



# ROAD TO RECOVERY

## TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE ONE YEAR REPORT



We're serving children like Aslı\*,9, by distributing essential supplies in earthquake-affected areas.

Save the Children helped Safiya\* and Almira\* by installing showers and latrines in their displacement camp, providing their family access to cleaner, more hygienic facilities.



HELPING FAMILIES REBUILD WITH YOUR SUPPORT

# TOGETHER, WE'VE HELPED MORE THAN **980K PEOPLE**, INCLUDING OVER **500K CHILDREN.**

On February 6, 2023, catastrophic earthquakes leveled communities in Türkiye and Syria. The scale of the world's deadliest seismic event in more than a decade meant millions of people were displaced, many not for the first time.

We were one of the very first NGOs to respond to the damage. Immediately following the devastation, our teams and local partners led a massive humanitarian relief effort to provide families with hot meals, clean water and temporary shelter.

For the last twelve months, our humanitarian response has spanned education, child protection, psychosocial support, distributions and more.

Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to help nearly a million people on the road to recovery. Your support enabled us to provide immediate relief as well as scale up our long-term recovery efforts like helping children safely return to learning, ensuring access to health services and restoring families' livelihoods.



Watch this video to see your support in action in Türkiye and Syria.

# YOUR IMPACT IN 2023

With your support, we've been able to continue helping children and families affected by the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.

We've worked side-by-side with local partners to transition from immediate to long-term support and recovery, while adapting to new challenges facing families.



123,667 

People received temporary shelter and essential items

38,039 

Children provided with education support

312,710 

People provided with water, sanitation and hygiene support

380,659 

People received food and livelihoods support, including cash assistance

62,298 

People provided with medical and health services in Syria

59,977 

People received nutrition support

81,182 

People benefited from mental health and protection support

25 

Response partners serving local communities in Türkiye and Syria

## RESPONSE IN TÜRKIYE

# TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS, WE'VE SUPPORTED 316,958 PEOPLE IN TÜRKIYE, INCLUDING 163,852 CHILDREN.

We were the first international NGO to work in official partnership with Türkiye's government, enabling us to better support children and their families in the aftermath of the earthquake.

Over the past year, we've focused on helping families in 11 of the worst affected districts across four provinces to meet families' basic needs such as food, water and shelter.

We've also scaled up our programming to include nutrition, cash, mental health and psychosocial support, education and longer-term economic recovery.

Since the beginning of our response, we've coordinated with the Turkish government to facilitate our work and reach more children in need with a focus on unaccompanied and separated children.



We've helped people like Yadigar\*, 35, recover from the earthquake by providing essential supplies and winterization kits.

## OUR TEAMS HAVE BEEN:



**Providing warm clothes, heaters and materials to prepare homes and shelters for the winter months.**



**Supporting children and people with disabilities by installing accessible toilets and showers near temporary shelters.**



**Running nutrition consultation services for mothers to encourage breastfeeding.**



**Providing cash assistance to help boost income generation for families.**



**Setting up safe spaces for children to play and access mental health support.**



**Repairing more than 16 schools and setting up temporary learning spaces for students.**



**Providing shelter and restoring access to basic services, including water and sanitation infrastructure.**

## SPOTLIGHT

# SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AFTER A CRISIS

We know that humanitarian crises exacerbate discrimination and inequality. During our earthquake response, we've prioritized inclusive, quality and equitable access and participation for all, including for children living with disabilities.

Through our earthquake response, we've served children like 11-year-old Cihan\* and 16-year-old Hilal\* who live in Gaziantep with their family. Both siblings used to have hearing aids, but they stopped working, affecting their ability to speak, go to school and play with friends.

After the earthquakes struck in February 2023, our team provided them with education supplies and referred them both for new hearing aids.

Through Save the Children's support, Cihan has also started attending a rehabilitation center which will help him adapt to his implants as well as learn to read and write so he can return to school.

Siblings Cihan\*, 11, and Hilal\*, 16, outside their home in Gaziantep, Türkiye.

