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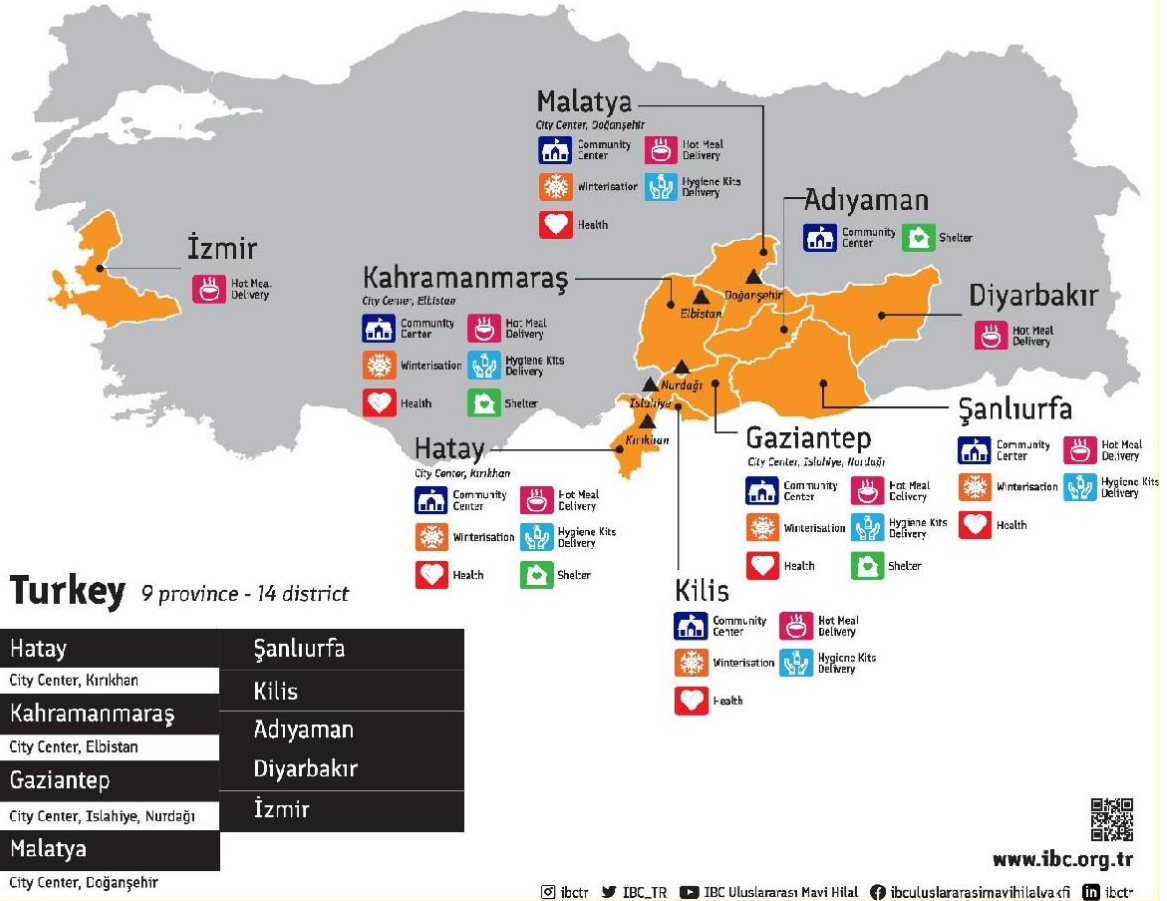
KAHRAMANMARAS EARTHQUAKES

