



A SARD team member delivers aid to Hayir Alsaabi

FLASH REPORT 15

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**Earthquake
Response**

FLASH REPORT

March 30th, 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 dire situation in northwest Syria. This flash report provides a summary of the emergency response efforts by SARD.

CURRENT UPDATE |

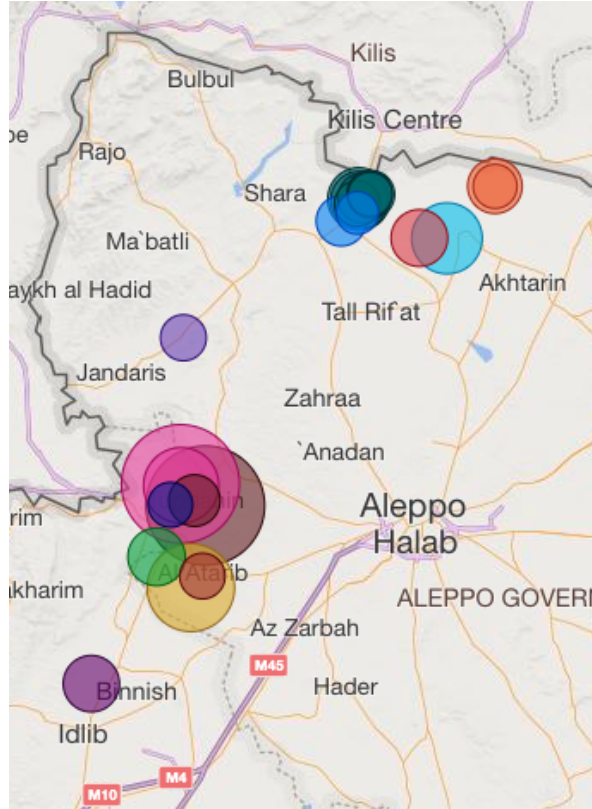
SARD continues to help northwest Syria recover with the aftermath of the February 6th earthquake. Many internally displaced people in northwest Syria have been further impacted by the recent flooding; according to [OCHA](#), at least 50 IDP camps have been flooded with over 2,000 tents having been damaged or destroyed. The flooding has also worsened Syrians' access to basic goods, particularly food. [According to](#) Benjamin Flórez of the UN World Food Programme, *"The number of people on the brink of food insecurity in Syria is growing the fastest."* Additionally, Syria began experiencing a Cholera outbreak since September 2022, as of March 21, 58,000 suspected cases and 582 confirmed cholera cases including 23 deaths were recorded in northwest Syria. This past week, a cholera vaccination campaign in northwest Syria came to a close which vaccinated almost 1.7 million Syrians. In coordination with the campaign, SARD distributed printed IEC materials, including children's magazines, with messages of cholera symptom awareness and prevention. The campaign comes at a critical time, as stagnant floodwaters, earthquake damage water sources and facilities, and further displacement threaten to increase transmission of the disease, particularly amongst young children. With 3 million affected by the earthquake in northwest Syria, the needs remain incredibly high. According to OCHA, as of March 30th, a total of 869 trucks loaded with supplies have [crossed](#) from Türkiye since the initial earthquake. 932 of those have used the Bab al-Hawa crossing, while 225 have crossed through the Bab al-Salam crossing and 45 through the Al Ra'ee crossing.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT |

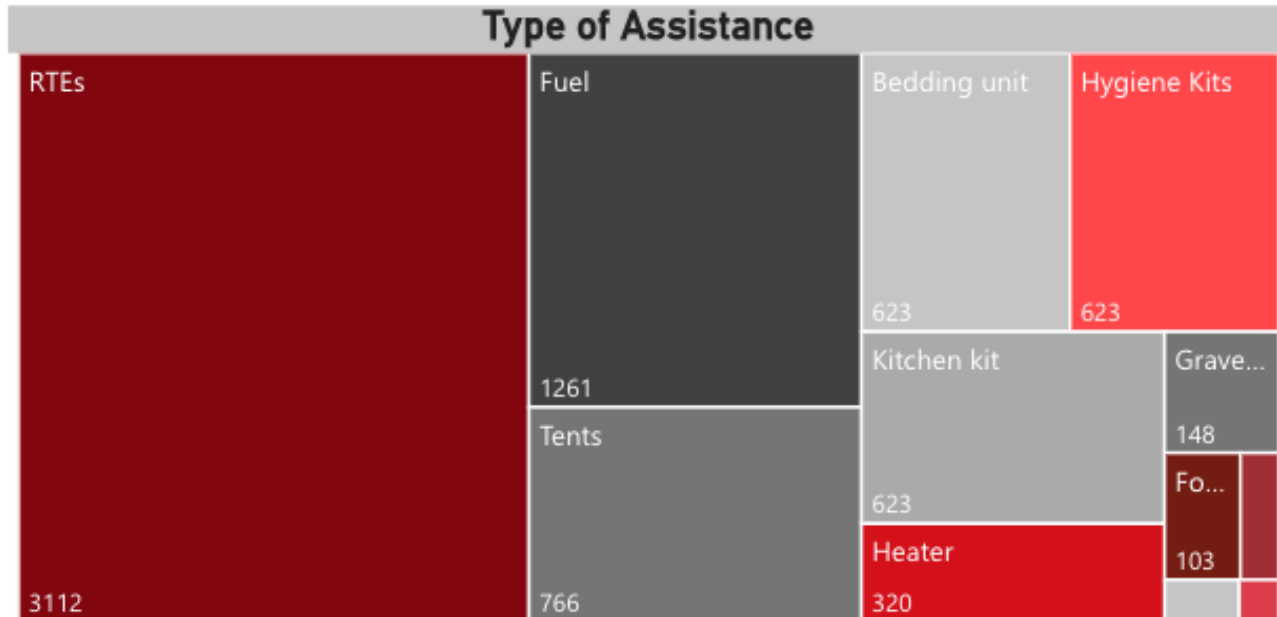
OVERVIEW OF IMPACT:

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



Highlights

- Reached **1,339 unique households** and **7,078 unique individuals**
- Installed **34 water tanks** and **52 latrines**
- Distributed **3,112 ready-to-eat meals (RTEs)**
- Distributed **1,261 jerrycans of fuel**
- Distributed **766 tents**
- Distributed **623 hygiene kits**



PROJECT UPDATES:

Since our last flash report SARD has implemented the following:

Life-Saving Food-Shelter-NFI assistance

Malteser International

- Distributed 18 RTE's to Hayir Alsaabi
- Distributed a fourth round of fuel—12 jerrycans—to Hayir Alsaabi



SARD team members provide aid In Hayir Alsaabi

Private Donor Funding

- Distributed 74 RTE's to Al Faruq Camp
- Distributed 96 RTE's to Hayir Alsaabi
- MEAL Team conducted PDM (Post-Distribution Monitoring) for the following
 - 11 tents and 11 latrines in Hezreh Alkawthar #1

- 8 tents, 24 bedding units, 16 latrines, 24 hygiene kits, 24 kitchen kits and 16 RTE's in Alhadiqa settlement

Private Donor Funding

- Installed 3 water tanks and 5 latrines in Al Noor settlement
- Began preparation for installation of 5 latrines (10 toilets with water tanks) at Ma'arrat Tamasrin
- MEAL Team conducted PIM (Post-Implementation Monitoring) for the following:
 - 11 road gravelings in Hezreh Alkawthar #1



- 20 road gravelings in Hezreh Alkawthar #2

Water tanks and latrine installation in Al Noor settlement



Caritas Czech Republic

- Distributed 18 RTE's to Al Faruq Camp
- MEAL team conducted PDM (Post- Distribution Monitoring) for the following:

- 22 tents, 22 bedding unit kits, 20 latrines, 22 hygiene kits, 22 kitchen kits, 22 RTE's, 22 jerrycans of fuel and 22 heaters in Hezreh Alkawthar #2

Mother and daughter unpacking an RTE



OCHA

- SARD in collaboration with Civil Defense trained 30 Cash for Work workers in Suran, Kafra and Ehtimlat on several topics including First Aid, Fire extinguisher, Safety and Security. Workers will be linked with emergency rehabilitation work which will include 5 schools and 1 sewage and will be recruited for two months by SARD.
- Tender committee completed its work and selected contractors.
- Rehabilitation work on schools began in Suran and Ehtimilat.

SARD in collaboration with Civil Defense trained 30 Cash for Work workers under OCHA



RUBBLE REMOVAL:

Welterhungerhilfe

- SARD technical team undertook a technical visit to Sarmada Local Council to identify damage at the site and agree on the work process.
- The MEAL team began verification of cash-for-work applications in Sarmada. 14 applicants were verified through door-to-door visits as per the request of Welterhungerhilfe.
- The MEAL team held meetings with Civil Defense to discuss cooperation on rubble removal activities.

United Nations Development Programme

- MEAL team started the verification for the cash-for-work applicants in Jandariss community, and 53 applicants were verified within two days (27th and 28th).
- Coordination meetings was held with the Civil Defense to discuss the cooperation between SARD and Civil Defense regarding the rubble removal activities and the plan to sign MoUs then rubble removal activities will start.
- Bids were announced and the tender committee will take place on Monday 04/03/2023



UNDP Cash for Work training in Jandariss

CHILD PROTECTION:

- Since the earthquake, a total of 5 children (all males), ages: 11 years (2 children), 10 years (1), 17 years (1), 15 years (1), have been admitted to SARD's Interim Alternative Care Center.
- Through this week, **36 children** at risk of separation have been registered for CM, affected by the earthquake.
- SARD is excited to announce that next week the Child Friendly Space in A'zaz will open!

Getting the Child Friendly Space in A'zaz ready with child friendly drawings



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 has been completed
- The first phase of our collaboration with Welterhungerhilfe 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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