



**FLASH REPORT 16**

**SARD**

**Earthquake  
Response  
FLASH REPORT**

April 7th, 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 |

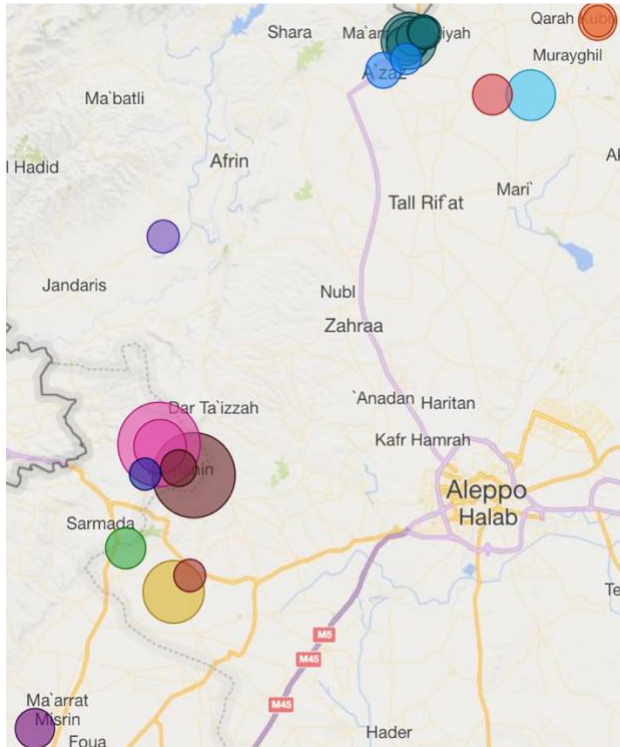
SARD continues to help northwest Syria recover with the aftermath of the February 6<sup>th</sup> earthquake. With at least 10,600 buildings and 452 schools destroyed by the earthquakes at varying degrees, rubble removal projects have begun in earnest to help rebuild homes and infrastructure destroyed or damaged by the earthquake. According to OCHA, there is a need to remove a minimum of 650,000 cubic meters of building debris due to the earthquakes. Rising food prices continues to make food security one of the top needs. According to [Al Jazeera](#), the price of meat in northwest Syria has gone up by 57% and the price of fruits and vegetables has gone up by 55%. In addition to its impact on Syrian's physical health, the earthquake and ensuing floods have severely impacted the mental health of many Syrians, in particular children. According to UNICEF—as cited by [Reuters](#)—"*...many of the more than 5.4 million children who live across the quake zone were at risk of developing anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.*"



## EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT |

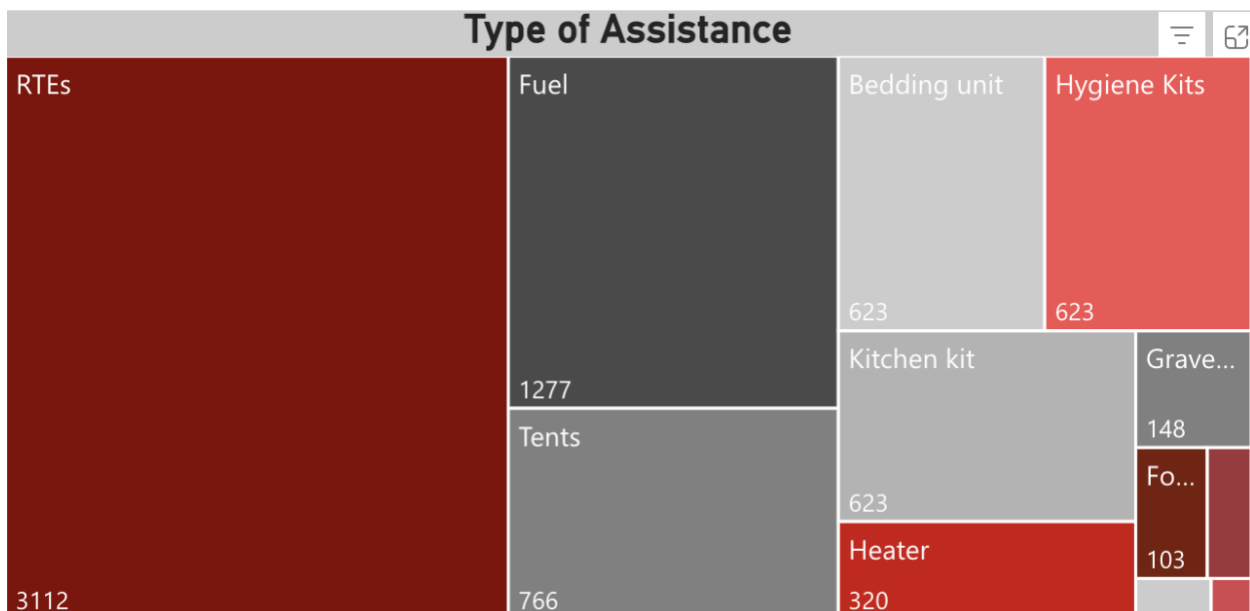
### OVERVIEW OF IMPACT:

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



### Highlights

- Reached **1,420 Unique Households**
- Reached **7,533 Unique Individuals**
- Installed **34 Water Tanks And 63 Latrines**
- Distributed **3,112 Ready-To-Eat Meals**
- Distributed **1,277 Jerrycans of Fuel**
- Distributed **766 Tents**



## **PROJECT UPDATES:**

Since our last flash report SARD has implemented the following:

### **Life-Saving Food-Shelter-NFI assistance**

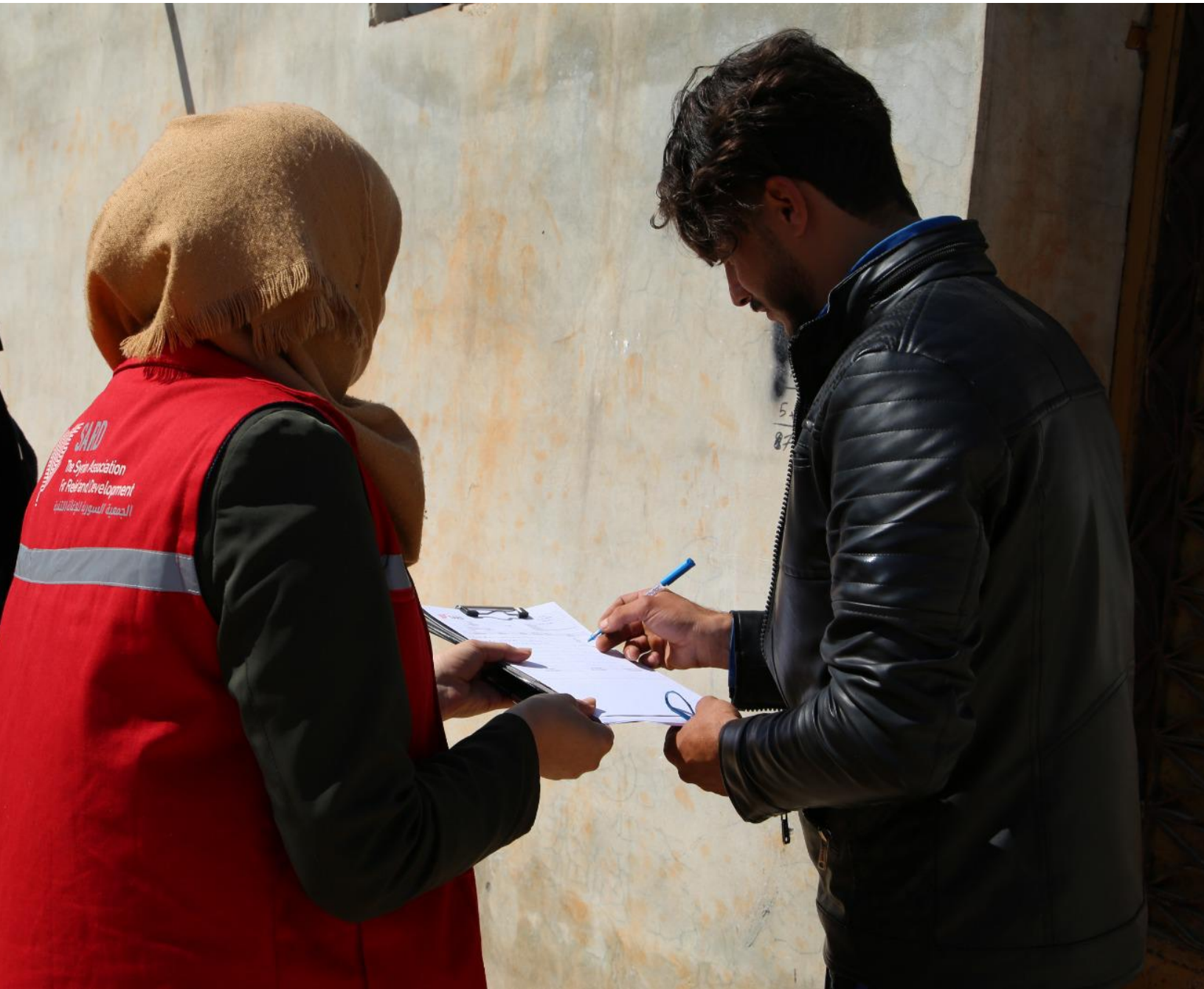
#### ***Caritas Czech Republic***

- Distributed a fourth round—16 jerrycans—of fuel to Alfaruq Site



### ***Malteser International***

- A list of beneficiaries who received assistance under the Malteser International CFW program has been compiled and shared with the program team to be targeted with further assistance.



Door-to-door distribution of E-Vouchers (cash for food) to Earthquake-affected families in Sejjo

### ***Private Donor Funding***

- Registration and verification for 100 households in Azaz under the cash-for-work project is complete.
- A list of beneficiaries who have received assistance under the CFW program has been compiled and shared with the program team to be targeted with further assistance.



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## RUBBLE REMOVAL

### *Welterhungerhilfe*

- Rubble removal in Sarmada has begun and will continue until 6,000 cubic meters are removed.
- The formation of eight community committees and signed memorandums of understanding is completed.
- Verification is being conducted for 52 workers for rubble removal process.
- Verification of CFW workers in Sarmada is completed.
- Registration and verification is completed for 120 households in Suran under the CFW project.