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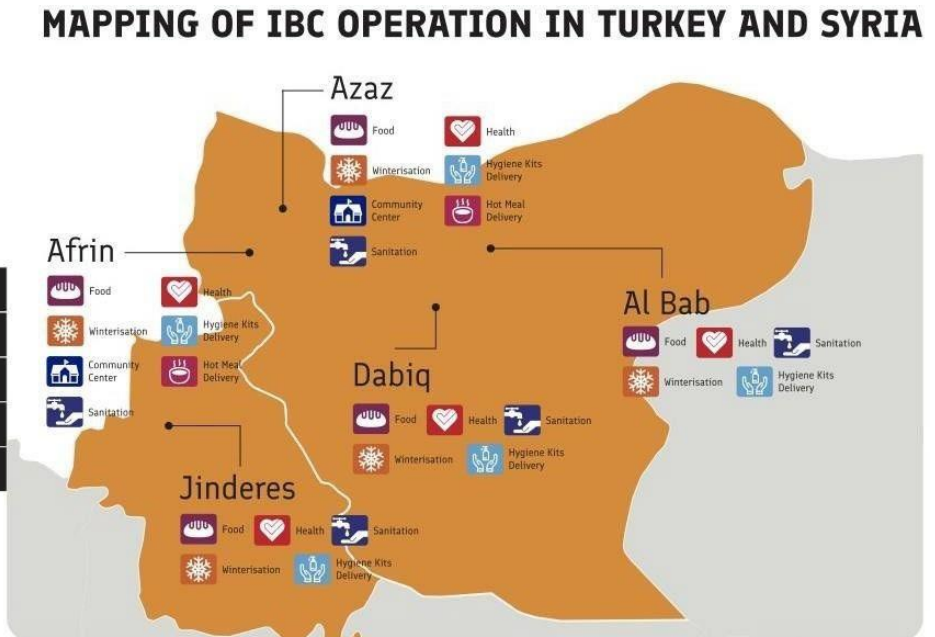
MAPPING OF IBC OPERATION IN TURKEY AND SYRIA



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Day 100...

The Struggle Continues to Heal the Wounds in the Earthquake Zone

International Blue Crescent Relief and Development Foundation (IBC) would like to extend our sincere condolences to all those affected by the earthquakes. IBC employees in the region are safe and accounted for, though some have lost family members and loved ones and saw their entire homes destroyed. Thank you to all who continue to mobilize and to the heroic efforts of the many search and rescue teams. Immense and continued cooperation is needed to prevent further loss of life and suffering.



Hatay

1. Developments

Three months have passed since the devastating earthquakes in Kahramanmaraş. The Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey announced in its latest statement that the death toll from the earthquakes centered in Kahramanmaraş was 50,783, with 107,000 reported injuries. However, these numbers are undoubtedly under representative of the true count as there are many reports from villages where victims who lost their lives were buried without obtaining death certificates from the district prosecutor.

The number of migrants who lost their lives in the region is reported as 7,302, with 297 missing persons reported.

While the earthquake zone was still recovering from the shock of the disaster on Wednesday, March 15, it was struck by another calamity. The floods in Adiyaman and Şanlıurfa shook the region once again, resulting in the loss of 20 lives.

While aftershocks continue to unsettle the eleven affected provinces, the demolition of heavily damaged buildings is still underway. According to the latest data from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the number of people directly affected by the earthquake in the 15.8 million population of the eleven provinces is 9.1 million. This population includes 2.6 million young people aged 15-24, 2.4 million women of reproductive age, and 1.7 million individuals with refugee status. UNFPA states that the number of pregnant women directly

affected by the earthquake is 130,000, and the number of expected births in the coming month is 14,400.¹

It is reported that the population in Kahramanmaraş, Hatay, and Adiyaman has decreased by nearly half, with 70% of the survivors from the earthquake expected to have disabilities.

According to current data, 2.4 million people in the affected areas are residing in temporary settlements and tent areas, while adverse weather conditions are making living conditions in the region more challenging. Erratic temperature fluctuations require extra precautions for emergency shelters.

Observations and analyses conducted in the field indicate that many of the irregular tent areas lack basic needs, protection, and healthcare services. Particularly in these irregular settlements, there is a need for safe spaces and specialized services.

The affected population, trying to sustain their lives in tents and container cities, emphasizes that despite ongoing relief efforts, the needs are still not adequately met. Especially housing, water-sanitation-hygiene, and psychosocial support, as well as protection assistance, are needed. Additional support efforts are also required for pregnant women to access pre- and postnatal care and birth kits.

While more efforts are needed to ensure the continuity of education in the disaster zone, it is stated that approximately 4 million children in the region have been affected by an interruption in their education. Therefore, the Ministry of National Education is organizing a summer school program in the region from August 1st to September 1st.

The Presidency announced that a project of constructing 650,000 new houses and village homes would be implemented to rebuild all the cities affected by the earthquake. It is emphasized that global-scale and sustainable support is needed to implement the long-term recovery plans of the eleven provinces.

2. Humanitarian Needs, Gaps and Response



Head of AFAD Yunus Sezer's visit to AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)

¹ <https://turkiye.unfpa.org/tr/hakk%C4%B1m%C4%B1zda>

Adiyaman

Adiyaman is described as one of the cities that suffered the most infrastructure damage in the earthquake, along with Hatay. The Ministry of Environment and Urbanization announced that 1,485 buildings have collapsed in the city, while 4,805 damaged buildings are awaiting demolition.

