs of these communities.

Türk Kızılay has garnered substantial support from a diverse array of actors and stakeholders, significantly bolstering the humanitarian response in the areas most severely impacted by the earthquakes. The instrumental role played by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies cannot be overstated. The pillar of solidarity has become a powerful reflection of the humanitarian movement's strength. Through the unique mechanism of the Red Pillar, these societies have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to collective action, embodying the essence of solidarity and shared responsibility.

This outpouring of support and commitment from various stakeholders, including the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, states, non-governmental organizations, UN Agencies and the private sector, is pivotal in ensuring that the comprehensive needs of the affected communities are met over the long term. Although significant progress has been made in addressing early recovery efforts with the initial funding, there remains a considerable journey ahead to meet the evolving needs and provide sustained support to affected communities in the upcoming phases of long-term recovery efforts.

The sustained unity among these diverse partners plays a crucial role in reconstructing the impacted regions, offering renewed hope and dignity to those who have endured significant losses. Together, we have the power to bring about positive change by strengthening capacities and resilience for those facing multiple risks, enhancing protection and inclusion for the most vulnerable, promoting peace and cohesion in conflict-affected areas, and advancing development and sustainability for those aspiring to a brighter future. This collaborative effort aims not only to rebuild physical infrastructure but also to uplift the human spirit and foster lasting positive change in the lives of those affected by this tragedy.

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IFRC Secretary General Jagan Chapagain's Solidarity Message

Photos from TRC's response activities

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