



Sarmada, Kamuna, Noor settlement, SARD Photo

FLASH REPORT 14

SARD

**Earthquake
Response
FLASH REPORT**
March 24th, 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. After 12 years of conflict and displacement, the earthquake has severely compounded the already dire situation in northwest Syria. This flash report provides a summary of the emergency response efforts by SARD.

CURRENT UPDATE |

This week heavy rainstorms and severe flooding hit northwest Syria, the heart of SARD's operation area. According to a [report by Save The Children](#), 4,000 families in northwest Syria have been seriously affected by this flooding.

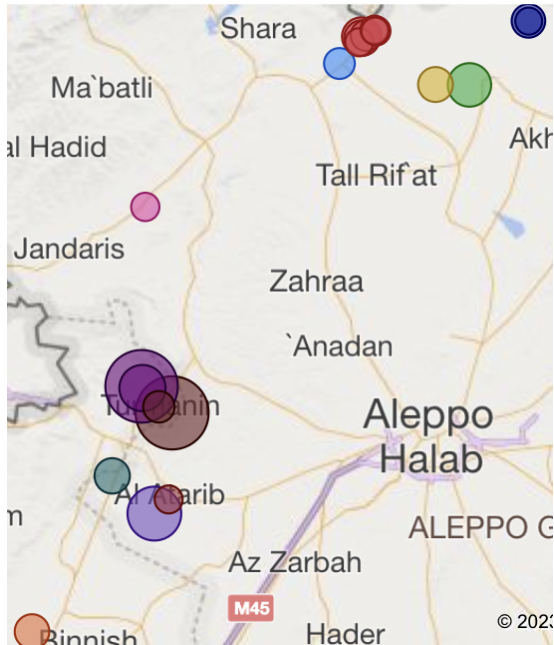
According to [OCHA](#) approximately 1,500 tents in 30 camps were destroyed or damaged, with 300 of those tents located in camps constructed for displaced earthquake victims. Roads and farms have also been flooded, compounding the need for basic goods while simultaneously causing severe inflation in the price of those goods.

Food prices have been particularly affected; according to the [World Food Programme](#), basic items such as onions have become so expensive that people are now foraging for food.



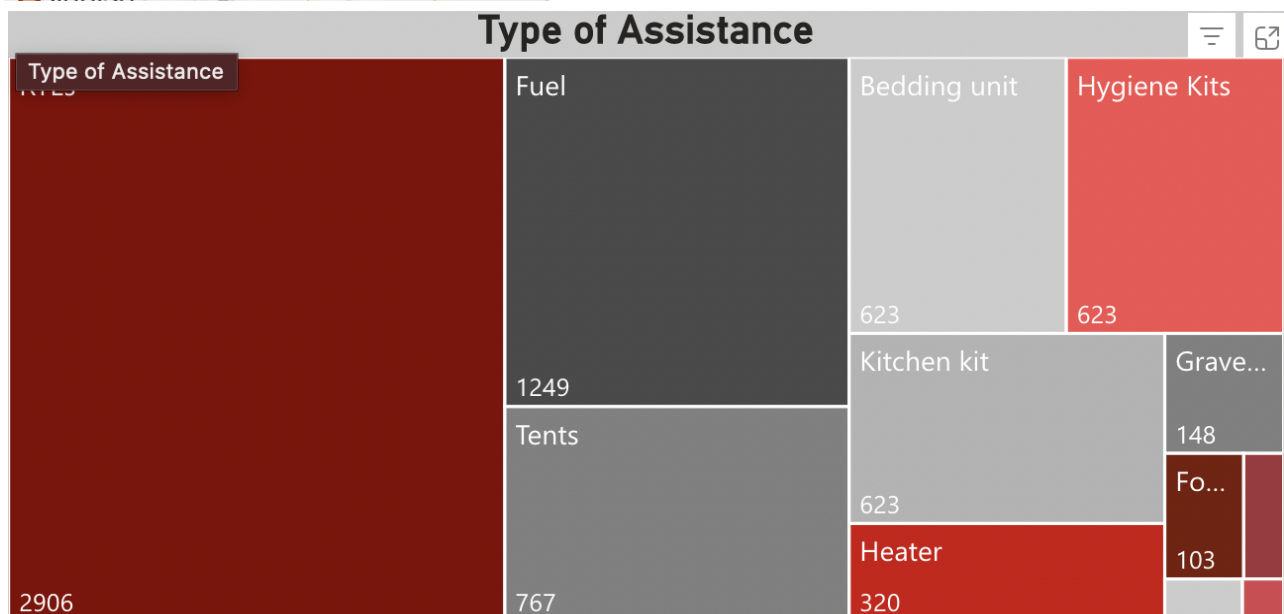
EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT |

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



Highlights

- Reached 1,301 unique households and 6,919 unique individuals
- Installed 34 water tanks and 52 latrines
- Distributed 2,906 ready-to-eat meals (RTEs)
- Distributed 1,249 jerrycans of fuel





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PROJECT UPDATES:

Since our last flash report SARD has implemented the following:

Life-Saving Food-Shelter-NFI assistance

Malteser International

- Distributed 48 RTE's and 48 jerry cans of fuel to Tariq Azaz Alturabii Settlement
- Began registering and verifying 100 households to receive cash assistance

Private Donor Funding -2

- Began registering and verifying 200 households to receive cash assistance
- Began registering households to receive remaining kits

Fondation Caritas Luxembourg (FCL)

- 50 Tents, Bedding Units, Kitchen sets, Hygiene kits, and Food Baskets were provided in Al-Fateh Settlement
- 53 Tents, Bedding Units, Kitchen sets, Hygiene kits, and Food Baskets were provided in to Al-Noor Settlement



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Latrine installation in Sarmada, Kamuna, Noor settlement



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Welter hungerhilfe-2

- Began registration and verification of cash-for-work workers
- Began convening a Socio-Economic Empowerment Committee made up of community members

United Nations Development Programme

- Began registration and verification of cash-for-work workers under UNDP program
- Began convening a Socio-Economic Empowerment Committee made up of community members

Rubble Removal

Collaboration with Jandairis Local Council and Civil Defense is ongoing.

Through its social media platforms and paper-based advertisements, SARD has announced **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 ordinance (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.



SARD CFW workers carrying out light rubble removal

CHILD PROTECTION:

A total of **5** children have been admitted into SARD's Interim Alternative Care Center since the earthquake struck on February 6th, 2023.

A total of **225** child protection cases that were already followed by SARD prior to the earthquake have been visited after the earthquake.



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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 (1) has been completed
- The emergency response project with Caritas Czech Republic has been completed
- The first phase of our collaboration with Welterhungerhilfe(1) 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 households 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.

Watch SARD's video about the Earthquake [here](#).

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

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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