## RESPONSE IN SYRIA

**TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS, WE'VE SUPPORTED MORE THAN 665,900 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MORE THAN 348,500 CHILDREN.**

Our teams and partners have been supporting children in Syria since 2012, helping families displaced by the ongoing conflict and economic crisis. This meant we were ready to respond to the earthquakes within 48 hours, providing mattresses, warm clothes, food and fuel for heating amidst harsh winter conditions.

Thanks to our incredible network of partners working in Syria, we were quickly able to expand our response to provide shelter, safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene programs and psychosocial support.

## OUR TEAMS AND PARTNERS HAVE BEEN:



Providing cash to families as well as vocational training and temporary employment.



Repairing damaged schools, including providing hygiene services so schools can re-open quickly.



Supporting teachers so they can provide mental health and psychosocial support to children.



Setting up safe spaces for children to play, relax and receive mental health and psychosocial support.



Supporting primary health centers where families can access pediatric care and family planning services.



Providing tailored support and assistive devices like wheelchairs, crutches and glasses to children with disabilities.



Marah\*, 11, and her friends were displaced from her hometown in Syria first by conflict and then by the earthquakes that hit the region.

# WHEN LOCAL PARTNERS LEAD

Our partners played a critical role in our collective earthquake response, especially in the early days. Over the past year, we've worked side-by-side with them to get families the support they need and move towards longer-term recovery.

In **Türkiye**, we collaborated with seven key partners this past year, each playing a crucial role in

addressing diverse needs and ensuring our response is as inclusive as possible.

In **Syria**, our earthquake response is entirely led by our 18 local partners. This includes partners who deliver essential items, support children's education and mental health and provide health services for families.

Issam\*, 15, playing a game with a Sened employee during a psychosocial support session.



**SPOTLIGHT**

## PROVIDING PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN SYRIA

In Syria, our partners are the first responders and the long-term recovery program specialists, providing mental health and psychosocial support services to children. They're helping kids like Issam\*, 15, who lives with his mother and sister in a displacement camp in Syria.

Since the earthquake, Issam shared that he's been afraid of loud noises and sudden movements. In order to help Issam work through his fears, he's attending psychosocial support sessions with Sened - a partner organization that provides children the support they need to process their emotions and heal.

# YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

Thanks to generous supporters like you, we've raised **\$87.3 million** for recovery efforts across Türkiye and Syria. These funds have enabled us to meet immediate needs and begin helping families rebuild their lives.

# \$87.3M

RECEIVED BY OUR TEAMS IN  
TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA

# \$44.5M

SPENT IN 2023



TÜRKIYE:

# 13%



SYRIA:

# 45%

OF FUNDS WENT TO LOCAL  
PARTNERS

## RESPONDING IN THE YEAR AHEAD

One year on and thousands of families in Türkiye are still living in temporary accommodation after more than 75,000 buildings were destroyed beyond repair. Access to healthcare, education and other services are limited.

Meanwhile, a major escalation in conflict in Syria – the largest since the ceasefire in 2019 – has left hundreds of thousands of people at risk of displacement.

We're committed to helping families for as long as they need our support.

In 2024, our earthquake response priorities include:

- In Türkiye, with a funding target of **\$30 million**, we will prioritize child protection, mental health support, education, livelihoods, shelter and water.
- In Syria, with a funding target of **\$62 million**, we will support families with child protection, mental health support, education, livelihoods, nutrition, health and water while strengthening resilience to future shocks.

# IN 2024, WE AIM TO REACH **269,000 PEOPLE** IN TÜRKIYE AND **889,850 PEOPLE** IN SYRIA THROUGH OUR RESPONSE.





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Save the Children provided Fidan\*, 9, and her family with winterization supplies to help them through the coldest months.

Thanks to generous partners like you, we've been able to serve families across Türkiye and Syria as they rebuild in the aftermath of this disaster. Your generosity has played a crucial role in making this work possible, and we are immensely grateful.

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