

SITUATION REPORT: EARTHQUAKES IN TÜRKİYE

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The violent earthquake and thousands of aftershocks that struck Türkiye (Turkey) on February 6, 2023, have devastated families in the region. According to the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD) and recent UN Flash Appeal, **more than 9.1 million people have been affected in 11 provinces** in Türkiye and **more than 47,000 buildings have been destroyed or damaged**.

CORUS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE

Corus has committed an initial \$300,000 to respond to this disaster, and we will expand operations to reach more earthquake survivors as we secure additional funding. We have deployed members of our Humanitarian Action team to Türkiye to support response operations. We are bringing together expertise, resources and support from Corus organizations IMA World Health, Lutheran World Relief and CGA Technologies. We are coordinating with local organizations, UN agencies and other international humanitarian organizations to ensure aid is delivered effectively, without duplication, and meeting most urgent needs.

Response activities to date:

- Conducted rapid needs assessments in affected areas.
- Airlifted urgently needed supplies including tents, tarps, winter clothing and solar lights. An initial shipment arrived in Türkiye on February 20.
- Coordinating with partners to distribute ready-to-eat food and hot meals, sleeping bags, sleeping mats and winter clothing.
- Working to ship LWR Quilts, Baby Care Kits and Personal Care Kits.

KEY FINDINGS FROM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Our Humanitarian Action team conducted needs assessments on February 16 in earthquake affected areas of Kilis, Islahiye and Nurdagi. The assessments included focus group discussions, key informant interviews and observations.

In all areas, much of the population is sheltering outside in tents in winter temperatures, which often fall below freezing. There is snow on the ground in many areas.

- **KILIS:** The team observed heavy damage but less structural damage than Islahiye and Nurdagi. The city and is experiencing an influx of people from more severely affected areas.

- **ISLAHIYE:** There is severe damage, toppled buildings, cracks in remaining structures and rubble throughout the city. People are sheltering in tents. Very little aid has reached this area.
- **NURDAGI:** The team observed extreme structural damage, collapsed buildings and rubble. Most people are sheltering in camps. The camps have very limited lighting and few bathrooms.

The team identified the following as the most pressing needs:

- Food
- Warm bedding and winter clothes, especially large adult-sized clothing for women and men
- Lighting for camps to improve safety and protect earthquake survivors, especially women and children
- Hygiene kits, especially feminine hygiene products and underwear
- Toilets and bathing facilities: There are a limited number of toilets and bathing facilities available. In many areas, it was reported that affected populations living in tents were returning to damaged homes to use bathroom facilities because they were not elsewhere available.
- Psychosocial first aid and mental health services
- Child friendly spaces

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