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and families who've lost
everything*

**SYRIA TÜRKIYE
EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE**

One year on

THIS MEANS THE WORLD



Thousands of buildings in Syria and Türkiye were flattened by the earthquakes, trapping people under the rubble.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Türkiye and northwest Syria in the early hours of Monday 6 February 2023. A second 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck the same areas nine hours later, followed by at least 120 aftershocks.

Collectively, 11 provinces in Türkiye and Syria were impacted. According to government and UN sources, more than 55,000 people died and more than 129,000 were injured. It's estimated that 15.7 million people were directly affected by the earthquakes, with 10.1 million people in need of humanitarian assistance.

The UN says more than 230,000 buildings in Syria and Türkiye were damaged or destroyed. Heavy rains during March caused flooding in earthquake-affected areas of Türkiye and Syria, making the shelter crisis even worse.



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KEY NEED AREAS

SYRIA

Before the earthquakes, 15.3 million people were in need across Syria due to 12 years of conflict. This disaster has made the situation for many children and families in the country's northwest even more dire.

During a World Vision needs survey, 94 percent of people reported their home had been damaged, and half said it had been destroyed.

Priority needs include shelter, healthcare and education. Many schools were damaged and over 100 were used as temporary shelters. In addition, over 55 health facilities were damaged and many more were in urgent need of fuel and medicines.

Mental health support was also a critical need, with many children and families experiencing extreme shock and trauma on top of many years of distress and deprivation due to living in a conflict zone.

TÜRKIYE

As of 16 March, around 2.3 million people were living in temporary settlements in Türkiye's earthquake zones. Children and families in these settlements faced serious health and safety risks due to overcrowding and unhygienic conditions.

Many of those affected were Syrian refugees who were already extremely vulnerable before the earthquakes. Priority needs included healthcare, shelter, food, water, sanitation and hygiene, education and child protection.



HOW YOU HAVE HELPED

With your generous support, our teams in Syria and Türkiye have been responding to the needs of earthquake survivors since the disaster unfolded. We have worked closely with local partners to provide children and families with shelter and survival items, cash and vouchers, clean water and sanitation, healthcare and nutrition, education and child protection. Over the last 12 months, you have helped to provide life-saving aid to almost 2 million people.



In northwest Syria, World Vision and partner agencies provided earthquake survivors with items including mattresses and blankets.

PHASE ONE: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

6 FEBRUARY – 5 MARCH 2023

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquakes, you helped us to rally local partners and provide affected families with survival essentials including hot meals, blankets and heating supplies, clean water and hygiene kits, and cash and voucher assistance.



17,000 litres

of fuel were provided to medical facilities and rescue teams



11,490 people

received hot meals



9,630 people

received heating supplies for temporary shelters

PHASE TWO: STABILISATION

MARCH 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2023

In phase two of the response, we transitioned from life-saving support to recovery and rehabilitation activities. These focused on providing survivors with water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and services, healthcare, education, child protection and income support



547,006 people
were provided with clean water



144,769 people
received health consultations



36,517
received educational materials

PHASE THREE: REHABILITATION

OCTOBER 2023 – SEPTEMBER 2024

During phase three, earthquake recovery and stabilisation activities are being integrated into our ongoing response to the needs of children and families affected by the Syrian conflict.

IMPACT AFTER ONE YEAR



1,808,803 people
assisted in Syria and Türkiye



380,288 people
have received health services



197,460 people
have received mental health
and social support



50,916 children
have been supported to resume
their education



Your generous donations have helped families like Badr's to get back on their feet after the earthquakes.

STORY OF IMPACT

EMERGING FROM THE RUBBLE

In Syria, the February 2023 earthquakes only heightened the suffering of children and families who have been living in a warzone for more than a decade.

Eight-year-old Badr* is too young to experience such trauma, but his eyes could never unsee what he witnessed.

"When the houses started shaking and the walls were collapsing, I heard a little girl desperately screaming for help. Her voice still echoes in my head," recalled Badr.

Badr's family of six has endured multiple displacements since 2018 due to conflict. And just when they found some stability in a modest rented house, they lost everything again in the earthquakes.

Badr went from living in a warm home to a cold tent in the blink of an eye. "All I could feel is coldness as rain poured down [on] our heads and heartbreak as I recall what happened to our house."

With your help, families like Badr's received cash grants to buy food, clothing and make repairs on their homes. They were also provided with spacious and durable temporary shelters to live in whilst home repairs were being completed.

"After the house was renovated, I was ecstatic because we no longer need to stay out in the cold," said Badr.

Badr and his family can now focus on moving forward. "I dream about continuing my education and becoming a teacher and educating children!"

**Name has been changed to protect identity.*

THANK YOU, HILLSONG

*for helping children and families
affected by the earthquakes
in Syria and Türkiye.*

Your prayers and generosity mean the world to vulnerable children and families who've been devastated by this catastrophic disaster. Your care and kindness will help give them strength and practical support to recover and rebuild their lives.

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