**United Nations Office For The Coordination Of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)**

- Rehabilitation work and light debris removal is ongoing for five schools in the Suran subdistrict (covering Sura, Kafra and Ehtimliat communities).
- One sewage system in the Suran subdistrict is currently being repaired.
- 30 workers have been trained by Civil Defense in connection to the rehabilitation work
- The local socioeconomic committee is monitoring and following up on the rehabilitation work on a regular basis.



*SARD team members rehabilitate a school in Suran*

### **United Nations Development Programme**

- Verification of 55 workers has been finalized and contracts will be finalized in accordance with SARD PSEA, CSG and CoC policies.
- The signing of an MoU is ongoing with Civil Defense.
- Eight members have been approved to join the community committee and MoU's have been signed with those new members. The committee members will act as liaisons between SARD and property/home owners, to ensure that they consent to having rubble removed from their property.
- Verification of cash-for-work (CFW) workers is complete.



A meeting of the new community committee in Sarmada

### ***Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability And Learning Team (MEAL)***

- The MEAL team has conducted post-distribution monitoring (PDM) activities on all completed actions
- The MEAL team is conducting direct observation activities on all activities



SARD CFW worker help clear debris

### **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](mailto:info@sardngo.org) or [alaa.wafai@sardngo.org](mailto: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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