

# Türkiye Earthquake Donor Update Report

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## Islamic Help



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28 February 2023

# Islamic Help Türkiye Earthquake Emergency Appeal

## Summary

Türkiye has been prone to earthquakes primarily because of being a seismically active area situated on the collision point of Eurasian and African tectonic plates. The most recent earthquake experienced by Türkiye was in 1999 in the area of Izmit, in which more than 17,000 people lost their lives. On 6th February 2023, in the early hours of the morning (04:17am local time), south-eastern parts of Türkiye were hit by the worst ever earthquake it had experienced, with catastrophic magnitudes of 7.7 on the Richter scale. Within hours, this was followed by another earthquake of the magnitude of 7.6 and hundreds of aftershocks continued afterwards. These earthquakes and aftershocks hit 10 cities, more than 20 large towns, and hundreds of small towns and villages. They affected more than 15 million people living in these regions, and the loss of more than 50,000 lives. More than 7,000 buildings were totally destroyed with people inside, and thousands more were damaged, rendering them unsafe to live in. Important infrastructure, including hospitals and schools, was also badly damaged. Just to imagine the scale of devastation, the earthquake-affected area in Türkiye is as large as the size of UK. Other than rescue and evacuation, the immediate needs of the affected population were identified as shelter, food and medical aid.



**50,000+**  
people dead



**1.5million+**  
left homeless



**13million+**  
people affected



The Türkiye government immediately declared a 3-months-long state of emergency for 10 cities and a level 4 alert was issued calling for international help. Being a registered charity in Türkiye and having our fully operational office in Istanbul, Islamic Help Türkiye was one of the first to arrive to Kahramanmaraş, the epicentre of the earthquake in the Gaziantep province of Anatolia Region. The Islamic Help team is still working on the ground providing immediate relief to affected people. Islamic Help has opened another office in Gaziantep and moved the operations base there. Gaziantep was chosen because it is almost in the centre of the affected area and is easily accessible as international flights are available. Our storage and office is a one hour road drive to Kahramanmaraş and a three hour drive to Hatay, which are the two most affected cities.

People in earthquake areas of Türkiye are already facing economic hardship due to global economic stagnation, the rising cost of living and high inflation. In addition, large number of refugees from Syria are also living in these areas, putting a lot of stress on limited local resources. The situation is equally difficult for refugee and host communities, and the current disaster has devastated them further by taking whatever they had. It is not difficult to presume that it will take years for the affected people to recover and rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

As Islamic Help, we have even participated in the search and rescue work due to being one of the first arrivals to the field, as we reached the site within 24-48 hours and started our relief operation within 72 hours of this calamity. Affected people are without shelter in freezing cold winter and immediately need emergency shelter, blankets, food and clean drinking water. Islamic Help is providing shelter, heating in safe places, blankets, warm clothes, food, clean water, hygiene kits and medical aid, but still the scale is overwhelming and the need for relief is enormous. So far, we have served more than 75,000 people.

### **Our relief operation includes**

- Hot meal distributions with mobile kitchen.
- Winter materials distributions (blankets, coats, warm clothes etc.).
- Hygiene packets distributions (women's sanitary pads, diapers etc.).
- Food pack distributions (dry foods, rice, beans etc.).
- Medical materials (medicines and other supplies) provided to medical camps treating those affected.
- Shelter (tents and container houses).
- Cash distributions for affected families.



Relief Activity & Beneficiaries  
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# So far Islamic Help has reached 75,299 people in Türkiye.

## Food & Beverages



**1,525**  
Food Packs

## Mobile Kitchen



**60,400**  
Hot Meals  
Distributed

## Shelter



**137**  
Tents Delivered  
to Families

## Health



**2,369**  
People Reached

## Winter Aid & Hygiene



**11,252**  
Packs Delivered

## Cash Distributions



**126**  
People Reached

# Thank you...



Our field team and volunteers in Türkiye have been working day and night on the ground to distribute emergency relief items to those most in need. They are reaching out to rural areas where relief has not been provided. Accessibility is a problem as road infrastructure and tunnels have been badly damaged. They are working in very difficult and challenging circumstances as this is the coldest time of the year, with snowfall in some areas, to ensure emergency aid reaches those affected by the devastating earthquakes. In these difficult conditions, Islamic Help team has been able to establish a supply chain of relief items. Our team will continue to prioritise the urgent needs of those affected and do their best to distribute as many emergency relief items as possible.

While other parts of the geographic region have also been affected by the earthquakes, Türkiye is going to remain the main focus for Islamic Help as we have an established office in the country. We remain committed to, and engaged in, emergency relief plus recovery and rehabilitation efforts. Islamic Help appreciates the solidarity shown by brothers and sisters around the globe, and values their generosity and support.

In future, we are planning to have our main field office in Gaziantep to serve as a base for our relief and rehabilitation activities. Our main focus is going to be the provision of shelter to displaced communities, but we will continue to distribute relief aid in the earthquake-affected areas. The generous support of our individual and institutional donors can provide much-needed relief to our brothers and sisters in Türkiye and help them rebuild their lives. Following are some of the items and their cost estimations which we are going to provide as part of our relief efforts.

Item	Unit Price
Hot Meal (per person)	£2.50
Mattress	£45.00
Blanket (per person)	£12.00
Winter Clothing Set	£30.00
Hygiene Kit	£20.00
Food Packs	£40.00
Children's Toys	£2.00
Medical Camp (1 day)	£4,800.00
Tent	£420.00
Container Home	£3,500.00
Mosque Tent (100-150 people)	£3,000.00
Mosque Tent (250-300 people)	£6,000.00
Toilet Container Block (6 Toilets)	£6,000.00
Shower Container Block (6 Showers)	£6,000.00





# Thank you



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