The biggest problem in the region is still housing. Life continues in tents in all parks, sidewalks, and the yards of official buildings and schools in the city center. Those whose houses have minimal damage, those who have nowhere else to go, or those who do not want to leave the city stay in tents, while those in line stay in containers. Almost everyone in Adiyaman has lost one or more relatives or close acquaintances. This week, a fire broke out in the Atasay Tent City in Kayalık Mahallesi, where 270 tents were set up after the earthquakes. The fire was quickly extinguished, but three tents used for education and activities were rendered unusable.



Adiyaman

Gaziantep

Steps are being taken to address the housing problem in the region. The installation of temporary housing areas consisting of stone structures, prefabricated houses, and containers for earthquake victims has been almost completed, primarily in the Nurdağı and İslahiye regions. In addition, the process of constructing permanent housing has also begun in the same region. Approximately 7,818 houses are planned to be completed within one year and handed over to the earthquake survivors.



Children's activities in the tent city (Gaziantep)

Hatay

Hatay suffered the highest loss of life in the earthquake. Life has begun in tent cities and container cities in the region. However, it is still not sufficient, and the need is expressed in the hundreds of thousands.



Alsancak District Tent City (Hatay)

In its latest statement, the Ministry of Interior stated that almost two-thirds of the Antakya region is gone.

The region is still being shaken by aftershocks measuring close to a magnitude of 5. Meanwhile, the construction of the state hospital in the Defne settlement is nearing completion. In Hatay, a total of 250,862 houses and village homes will be constructed, including 9,264 earthquake-resistant buildings.

Unfortunately, last week a major traffic accident occurred in the region, and the relatives of IBC personnel who survived the earthquake lost their lives in this accident.

Kahramanmaras

The epicenter of the earthquakes is still striving to heal its wounds. While the city's reconstruction efforts continue, the thousands of aftershocks experienced since the first day of the earthquake have prevented the residents from fully overcoming their fears, even after 100 days have passed. The Ministry of Environment, Urbanization, and Climate Change, in coordination with the Housing Development Administration of Turkey (TOKİ), has laid the first foundations for 7,353 houses and 620 village homes. These houses are being prepared to be delivered within 6 months from the start of the construction.



Container city in Elbistan (Kahramanmaraş)

Sanliurfa

In the region affected by the floods after the earthquake, 17 people lost their lives due to heavy rainfall. Damage assessment work has been completed in the city, and it was announced that there are 13 buildings that need to be demolished after the flood. Life continues in approximately 9,000 tents set up in the region after the earthquake.

Malatya

In Malatya, 28,802 earthquake victims are accommodated in 6,811 containers set up in 25 locations. Insulated containers are being placed in the new living areas where electricity and water lines have been installed. According to the statement made by the Malatya Provincial Disaster and Emergency Management Directorate officials, the installation of temporary accommodation centers has been completed in 25 locations in the city center and districts to solve the housing problem of earthquake victims. Unfortunately, last week, a one-month-old baby lost its life in a fire that broke out in the Karşıyaka tent city where earthquake-affected families were staying in Doğanşehir District.

Syria

Syria, in addition to the crisis it has been facing for the past 12 years, is now trying to recover from the devastating earthquake disaster in which thousands of people have lost their lives.

Current reports indicate that the earthquake in the region has affected approximately 2.9 million people, and 302,500 people have been forced to leave their homes. According to the latest data, 8,476 people have lost their lives.

In Syria, where the economy and labor market have already suffered significant damage in the past 12 years, around 170,000 workers have lost their jobs due to the earthquake. This loss directly affects 154,000 households and over 725,000 individuals, while approximately 35,000 micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises have also been affected. This temporary loss of employment in Syria results in a labor income loss equivalent to at least \$5.7 million per month.²



Tent City in A'zaz (North Syria)

The five provinces in Syria that have been severely affected by the earthquake, namely Aleppo, Hama, Idlib, Latakia, and Tartus, are home to 42.4% of the country's population. Out of the 7.1 million people of working age in this population, 2.7 million were employed, either formally or informally, and 22.8% of them were women. Rebuilding livelihoods in the region, addressing poverty, informality, and exploitation, is crucial, and both workers and businesses require urgent assistance.

