



Gravelling Project In Hezreh, SARD Photo

**FLASH REPORT 13**

**SARD**

**Earthquake  
Response**

**FLASH REPORT**  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## SITUATION OVERVIEW |

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck central Turkey and Northwest Syria on February 6th, 2023, causing widespread death and destruction. It was one of the most powerful earthquakes in the region in a century, and was followed by powerful aftershocks as well as another high-magnitude earthquake on February 20th. The earthquake severely compounded the hardship which Northwest Syria has experienced due to the over decade-long Syrian Civil War. This flash report provides a weekly summary of how SARD is responding to the needs of those affected by these events.

## CURRENT UPDATE |

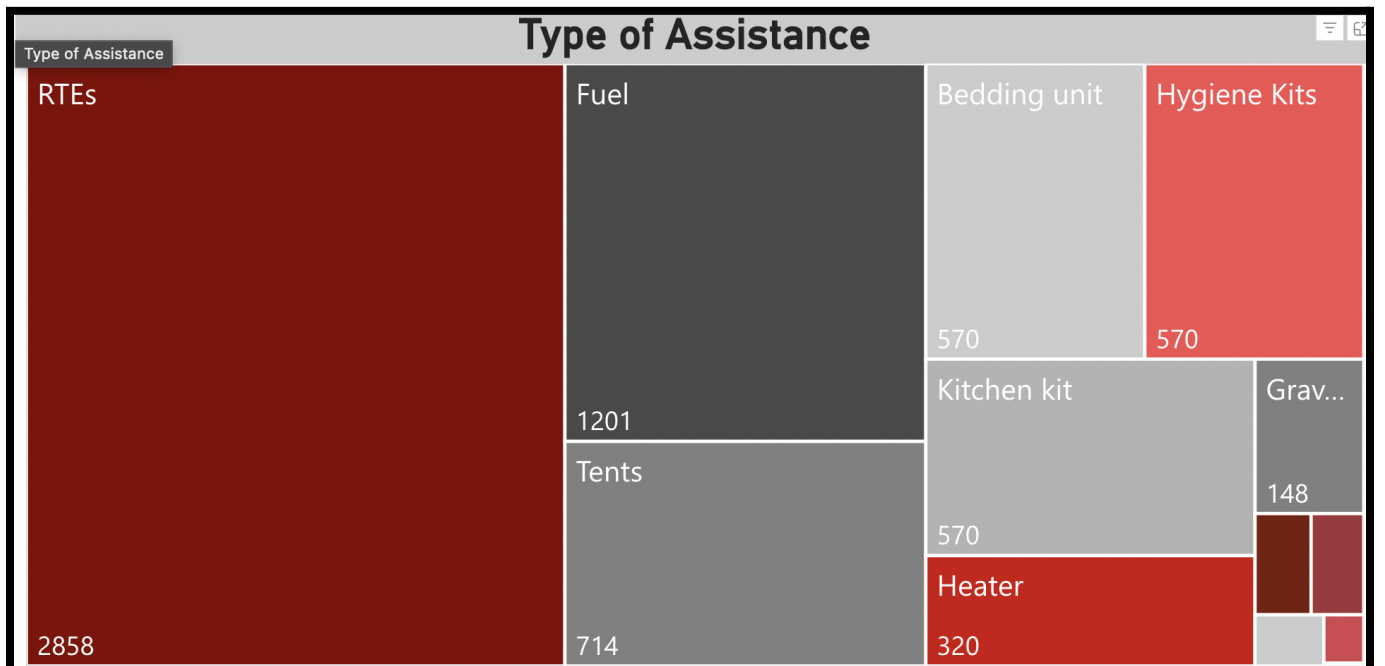
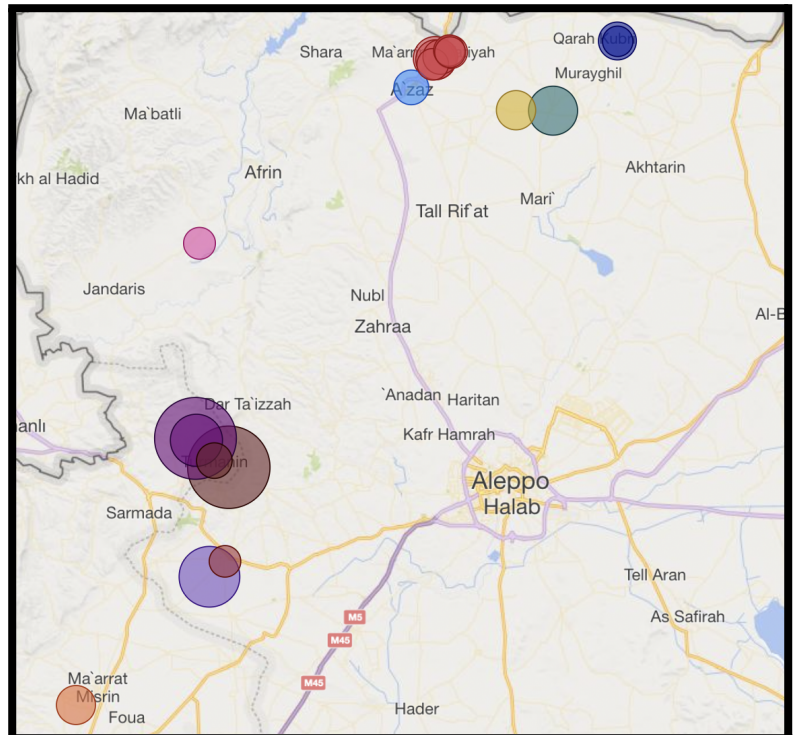
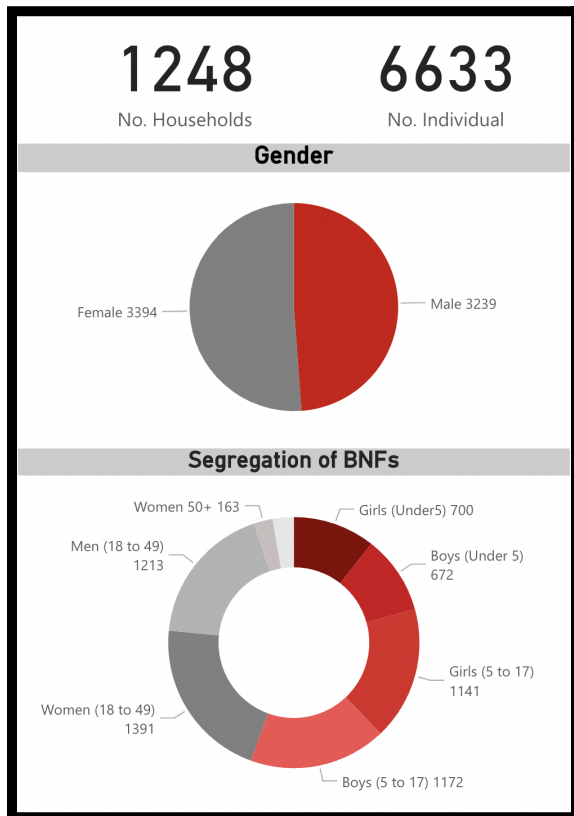
In central Turkey and Syria, the combined death toll passed 53,000 with over 118,000 injured. The destruction of agricultural equipment, vehicles, and vital infrastructure such as bridges, railways, internet, tunnels, water networks, and electrical lines, has severely inflated the price of basic goods, most notably food. [According to](#) the United Nations' World Food Programme, over half of Syria's population is going hungry, more than at any time during the civil war. Programs have begun in earnest to remove rubble so that important infrastructure may be rebuilt and commerce may resume. However, this process will take months if not years, and the need to alleviate severe hunger through food aid remains pressing in the foreseeable future. Fortunately, border crossings between Syria and Turkey remain open so that aid may be delivered. According to OCHA, as of March 16th, a total of 869 trucks loaded with supplies have [crossed](#) from Türkiye since the initial earthquake. 680 of those have used the Bab al-Hawa crossing, while 153 have crossed through the Bab al-Salam crossing and 36 through the Al Ra'ee crossing.



Habat al-Fateh Settlement

# EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT |

Please refer to the [PowerBi](#) for interactive presentation of impact



## UPDATED OVERALL IMPACT |

As of **Friday March 17th** SARD's earthquake response has completed the following:

- Reached **1,248 unique households** and **6,633 unique individuals**
- Installed **31 water tanks** and **47 latrines**
- Distributed **2,858 ready-to-eat meals (RTE's)**
- Distributed **1,201 jerrycans of fuel**
- 17 SARD cash-for-work workers have removed rubble and cleaned parks, public facilities, schools and more.



