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Earthquake Response

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SITUATION OVERVIEW |

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck central Turkey and northwest Syria Feb 6, 2023, causing widespread destruction. One of the most powerful quakes in the region in at least a century, while a second powerful shake hours later threatened to overwhelm rescue efforts. This flash report provides a summary of the emergency response efforts by SARD.

- In central Turkey and Syria, the combined death toll passes 41,000 with tens of thousands injured. In northwest Syria more than 4,400 deaths and 8,100 injuries have been reported.
- According to the UN, the earthquakes affected at least 133 communities and 34 sub-districts in northwest Syria.
- According to a REACH [rapid assessment](#) involving 604 communities, priority needs are winterization and shelter support. Multi-purpose cash assistance was also commonly cited as a key need among newly displaced persons.
- According to the Shelter/Non-Food Item (SNFI) cluster reported that the most urgent needs are tents and other temporary shelter units, NFI kits, basic and winter clothing, and heating fuel. Adaptation of collective shelters and minor repairs to damaged buildings are also urgent requirements.
- As of 15 February, more than 1,600 buildings have been completely destroyed and more than 7,500 buildings have been partially destroyed. 64 per cent of partially destroyed buildings were reported in Harim in the Idlib governorate and Afrin in the Aleppo governorate¹.
- According to the Health cluster, at least 52 health facilities have been partially damaged, and three health facilities have been fully damaged.
- According to local authorities at least 270 schools were damaged by the earthquakes.
- CDAC has gathered critical earthquake resource for responders [here](#).
- Security concerns grow in Jindaris where reports that local government are no longer in control.
- The Salvation Government of Idlib has announced no new collective shelter sites.

SARD CHILDREN STATUS AND RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT |

Many unaccompanied children have been reported in the aftermath of the earthquakes, raising serious concerns over protection risks. A Children Status and Rapid Needs Assessment was conducted by SARD's Child Protection team including case managers and psychosocial support workers. The findings of the report underscore the urgent need for one specialized protection service for children affected by the earthquake; a foster-placement framework for unaccompanied and separated children is urgently needed as many children were observed being given to individuals claiming to be caregivers without proper substantiation in hospitals. Additionally, the number of unaccompanied children on the streets is increasing, highlighting the need for the establishment of more interim alternative care centres in the area to trace families, care for UASC, and systemize foster-placement processes. The current situation is dire and calls for immediate action. The humanitarian crisis remains highly challenging and demands urgent attention to address the needs of the affected children. Find the report on our website [here](#).

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/earthquakes-north-west-syria-flash-update-no-10-16-february-2023>

EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT |

Please refer to the [Power Bi](#) presentation for presentation of impact.

1. With a second round of food and fuel distributed today a total of 120 HH (710 individuals) in Termanin, Dana sub-district, Idleb, have received the following types and numbers of assistance: Tents (120), Bedding Unit (120), Fuel (233), Heater (120), Hygiene Kits (120) Kitchen Set (120), Ready to Eat Rations (266). 6 Water tanks and 6 Latrines have been installed. **Funded by Welthungerhilfe – WHH.**

- a. Omar Al Muktar school
– 38 HH
- b. Wadi Al Raseef
settlement – 82 HH



2. The Interim Alternative Care Centre repairs are complete. The repairs ensure the centre is accessible and safe to unaccompanied minors hosted and to be found in the aftermath of the earthquake. **Funded by Welthungerhilfe – WHH.**



SARD Interim Alternative Care Center, Azaz

3. 24 HH (127 individuals) in Alsinaea School, Al-Attareb, have received the following types and numbers of assistance: Shelters (24), Bedding Unit (24), Hygiene Kits (24) Kitchen Set (24), Ready to Eat Rations (48). Latrine installation is ongoing. **Private donor.**



Alsinaea School, Al-Attareb

4. 25 HH (171 individuals) in Jandirs Jabel Al Hus (previously named Ard Aldiyri) (Aleppo - Jandirs-Jandirs) have received the following types and numbers of assistance: Shelters (25), Bedding Unit (25), Hygiene Kits (15) Kitchen Set (25), (Heaters (25) Ready to Eat Rations (50). **CCR.**



Jandirs

5. A total of 26 HH (135 IDPS) have received the following types and numbers of assistance: emergency shelter kits (10), Bedding Unit (26), Fuel (26), Heaters (26), Kitchen Sets (26), Ready to Eat Rations (52), 10 latrines and 5 water tanks installed in Al-Jinah Stadium (Aleppo - Jabal Saman – Jenah). – **Malteser International**



Al-Jinah Stadium

6. A total of 22 HH (99 IDPS) have received emergency shelters in Hezreh (Atareb, Aleppo).- **Private donor.**



Hezreh

7. SARD's Azaz warehouse received tents today and is starting to receive other shipments of NFI for distribution in the targeted locations in Azaz governorate.

Child Protection

1. The CP team is prioritizing immediate expansion of psychosocial support services in earthquake affected areas, prioritizing children. - **private donor**.
2. A child was admitted into the Interim Alternative Care Centre today.
3. Recruiting for new protection team for day centre is ongoing.

Turkey Response – Mersin governorate

- SARD Director met with officials of the Mersin NGO Desk yesterday to discuss response for IDPs in Mersin. Officials communicated that local Syrian NGOs and community leaders should take responsibility of Syrian IDPs in collective shelters. Currently, Syrian IDPs have been removed and separated from Turkish IDPs and hosted in unofficial collective shelters.
- SARD have confirmed 12 such collective shelters and estimated a total of 2500 IDPs are sheltering in them in Mersin. Remaining Syrians IDPs in Mersin are staying with friends, family, or have rented apartments in the city.

THE CURRENT FUNDING PROMISES ARE:

- SARD has received funding promises on week one for the disaster that has been already implemented at 80% and is now pending to get other confirmation.
- SARD is now in a critical position with no firm promises.
- SARD is still hoping and expecting that ECHO partners will be also able to scale up the response under HIP 2023 whenever outcomes will be published.

URGENT CALL FOR FUNDING |

SARD has the capacity to scale up the response – provided funds are made available.

- SARD has the capacity to assist at short term 1000 HH with multi-sectoral emergency response for 3 months as well as provision of emergency child protection services and case management, including PSS to up to 200 beneficiaries, and awareness and capacity support on child protection issues to up to 2500 beneficiaries.
- Rubble removal- SARD has also the capacity to remove rubble and collapsed building to secure both the access and the safety of the earthquake survivors – still to be funded.

URGENT CALL FOR DONATION OR LOAN OF HEAVY MACHINERY FOR RUBBLE REMOVAL |

- Excavator
- Loader
- Backhoe loader
- Track-type tractors (Also known as bulldozers or crawlers)
- Cranes (Cranes and crane trucks)
- Dump trucks

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

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