UNICEF has stated that 3.7 million children in Syria are in need of continuous assistance following the earthquake. According to estimated figures, approximately 51,000 children under the age of 5 are suffering from moderate to severe acute malnutrition in Syria, and 76,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women require acute malnutrition treatment.

UNICEF has issued a call for \$172.7 million in aid to implement an emergency response plan to meet the needs of approximately 3 million children affected by the earthquake in Syria.³

So far, \$78.1 million has been raised, indicating a significant funding gap in crucial areas such as nutrition, health, and education.

² <https://www.ilo.org/global/lang-en/index.htm>

³ <https://www.unicef.org/>

3. IBC in the Field

Baby kits distribution and need assessment efforts in the container city (Adıyaman)



Baby kits distribution and need assessment efforts in the container city (Adıyaman)

IBC is continuing its emergency response efforts in the earthquake-affected areas in collaboration with AFAD, the Turkish Red Crescent, municipalities, governorates, and all relevant stakeholders. The Blue Crescent Foundation operates in eight regions in Turkey, namely Adıyaman, Gaziantep, Hatay, İzmir, Kahramanmaraş, Kilis, Malatya, and Şanlıurfa, as well as in five camps in El-Bab in northwest Syria, including operations in Azaz camps and villages, including the pre-earthquake office.

As of April, IBC has completed the establishment of three community centers, child-friendly spaces, and one mother-child care center in the earthquake-affected areas.

IBC works in coordination with all governorates under protocols signed for efficient use of resources, while coordinating its projects with AFAD, Turkish Red Crescent, Directorate General of Migration Management, and all relevant stakeholders. In addition, IBC obtains the necessary permissions from relevant institutions to carry out psychosocial support activities, and all operational support services are approved by the Ministry of Family and Social Services.

Following the devastating effects of the earthquake and the losses it caused, the vital needs of earthquake survivors have become even more evident. In areas where life as it was previously known has come to a virtual standstill, such as Gaziantep/İslahiye and Hatay/Kırıkhan, especially in villages and locations where tent settlements are established, access to hot meals and self-care facilities is more crucial than ever.

IBC, which conducts regular needs assessments in the earthquake-affected region, has also made mobile kitchens, showers, and toilets available to earthquake survivors.



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)

IBC serves over 2,000 hot meals daily through the mobile kitchens it has set up in the region. Regular hot meal distributions will continue in Islahiye container cities, Kredi Yurtlar Kurumu, Fevzipaşa district, camp construction sites, and tent cities in Kirikhan / Hatay where access to hot meals is limited.

Among the most vulnerable groups affected by the earthquake, children undoubtedly hold the top priority. IBC provides clothing, health assistance (including medication and mobile medical services), hygiene materials, baby diapers, and formula support for newborns, children under the age of three, and school-age children. The aim is to meet the needs of children of all age groups and prevent potential risks such as secondary and tertiary health issues, hygiene problems, and delayed or stunted development.

The container houses in Kirikhan/Hatay are provided through partnerships of IBC with Caritas, Conrad Hilton Foundation, Corus International, King Baudouin Foundation, IDRF Canada, Muslim Charity, World Jewish Relief, and World Vision. Good Neighbors International supports child-friendly spaces and psychosocial activity areas.

IBC extends its gratitude to all its partners for their support, on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries.

Adiyaman

This week, in collaboration with World Vision, 513 hygiene kits, 183 baby kits, and 20 sets of underwear were distributed to the K2-A Container City in Adiyaman. Additionally, planning has been completed with the World Vision team for a newly established 400-person container city area in the Kahta region. Since the first day of the earthquake, IBC has provided support to approximately 750 earthquake survivors in Adiyaman.



Tents distributed by IBC Team (Adiyaman)



Distribution of feminine hygiene kits and baby care kits with the support of World Vision (Adiyaman)

Diyarbakir

In the past weeks, we distributed hot meals to 500 people as part of the GIZ Earthquake Emergency Support with the Diyarbakir-based Smile to Life Association, to which we provided mentoring support within the scope of the GIZ Community-Based Local Initiatives (CLIP) project.⁴

Gaziantep

With the support of Action Medeor, the mobile kitchen that has been put into operation continues to distribute hot meals to 2,000 people daily in İslahiye container cities, Kredi Yurtlar Kurumu, Fevzipaşa region, and camp construction sites. In the region, we also provide basic healthcare services, psychosocial support activities, child-friendly space activities, protection services, food & hygiene products, hygiene kits, clothing, blankets, and underwear.