## PROJECT UPDATES |

As of the last Flash Update SARD's have progressed as follows:

- **Malteser International : Life-Saving Food-Shelter-NFI Assistance**
  - Distributed 48 RTE's and 24 jerry cans of fuel to Tariq Azaz Alturabii Settlement
  - Distributed 58 RTE's and 58 jerry cans of fuel to Dahiat Sejjo
  - Distributed 42 RTE's and 42 jerry cans of fuel to Ghesn Alzaytun school, Al Salama, Sejjo, A'zaz



Dahiat Sejjo, SARD photo

- **Tent Installation And Food Provision Project Private Donor Funding**

- Distributed 36 RTEs to Dahiat Sejjo Site
- Distributed 130 RTEs to Albazar Settlement
- Distributed 70 RTEs to Alhadiqa Settlement
- Delivered 104 RTEs to Sejjo Alturaabi Site



Albazar Settlement, SARD photo

- **Gravelling Project Private Donor Funding**

- Insulated and stabilised tents through gravelling for 23 households and 106 unique individuals at the Hezreh AlKawthar Site #1
- Insulated and stabilised tents through gravelling for 25 households and 125 unique individuals at the Hezreh AlKawthar Site #2
- Insulated and stabilised tents through gravelling for 100 households and 490 unique individuals at the Hezreh AlKawthar Site #3
- 50 food baskets were provided to Al-Fateh Settlement #1



Hezreh AlKawthar, SARD photo

- **Food And Fuel Provision Caritas Czech Republic**

- Provided 192 RTEs to Al Masaara Street Settlement in one additional round
- Provided 140 jerry cans of fuel to Al Masaara Street Settlement in two rounds



Al Masaara Street Settlement, SARD Photo

**RUBBLE REMOVAL |**

Collaboration with Jandairis Local council and Civil Defense is ongoing. Through its social media platforms and paper-based advertisement, SARD has announced for 55 cash-for-work job opportunities and 8 community committee members. To ensure best practices and accountability to affected population, SARD has held a close collaboration meeting with Halo Trust organization, which is specialized in unexploded ordnance ( UXO ) , to discuss field contamination survey, clearance of locations and awareness raising that would be carried out by Halo Trust before SARD implementation of Rubble Removal.

## **CHILD PROTECTION |**

A new Child Friendly Care Center was identified and secured. Next week child protection activities will start. A total of four children have been admitted into SARD's Interim Alternative Care Center since the earthquakes struck Feb 6, 2023.

A total of 225 child protection cases that was followed by SARD programming prior to the earthquake (OCHA and Private Donor) were visited and assessed to ensure they are all safe and secured after the earthquake



## **EARTHQUAKE PROJECTS COMPLETED |**

**In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, SARD received funding to respond to the urgent crisis, with the support of FCL/ECHO-funded staff (under ongoing current activities). We are thankful to our partners for their support! The following projects have already been completed:**

- The emergency response project with a Private Donor has been completed
- The emergency response project with Caritas Czech Republic had been completed
- The first-phase Welterhungerhilfehunger project has been completed

### **URGENT CALL FOR FUNDING |**

Almost one month after the earthquake, SARD will soon complete all the emergency life-saving assistance to earthquake affected persons with the funding it has received. In order to continue providing life-saving assistance, SARD is seeking additional funding. SARD has the capacity to scale up its action and assist up to 2000 HH with multi-sectoral emergency response for 3 months.

As an active partner of the ERL cluster with extensive experience in cash for work, contractors' management, and large-scale rehabilitation work, SARD is ready to mobilize. SARD is seeking funding to provide rubble removal for several locations and rehabilitate destroyed shelters and infrastructure.

**To partner with SARD on providing life-saving services in response to the earthquake contact: [info@sardngo.org](mailto:info@sardngo.org) or [alaa.wafai@sardngo.org](mailto:alaa.wafai@sardngo.org).**

**Watch our earthquake response video [here](#).**

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS!**

A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time towards earthquake relief efforts, your selfless contributions have made a significant impact on SARD's ability to respond and on the lives of those impacted by the earthquake. Thank you.

### **THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE EMERGENCY EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE PARTNERS LISTED BELOW**

Special thanks go to SARD's donors, who have generously offered their help to Syria at its most dire time of need. As evidenced in this report and future ones, the generosity of SARD's donors is saving and improving lives.



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