

Meeting Notes: Malatya Shelter Sector Meeting – 17th April 2023

@Movenpick Malatya Hotel & Microsoft Teams

Participants:

IMECE, IOM, OCHA, Relief International, Shelter Sector, Solidarity platform, TSS UNFPA, UNHCR

Action Point

1. **Partners** to share field observations with Shelter Sector, when possible with photos, and identified shelter related needs.
2. **Shelter Sector** focal point to keep the shelter need tracker updated
3. **Partners** to continue to seek options for summer assistance.
4. **OCHA** to follow up to find out more about the plans for school re-opening (reported to be from April 24th) and Government plans for how this may impact households who are currently using some school buildings as informal collective centers.
5. **OCHA** to follow up to get a better idea of the approximate number of seasonal agricultural workers who may be expected to arrive in Malatya over the coming months.
6. **Partners** to share any reports they hear about plans for specific villages to be relocated
7. **Shelter Sector** to check with AFAD in Malatya if containers will be delivered to rural neighborhoods, to individual land or not.
8. **Partners:** once committed or completed, update shelter program locations and quantities with Shelter Sector
9. **Shelter Sector** to follow up with Cash Working Group, FSL and Early Recovery to flag the point about utility costs adding to expenditure of HHs who are outside of container/tent cities.

Update from Shelter Sector

- **Malatya Hub Page**
<https://sheltercluster.org/turkiye-earthquake-2023/pages/malatya-hub>
- **Activity Info:** Next deadline: **24th April**
- **Shelter Needs Tracker** (Spreadsheet)
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1xnDAS7hUNokJyicXEBghFaqcs-2ib7Rk/edit?usp=sharing&oid=116145571911674719893&rtpof=true&sd=true>
- **Malatya Site Locations and Shelter Needs Tracker** (Google Map)
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/edit?mid=1Hsk3bGDIRgaE8LXQlx1X8cz47YaH7r0&usp=sharing>

Container city Update:

- In Malatya, total 56 container cities are planned, of these, 14 are completed (25%).
- Total 21,296 containers will be established, with 9,748 already established.
- In Kahramanmaras and Adiyaman, government is starting to send containers to individual land in rural neighbourhoods (villages). This is expected to need extraordinary logistical effort, while if success, will change the situation dramatically.

As of 5th April

	No. of Container city planned	No. of Container city Completed	Total # of containers to be built	Total # of containers completed
Yesilyurt	27	5	13,514	4,612
Battalgazi	8	2	5,024	2,816
Dogansehir	11	4	1,793	1,034
Akcadag	9	3	765	333
Darende	1	-	200	168
Total	56	14	21,296	8,963

=25%

=42%

Shelter Priority for Malatya

In Malatya, there are limited number of shelter sector partners are working, while needs are in every districts. Below priority geographical area are agreed for Shelter assistance.

- Priority #1: **Remote districts:** Doğanşehir, Akçadağ (South)
- Priority #2: **Urban districts:** Yesilyurt, Battalgazi
- Priority #3: **Rural neighbourhood** in: Yazihan, Hekimhan, Akçadağ (north), Darende, Arapgir, Arguvan

Key points raised by partners:

- **Movements** - reports of a lot of ongoing movement between different sites and in and out of sites.
- **Plan for schools to reopen** from April 24th (needs to be confirmed) – some schools being used as informal collective centres – more information needed on scale of this, what plans are in place, and implications for shelter assistance.
- **Seasonal agricultural workers** – many households preferring not to move to centralized tent/container cities due to the need to be close to agricultural livelihoods (among other reasons). Additionally, the apricot season will start soon with an expected influx of seasonal workers. Raises question about accommodation options for seasonal workers and the impacts of the added pressure on local housing markets/availability of shelter options.
- **Utility costs** – highlighted by partners that HHs living in containers that are outside of container cities (e.g. on own land plot) are responsible for utility bills whereas those in container cities are not. Follow up needed regarding implications of additional utility expenditure for these HHs. Implications also for the types of summarization support that may be appropriate depending on amount of energy usage/utility cost.
- **Relocation of some villages** – report flagged of a village that may not be reconstructed in the same location but potentially be relocated. Location mentioned was Doyali (Arguvan district).
- **Summerisation** – need for support for shading, cooling highlighted. Some discussion about options for summer thermal comfort support (shading/cooling etc.) and what options might be possible. Further discussion needed on this.

Partner activity updates

UNHCR

- Providing support in Yesilyert Municipality. Details of project to be updated.
- Reported seeing significant transfers of people between different sites
- Working with Malatya Sam regarding spontaneous settlements

IOM

- Ongoing distributions of pallets and sleeping mats. Distributions completed in Malet camp, distributions planned for Dogansehir next week.

IMECE

- Distributions of hygiene kits and water
- Carrying out MHPSS activities
- Creating 'social centres' which combine PSS activities, laundry services, child friendly spaces etc.

UNFPA

- Working with the Ministry of Families and Social Services
- Planning to establish women and girls safe spaces

Solidarity Platform

- Receiving approx. 100 tents and distributing in rural areas to households who aren't in camps.
- Flagged points around school reopening, seasonal agricultural workers, the need for thermal comfort support, and utility bills (as mentioned above)

Relief International

- Planning to provide WASH support – showers, laundry service etc.
- Solidarity Platform to reach out to RI regarding suggestions of priority locations.

TWiG Updates

- Regular TWiG – Friday 16:00, in Gaziantep IFRC office and online
- Guidelines for Shading kit now online. Partners are encouraged to ask questions in your field visit about preference of shading and cooling options. Feedback to Shelter Sector is appreciated.
- Update given on TWiG discussion on repairs to lightly damaged buildings. Shelter Sector will develop a guidance note which will be shared with partners.

AOB

- Due to Bayram, the day and time of the next meeting is different to the regular schedule. Next meeting will be on **25 April, 14:00, at Movenpick Hotel Malatya** and online.