IBC continues its operations in Nurdağı Aslanlı-3 Tent City and İslahiye Container City-1 in Gaziantep. Nurdağı Aslanlı-3 Tent City has 390 tents and approximately 2,000 people. İslahiye Container City-1 has 257 housing units and 1,157 people. In addition, 156 more containers have been placed in the second phase, accommodating approximately 750 people.

⁴ <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/67106.html>



Workshops with children at IBC Community Center Tent (Islahiye, Gaziantep)



Workshops held at IBC Child Caravan (Nurdağı, Gaziantep)



Sports Events with children (Nurdağı, Gaziantep)



Treats for children (Nurdagi, Gaziantep)



Support kits distributed with GIZ (Islahiye, Gaziantep)








World Vision Supported Distributions (Islahiye, Gaziantep)






Within the framework of the Relief efforts carried out this week: 40 blankets, 700 children's shoes, 700 children's coats and 100 food kits were distributed in the region. In addition, Hygiene (Women, Children, General) Package, Solar Energy Lighting, Fire Extinguishers, Drinking Water, Underwear, Coats, Boots, Children's Food Kit, Children's Stationery Kit, power bank, Canvas, and Heater were distributed.

The number of beneficiaries we have reached since the first day we provided support to disaster victims with the needs analyzes we regularly carry out in tent cities are listed below.

Nurdagi

-  Visits to 293 Houses
-  Individual interview with 1789 people
-  Supporting 5,266 children in Child-Friendly Spaces Activities
-  156 Group Studies
-  Donation in kind for 10,040 people

İslahiye

-  Visits to 350 Houses
-  1,497 individual interviews
-  Support 1,712 children in Child-Friendly Spaces Activities
-  Basic health support to 1,200 people
-  In-kind support to 7,000 people

Hatay

With the support of AFAD in Hatay, the infrastructure and container installation works of the Kırıkhan Community Center, where earthquake survivors can access many services such as food support, the children's center, psychosocial support, and protection measures activities, have been completed.

The Kırıkhan container camp, with the contributions of IDRF, CORUS, Muslim Charity, WJR, World Vision, Good Neighbors, King Baudouin Foundation and Caritas, is being expanded from 400 houses on 34 acres to several hundred houses more on 60 acres. The area will house an estimated 3000 people. Access to electricity, water and sanitation will be provided.

While hot meals were distributed to 700 people and breakfast meals were delivered to 4,956 people in the region this week, healthy snacks were distributed to children in cooperation with the International Medical Corps (IMC) and stationery kits were distributed with the support of tradesmen in Esenyurt.

In addition, Head of AFAD, Yunus Sezer, visited the area and evaluated the latest arrangements with the IBC team on site.



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area (Kirikhan, HATAY)



AFAD & IBC Temporary Living Area and Head of AFAD Yunus Sezer's Visit



Distribution of snacks and stationery sets with the support of IMC and Istanbul/Esenyurt tradespeople.

Kahramanmaras

The opening of a mother-child center established with the support of the Japan International Support Program (JISP) in the container city area has taken place.

The center will provide services, especially to individuals with babies aged 0-24 months. Services such as mother and baby health and breastfeeding counseling, individual and group psychosocial support activities, awareness-raising and informative sessions, as well as hygiene and baby care kit support will be provided at the center located in Elbistan MÜSİAD Container City. To date, 596 beneficiaries have been reached through activities conducted in the area. This week, activities were carried out for children under the age of 9 to help them recognize and express their emotions. Activities aimed at improving children's fine motor and hand-eye coordination skills were planned. Additionally, film screenings were organized for adults in the area. All activities were held in Kahramanmaras.

- 📍 Sports Activities, Creative Drama, and Free Time Activities: 264 people
- 📍 Psychosocial Support Activities: 136 people
- 📍 Distribution of Baby Food Kits: 246
- 📍 Distribution of Food Kits: 254 people



Mother & Child Center Opened with the Support of JISP



Sports activities for children at the IBC Community Center Tent in Elbistan (Kahramanmaraş)



Workshops for children and youth at the IBC Community Center Tent in Elbistan (Kahramanmaraş)

Kilis

IBC has been carrying out social cohesion and child-friendly space activities at the Kilis Community Center, which has served as an important regional hub since 2011. In addition to these efforts, it currently serves as the main coordination center for all emergency projects under the coordination of IBC.

Over 500,000 meals have been served in the region so far. This week, Mother's Day activities and post-earthquake psychosocial support activities for mothers were conducted at the center with the support of the IOM.



An event for children held as part of Mother's Day at IBC Kilis Community Center



An event for children was held at IBC Kilis Community Center as part of Mother's Day.



Breakfast and psychosocial support sessions for mothers in collaboration with IOM

Malatya

IBC continues its child-friendly area and psychosocial support (PSS) service activities in Doğanşehir, Malatya with the support of GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit). In addition, the child-friendly area teams regularly conduct activities for children affected by the earthquake in the region.



Workshops held at the IBC Children's Caravan (Doğanşehir, Malatya)

Sanliurfa

IBC continues to meet one of the most urgent needs in Şanlıurfa by providing psychosocial support services. This week, a total of 284 individuals participated in psychosocial support and social cohesion activities in the region. Additionally, 47 baby and hygiene kits were distributed.



Psychosocial support activities with children and adults (Akçakale, Şanlıurfa)



Workshops with children (Hilvan, Şanlıurfa)



Psychosocial support activities with children and adults (Hilvan, Şanlıurfa)

N. Syria

IBC's Syria team continued their visits to tent camps within the scope of the mobile clinic project this week. The camps visited included Qatar Village, Al Hadath Camp, Sosnbat Camp, Tadiff Village, and Tadif Camp. Community health teams reached a total of 1,568 individuals in the camps visited this week, and 45 patients were transferred to hospitals with ambulances coordinated by IBC.



Dabiq Clinic (N. Syria)



Water Tanks in Soran Region

In addition, work continues at the Dabiq Health Center. This week, services were provided for 1,691 patients with the transfers made by IBC ambulances in Dabiq.

Through the collaboration between IBC and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), the project has reached 3,259 beneficiaries so far. In the Soran region, infrastructure work has begun for a storage system with a clean water production capacity of approximately 100 tons in cooperation with MSF.



MSF-supported Mobile Clinic Project in Al-Bab (Northern Syria)

This week, with the support of Solvay and IDRF, 375 food parcels and solar-powered lighting devices were delivered to the camps in the Azaz region. This effort provided support to approximately 2,600 beneficiaries.

The distribution of medicines and medical supplies, supported by Action Medeor, has been completed in 3 hospitals and 6 clinics in northern Syria.



Distribution of food parcels and lighting devices in A'zaz with the support of IDRF (Northern Syria)



Distribution of food parcels and lighting devices in A'zaz with the support of Solvay Solidarity Fund (Northern Syria)

Coordination

Coordination is central to the humanitarian response for the earthquakes regions. In this context, IBC has mobilized its full capacity in the region to cooperate and participate in daily and weekly meetings and in contact with AFAD authorities, Governors, District Governors, municipalities, and all relevant provincial representatives along with NGOs and civil society actors. Local and national NGOs involved in the earthquake response are organized under the name of Local Humanitarian Forum (LHF), which IBC participates in, in coordination with other local actors to improve coordination and inclusion of local NGOs and CSOs to the newly implemented OCHA cluster system in Türkiye. To that end, IBC participated in a number of sectoral meetings this past week including:

- 🚧 Türkiye/ UN OCHA - Food Security and Livelihoods Weekly Meeting
- 🚧 Türkiye / UN OCHA- Shelter Meeting
- 🚧 UN Accountability to Affected Populations – Taskforce Meeting
- 🚧 Afet Platformu / Coordination Meeting

Through the cluster system and coordination mechanisms, effective humanitarian aid is provided and standardized in line with international standards, preventing duplication of aid, and promoting humanitarian principles of neutrality, humanity, independence, and impartiality.

IBC would like to thank its generous partners, donors, and their networks so far who have allowed us to respond urgently to this devastation that has shaken the region to its core



The earthquakes response is still evolving.

Shelter/tents, thermal clothing, sleeping bags, heat, water, power supply, and baby care kits are still urgently needed. As personnel on the ground are tasked with recovering the deceased and evaluating structural damage, the relief efforts to meet the hundreds of thousands of displaced residents must continue to be scaled up, especially for the most vulnerable women, children, elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons facing protection issues due to legal status in Türkiye.

IBC will keep all partners and potential donors apprised of the current situation regularly...

We ask our partners and international civil society members to help us in these tragic days so that together we may overcome the suffering of our people. Please, keep us in your minds.

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